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FCSS Program: Funding Approval

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Community Living Standing Committee recommend to Council that a portion of the 2020 FCSS proposed budgeted program funding be allocated as follows:

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| • St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre | \$11,300 |
| ○ Sidekicks Mentoring Program Interim Funding | |
| • St. Albert Community Village and Food Bank Society | \$6,600 |
| ○ Community Income Tax Program | |

2. That the Community Living Standing Committee recommend to Council that Policy C-CS-14 FCSS Program Funding be revised to enhance the allocation process to improve our ability to best address unmet or emerging needs of residents by Q1 2020.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report brings forward recommendations from the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC), at its October 22, 2019 meeting, for the allocation of funding through the 2020 FCSS Program Fund for Council's consideration and approval, as per attached Policy C-CS-14, and to facilitate a proposed amendment to the FCSS Program Funding Policy to enhance the allocation process.

ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

<u>Service Name</u>	<u>Service Definition</u>	<u>Current Service Level</u>
Management of Partnerships To Deliver Social Services	Program Funding	Council allocates a minimum of 20% to match the Provincial funding. Applications are received Annually. Community Services Advisory

Committee reviews
Applications and forwards
recommendations to Council
for their approval.

Programs funded align with at
least one core value listed
in the Social Master Plan

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION

The Council direction that has resulted in this matter being brought before Council is Council Policy C-CS-14 FCSS Program Funding.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

As per the FCSS Program Funding Policy C-CS-14, the City may offer financial assistance in the form of program funding for eligible St. Albert not-for-profit community organizations for the delivery of preventative social services to the community.

FCSS Program Funding applications are received by Administration annually in the fall and then reviewed by the CSAC who make funding recommendations to Council for the following calendar year.

In the fall of 2019, the St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre applied for program funding. Funding was denied based on several factors, including not meeting eligibility criteria as outlined in the FCSS Program Funding Policy, the lack of stability of the organization to effectively deliver the programs, and recommendations from the Metrix Social Program Review. However, CSAC recommended funding the Babysitting course, the Community Income Tax Program and the Sidekicks Mentoring Program if a sustainable organization came forward with an application to deliver these programs.

The following outlines the proposed future delivery of these programs:

Babysitting Course

The St. Albert Family Resource Centre has taken over the delivery of the Babysitting Course. The course costs are offset through fees and as such does not require any community funding.

Community Income Tax Program

The St. Albert Community Village and Food Bank is requesting funding to deliver the Community Income Tax Program.

Recommendation #1 - St. Albert Community Village and Foodbank

- **Funding Request: \$6,600**

- **The funding is in support of the Community Income Tax Program**

Sidekicks Mentoring Program

Administration has received an expression of interest for the Sidekicks Mentoring Program from the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area (BGCBigS). Approving an application for funding from BGCBigS to deliver the Sidekicks Mentoring Program would require an amendment to the FCSS Program Policy, as their Organization is housed in Edmonton. Administration anticipates bringing proposed revisions to the FCSS Policy for consideration in Q1 2020.

Administration is recommending Interim Funding for the Sidekicks Mentoring Program to March 31, 2020.

Recommendation #2 - St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre

- **Funding Request: \$11,300**
- **The funding is in support of Interim funding for three months for the Sidekicks Mentoring Program**

STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT

Administration has been working with the St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre and community organizations to find viable options to continue to offer the St. Albert Babysitting Course, the Community Income Tax Program and the Sidekicks Mentoring Program.

The St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre have moved out of their location at the Charles Gale Building; however, they have negotiated with the Charles Gale Society to allow the Sidekicks Mentoring Program to keep an office until the end of March 2020. CIVC has advised Administration the Society will be dissolved on March 31, 2020.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Financial:

Total funding available in the 2020 operating budget for FCSS Program Funding is \$602,058. On November 4, 2019 Council approved allocation of \$411,134 of the total 2020 budget leaving \$190,924 remaining.

The allocations being recommended for 2020 FCSS Program Funding total \$17,900.

Legal / Risk:

Recipients of the FCSS Program Funding sign a funding agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the funding, including expected outcomes and deliverables.

