

**Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)**  
**Expression of Interest**  
**2023 Funding Cycle**



Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a joint municipal/provincial partnership that funds preventive social service programs and services, with 80% of funding coming from the Province of Alberta. Edmonton FCSS is a long-standing program in the community and has supported numerous preventive programs serving individuals, families, and communities.

Before you begin the 2023 two step funding cycle process it is important that you review the [Edmonton FCSS Program Guide 2023](#).

- Step 1 - Expression of Interest: Organizations submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) using a Google form that will be assessed by Edmonton FCSS for overall organization and program alignment to eligibility criteria and funding priorities.
- Step 2 - Application Process: Organizations that are successful from the EOI will be invited to submit a funding application. Please be aware this **does not guarantee funding** for your program and/or service, this is the next step of the process and applications will be assessed.

Edmonton FCSS has prioritized increasing social inclusion and equity through preventive programs and/or services and social infrastructure, which strengthen relationships and connections for resilient individuals and thriving families, welcoming and engaged communities, and a strong sector in the four program priority areas below:

- Healthy Social Emotional Development;
- Positive Mental Health;
- Healthy Relationships; &
- Poverty Reduction and Homelessness Prevention.

In order to further demonstrate its commitment to social inclusion and equity, a priority for Edmonton FCSS is funding equity-led organizations that demonstrate an ability to plan programs with an intersectional lens.

Edmonton FCSS invites organizations to submit one Expression of Interest for each preventive program and/or service they wish to have considered for funding. Multiple Expressions of Interest will be considered from an organization.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Organizations must:

- be an Edmonton based not-for-profit, incorporated for a minimum of one year, primarily serving Edmonton residents;
- provide programs that are preventive; defined as *a proactive process that strengthens the protective factors of individuals, families, and communities to promote wellbeing, reduce vulnerabilities, enhance quality of life, and empower them to meet the challenges of life.*
- request support for a specific preventive program addressing one or more of the four priority areas;
- provide accessible, safe, and welcoming programs and services using an intersectional lens;
- demonstrate the ability to successfully implement the program and provide measurable outcomes that align to FCSS priorities;
- demonstrate sound financial management and governance;
- be in good standing with the City of Edmonton; and
- ensure the program and related expenditures meet the requirements of the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Act and Regulation which state that:

Ineligible expenses include:

- the purchase of land or buildings;
- the construction or renovation of a building;
- the purchase of motor vehicles;
- operational costs of the organization that do not relate to the funded program;
- municipal property taxes and levies; or
- payments to a member of a board or committee other than reimbursement of incidental expenses necessarily incurred in providing volunteer services to the program.
- The FCSS Act indicates that services provided under a program must not:
  - be provided primarily for the recreation needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals;
  - offer direct financial assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family;
  - be primarily rehabilitative in nature; or
  - duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.

For further information on the Act and Regulation go to:

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/FCSS-Program-Handbook.pdf>).

The deadline for the Expression of Interest is Sunday February 20, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Expressions of Interest received after this time will not be considered. Organizations will receive a response within 4 - 6 weeks regarding the assessment of their program's fit to the eligibility criteria for the 2023 FCSS funding cycle. Organizations that meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to submit an application for funding consideration.

***Meeting the Expression of Interest eligibility criteria and being invited to submit an application does not guarantee program funding.***

## **HOW TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Complete the attached [Expression of Interest Form](#).

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest** - Sunday February 20, 2022, 11:59 p.m.

For questions, please contact the Grants office at 780-496-4933

### **Workbook**

The questions below are the questions that you will find within the Expression of Interest form. They are provided here for your information.

### **ORGANIZATION SUMMARY:**

Legal Name of Organization:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone #:	
Contact Name:	
Position:	
Email Address:	
Website Address:	
Legal Entity (what government Act are you incorporated under - i.e. Non-profit under the Societies Act?)	
Incorporation Date:	
What is the percentage of program participants that are residents of Edmonton?	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 50% <input type="checkbox"/> 50 - 75% <input type="checkbox"/> 76 - 90% <input type="checkbox"/> 91-100%

An equity-led organization includes **all** of the following:

- Equity-seeking\* cultures central to daily operations.
- Equity-seeking individuals in leadership at all levels - board, management, and staff.
- Programs developed with people with lived experience.
- Programs delivered by equity-seeking people.
- Organization and program has legitimacy and profile with key beneficiaries, neighbourhoods and partners.

