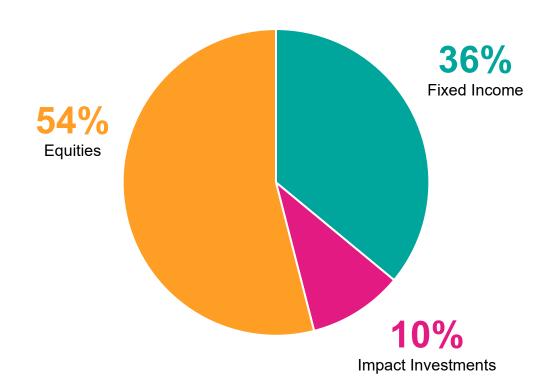




## **WRCF Investment Portfolio**

**Impact investments** are investments made into companies, organizations, and funds with the intention to generate social and/or environmental impact alongside a financial return.

Current WRCF investment portfolio: Approximately \$100 Million



With 10% of WRCF's current investment portfolio committed to impact investments and an annual 5% grant distribution based on the total capital invested in endowment funds, WRCF is more than tripling its granting impact by deploying 15% of its endowment toward its philanthropic goals. This is an important component of our strategic shift to a Responsible Investing Portfolio that is 100% mission aligned.

Visit <a href="www.wrcf.ca/impact-investing">www.wrcf.ca/impact-investing</a> to learn more or contact John Bowden at <a href="john@wrcf.ca">john@wrcf.ca</a> or 519-725-1806 x 202.

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## **WRCF** impact investments:

## Current

- Two secure loans at varying terms to 55 Franklin GP Inc. to hold for the development of two
  affordable rental housing buildings in Kitchener.
- A three-year secured loan to Saint Paul's Historic Church to develop up to 48 units of affordable rental housing for seniors at 137 Queen Street South.
- A three-year secured loan to Indwell Community Homes to finance the purchase of property in Cambridge to create 39 permanent affordable housing units for people who are in need of housing.
- An investment in a limited partnership focused on Gender Equality. StandUp Ventures II LP provides seed-stage capital to formidable women founders.
- A five-year secured loan to Union: Sustainable Development Co-operative to support the purchase of 58 units at 475-477 Lancaster Street West. These buildings will continue to house local residents at affordable rates.
- A one and a half year secured loan to The Knossos Housing Corporation of Waterloo
  Region will assist in constructing a 60 unit building with 36 affordable housing spaces.
  This building will help house local residents at affordable rates.
- A three-year unsecured loan to Supportive Housing of Waterloo to support the purchase of the 24 unit affordable housing project at 144 Erb Street East. This building will continue to house local seniors at affordable rates.
- Three-year secured community bonds enabled a physical expansion of the 10C Shared Space (10C) in Guelph, Ontario. With enhanced facilities, 10C will be able to augment its social innovation programming, develop stronger community connections and further build their organization's capacity. As a social change leader and social innovation hub, 10C is creating a platform for collaboration, resource sharing and collective community impact.
- WRCF is the lead investor in a six-year secured community bond offered by House of Friendship, with additional opportunities currently available for our community to invest. The expansion of House of Friendship's abstinence-based addiction treatment facility will provide residential treatment for men, day treatment and counselling for men and women, as well as space to respond to our region's future addiction treatment needs.
- A five-year unsecured promissory note with Windmill Microlending helps internationally trained newcomers restart their careers in Canada. Low-interest loans of up to \$10,000 are provided to individuals to help retrain their field of work and get employment in Canada. 74.5% of loan recipients are working in their field by the time they repay their loan, and loan repayment rates are at 97%.





 A 10-year secured mortgage to The Working Centre allowed them to purchase The Water Street House, a place of welcome and support for people who use substances. The house offers communal supports that help people feel part of a community, finding ways of inclusion over separation. It is a place of support that provides harm reduction, primary care, addiction support, and nine bedrooms for those most affected by the injection drug crisis.

## **Past**

- A five-year unsecured loan to Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region (WCSWR), providing an estimated cost savings as high as \$38,000. The funds saved will be allocated to ongoing programming for clients receiving services. 602 women and children were served at WCSWR shelters in 2018.
- A two-year unsecured loan to Kinbridge Community Association helped renovate their Duncan McIntosh Arena space and assisted with program expansions to better serve the community. 22,000 residents are served by Kinbridge, of which 45% of the households have a combined income of less than \$50,000.
- A seven-year unsecured loan to Housing Cambridge will assist in constructing a 56 unit building with 36 affordable housing spaces. This building will help house local residents at affordable rates.
- A five-year secured loan to assist oneROOF Youth Services with the relocation and renovation of their new location. This includes creating space for youth-focused organizations that youth will be able to access in one central space.
- A two-year unsecured promissory note to Supply+Protect Inc. (formally PPE Access) to support their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) project. This will provide better access to hard-to-procure PPE for community groups that are currently not covered under the Local Health Integration Network's (LHIN) mandate.
- A three-year secured loan to Indwell Community Homes to finance the purchase of property from St. Mark's Lutheran Church to create 40 permanent affordable housing units for people who are at high risk of homelessness.
- A bridge loan to Anishnabeg Outreach to assist with the purchase of a refrigeration truck to support their programs and services.
- A three-year unsecured loan to MennoHomes Inc. to finance a portion of the construction costs for the Bridgeport at Lancaster 48 unit affordable housing project to help address the affordable housing waitlist in our region.
- A five-year secured loan to House of Friendship to assist with the purchase of the Comfort Inn at 190 Weber Street North. This building will be converted to support approximately 100 men through their ShelterCare program.