Program or Service:

Transitioning the delivery of the Community Income Tax Program and the Sidekicks Mentoring Program will ensure there is no gap in service to children, youth and seniors who have relied on these programs in past years.

Organizational:

None at this time.

ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

If Council does not wish to support the recommendations, the following alternatives could be considered:

1. That the funding requests, as identified be adjusted as per the direction of Council.
2. That the matter be referred back to Administration with direction from Council.

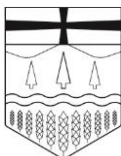
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Chief Administrative Officer: Kevin Scoble



CITY OF ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER	TITLE
C-CS-14	FCSS Program Funding
ORIGINAL APPROVAL DATE	DATE LAST REVISED
September 8, 2015	June 24, 2019

Purpose

To provide a framework for the delivery of funding to eligible community non-profit organizations for the provision of preventive social programs that align with and support the Five Core Values identified in City's Social Master Plan.

Policy Statement

The City offers annual program funding, administered by the Community Services Department, to eligible community non-profit organizations for the delivery of Preventive Social Services, in accordance with the funding formula and regulations identified in the FCSS Act.

Definitions

"City" means the municipal corporation of the City of St. Albert.

"Chief Administrative Officer" or "CAO" means the individual appointed by Council to the position of Chief Administrative Officer under section 205 of the *Municipal Government Act* and pursuant to the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw;

"Community Services Advisory Committee" (CSAC) means the advisory committee to Council comprised of St. Albert residents as per the Community Services Advisory Committee Bylaw.

"Council" means the municipal Council of the City of St. Albert;

"Declaration Agreement" means a signed agreement that identifies the grant recipient organizations responsibilities associated with indemnity, insurance, termination, confidentiality, reporting and program delivery expectations.

"Eligible Community Non-profit Organization" means an Organization that:

- a. Operates as a registered non-profit or charitable organization that is based in St. Albert and primarily serves St. Albert residents;
- b. Provides Preventive Social Services based on community needs;
- c. Has trained program and administrative staff with the ability to operate the FCSS funded program or programs effectively.

“Family and Community Support Services Act” or “FCSS Act” means the *Family and Community Support Services Act*, R.S.A., 2000 c.F-3, as amended or any successor enactment and any regulations thereunder.

“FCSS Program” means a partnership amongst the Province, municipalities and Métis Settlements that develops locally driven preventive social initiatives to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

Community Services” means the department of the City responsible for the provision of Preventive Social Services to the residents of St. Albert through direct service to the community as well as a range of service offered through FCSS funded community organizations.

“Five Core Values” means the values identified in the Social Master Plan, namely:

- a. Sense of Community and Connectedness
- b. Diversity and Inclusion
- c. Social Responsibility and Engagement
- d. Healthy Lifestyle and Well-Being e. Capacity Building

“Memorandum of Understanding” means a signed agreement that identifies the program being funded, the amount of funding for the program and the expected outcomes to be achieved.

“Preventive Social Services” means services that enhance the social well-being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity.

“Social Master Plan” means the document entitled “Cultivating a Community for All: St. Albert’s Social Master Plan”, as amended from time to time.

Responsibilities

1. Council is responsible for:
 - a. Allocating funding under the FCSS Program while ensuring any allocations comply with FCSS legislation and approved City budgets;

- b. Funding the FCSS Program with the minimum matching 20% based on the 80/20 criteria of the FCSS Program; and
 - c. Appointing residents to the Community Services Advisory ~~Board~~ Committee.
- 2. The Chief Administrative Officer or designate is responsible for:
 - a. Preparing, communicating and distributing an annual application process that clearly articulates proposal requirements, investment criteria and definitions and all appropriate timelines and application logistics;
 - b. Accepting and reviewing applications for FCSS Program Funding on an annual basis, determining the completeness of the applications and forwarding the applications to the Community Services Advisory Committee for its review, deliberation and advisory recommendations;
 - c. Ensuring the recommended programs and services align with at least one of the core values of the Social Master Plan; and
 - d. Ensuring the terms and conditions of the Declaration Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding are met.
- 3. The Community Services Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing the FCSS Program applications in accordance with this policy and making funding advisory recommendations to Council.
- 4. Successful recipients are responsible for:
 - a. Conducting security/prior involvement checks on all program staff and volunteers at the initial point of employment;
 - b. Maintaining valid insurance coverage;
 - c. Providing the City with 90 days notice in advance of any proposal to alter its services, function or mandate;
 - d. Providing the City program statistics, demographics or other relevant information as requested; and
 - e. Ensuring the terms and conditions of the Declaration Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding are met.