**\*Equity-seeking groups:** "...are those that identify barriers to equal access, opportunities and resources due to disadvantage and discrimination, and actively seek social justice and reparation."  
([https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/ZoningBylawRenewal\\_GBA\\_Equity\\_Toolkit.pdf](https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/ZoningBylawRenewal_GBA_Equity_Toolkit.pdf), p.22)

Are you an Equity-Led organization?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide additional information that demonstrates how you meet the criteria.

### Intersectionality

Organizations that are taking an intersectional lens will consider how people living with multiple identities (e.g., gender, race, or sexual identity) that are more likely to face discrimination may experience greater barriers to participation in community. For example, we know based on research that Indigenous people face greater barriers to participation due to racism. We know that 2SLGBTQ+ people face greater barriers due to homophobia. We know that people with disabilities face greater barriers due to ableism. Now imagine how a person who is Indigenous, 2SLGBTQ+ and disabled might experience all these barriers combined.

Does your organization use an intersectional lens when planning, developing and evaluating its programs?

- Yes
- No

Describe how you apply this lens.

Provide your organization's mandate, vision, and mission.

What does it mean to be a safe and welcoming community, and what are various ways your organization achieves this goal? Note: consider your organizational culture; your organization's physical and social environments; organizational policies, community members, etc.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Name of Program:		Proposed FCSS funding request for one year of programming: (This amount will be used when calculating multi-year funding agreements)	
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Select the FCSS program priority that your program addresses.

Note: Programs may address multiple priorities. Please choose the program priority that is most relevant.

**Healthy Social Emotional Development**

- Children & Youth have improved social emotional developmental skills
  - Indicator: Participants demonstrate developmentally appropriate skills in one or more of the following areas: personal/social skills, communication skills, problem solving skills, coping skills.
- Caregivers have the tools and skills to support healthy social emotional development in their children.
  - Indicator: Caregivers identify strategies to apply in one or more of the following areas: providing a nurturing environment, helping their children develop age-appropriate skills, providing positive feedback to children, addressing children’s behaviour challenges, setting boundaries, transmission of traditional knowledge or skills.

**Positive Mental Health**

- Participants have improved skills to develop and maintain positive mental health.
  - Indicator: Participants demonstrate characteristics that are likely to help them maintain positive mental health (e.g., resiliency, optimism, positive self-esteem, and/or sense of meaning/purpose).
- Participants access resources to address their specific mental health needs
  - Indicator: Participants access mental health resources that are culturally and/or socially responsive (e.g., mental health resources for 2SLGBTQ+, Indigenous, and/or newcomer persons).
- Participants have improved networks of social support.

- Indicator: Participants report having sources of personal, cultural, community, or professional support.

#### Healthy Relationships

- Participants have improved skills to develop and maintain healthy relationships
  - Indicator: Participants demonstrate skills that are likely to help them maintain healthy relationships (e.g., conflict resolution, problem solving, healthy communication, decision making).
- Participants have improved networks of social support.
  - Indicator: Participants report that they feel safe (physically, emotionally, financially) with people in their lives.

#### Poverty Reduction and Homelessness Prevention

- Participants have improved skills to address identified issues.
  - Indicator: Participants demonstrate skills in the following area: money management/financial literacy (i.e. knowledge related to budgeting, asset building, financial literacy, government benefits and subsidies, savings, decreasing debt).
- Participants access community resources that meet their needs.
  - Indicator: Participants access resources that promote financial stability (e.g., employment opportunities, career counselling, financial literacy training, accessing benefits and/or subsidies).

Edmonton FCSS defines prevention as a proactive process that strengthens the protective factors of individuals, families, and communities to promote wellbeing, reduce vulnerabilities, enhance quality of life, and empower them to meet the challenges of life.

Edmonton FCSS funds programs that offer primary or secondary prevention programs.

Is your program (check all that apply):

- Primary Prevention: active pursuit of individual, family and community protective factors that lead to the well-being of self and others
- Secondary Prevention: occurs when these protective factors address or modify risk factors before restorative supports are required.

1. Provide a description of your program and explain how it meets the definition of prevention.
2. Explain how your program, as it is described in #1, will help to achieve the outcome(s) you selected above under the Primary Priority Area.

Personal information is being collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act and will be used by the City of Edmonton, Community Grants Office to determine eligibility for this grant and for the management and administration of this program. The information in this application may be shared with other internal City of Edmonton business areas for reporting analysis. If you have any questions about the collection or use of your personal or organizational information, please contact the Community Grants Office at 18th Floor, Edmonton Tower, 10111 - 104 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0J4 or at 780-496-4933 or by email: [grants@edmonton.ca](mailto:grants@edmonton.ca)