Service Standards / Expectations

1. The City partners with the Province of Alberta in the delivery of preventive social service programs. Under the FCSS Act, municipalities match provincial funding, using local tax dollars, on an 80/20 basis, as a minimum.
2. The amount of funding available is based on current year provincial funding allocations, excluding one-time project grants and will serve as the base funding for the next year's allocations, unless the available funds are reduced owing to a reduction in the provincial and/or municipal contribution.
3. An Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization approved for grant funding shall be required to sign and abide by the terms and conditions of a Declaration Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding, which include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization shall expend funds as specified in the application;
 - b. Pursuant to its ongoing activities, in both its own name and in the name of the City as an additional insured, the Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization shall place and maintain a policy of insurance respecting commercial liability and errors and omissions;
 - c. The Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization shall acknowledge receipt of FCSS Program Funding from the City in event promotion and advertising, including reinforcing the City branding where appropriate; and
 - d. If the program's financial information discloses an annual surplus in the fiscal year respecting which the City has rendered a grant, within 90 days of the City's demand, the Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization shall repay part or all the-funds for that fiscal year as the City reasonably requires.
 - e. There is no limit to the amount of program-funding awarded to any Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization, provided the total awarded does not exceed the funds available.
4. The program/service applied for must not duplicate an existing community program/service.
5. Successful recipients must meet the following mandatory requirements:

- a. The organization is an eligible entity (non-profit, local);
 - b. The FCSS Program meets the FCSS Act and legislation;
 - c. The organization provides at least 20% of funding towards the FCSS Program;
 - d. The FCSS Program is of early stage prevention and enhances the social well-being of individuals, families or community;
 - e. The FCSS Program does not provide primarily for the recreational or leisure time of individuals;
 - f. The FCSS Program does not provide direct financial assistance to sustain an individual or family;
 - g. The FCSS Program is not restorative, rehabilitative or treatment in nature;
 - h. The FCSS Program does not duplicate services that are ordinarily (or should be) provided by a government or government agency (or the responsibility of another provincial ministry);
 - i. The FCSS Program identifies and is clearly aimed at addressing at least one FCSS outcome;
 - j. The FCSS Program supports at least one value cited in the Cultivate a Community for All, Social Master Plan; and
 - k. The FCSS Program supports or develops at least one protective factor.
6. The funding shall cover no more than 80% of a FCSS Program expense.
 7. The funding shall pertain only to the calendar year for which it was approved, unless otherwise specified by Council.
 8. The application process will occur in the fall and final budget decisions and allocations subject to Council approval of the budget.
 9. The Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization shall, prior to making changes in revenue or expenditures of amounts in approved budgets, obtain the consent of the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
 10. The Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization shall demonstrate strong fiscal stewardship in administering the funded FCSS Program; furthermore, the Organization must adhere to the criteria and stringent expectations of the provincial FCSS Program.

11. The Eligible Community Non-Profit Organization must adhere to the criteria and stringent expectations of the provincial FCSS Program.
12. To qualify for funding, at least 80% of FCSS Program participants must be residents of St. Albert.
13. Consistent with provincial practice, the City, acting on behalf of the FCSS Program reserves the right in its sole discretion to:
 - a. Suspend the process at any stage;
 - b. Reject or accept any proposal, including the right to reject all proposals;
 - c. Clarify with any or all applicants after the closing date; and
 - d. Negotiate with any or all applicants after the closing date.
14. Unallocated funds shall remain with the City.
15. Municipal dollars from multiple funding streams cannot be used to fund the same operational component.
16. Programs are funded, not organizations, which means that FCSS Funding is allocated to programs and services not organizations as an entity. Funding can support the administration associated with a specific program but should not be allocated to an organizations administration.

DATE REVIEWED	NEXT REVIEW DATE	REVISIONS
May 2019 – Community Services	May 2023 – Community Services	Date – Resolution No.