



AGENDA ITEM

Allocation of 2020 FCSS "Additional Projects" Funding

November 28, 2019

BACKGROUND

Through the Family and Community Support Services Funding agreement with the Minister of Community and Social Services, Lacombe County is eligible to expend \$379,570 in 2020. The programs that receive funding from this funding agreement and approved through the 2020 budget process are: Family School Liaison, and Extended Home Support Program. In addition, there is an allowance set aside for "additional projects" in the amount of \$68,040 for the 2020 year.

Action required of Council with respect to this matter is to determine 1) which agencies will receive funding from the "additional projects" allowance and 2) the amount each agency will receive.

ANALYSIS

Earlier this year local agencies throughout the County were given the opportunity to submit funding requests for programs that would be eligible to receive funding set aside for "additional projects".

In preparing a recommendation for allocation of this funding, staff took into consideration factors such as a) total amount of request; b) funding amount previously received; c) the number of County residents being served by the program; d) the target demographic for the program; and e) maintaining a fairly equal distribution throughout the County.

Below is a list of the 11 agencies that have made application to receive "additional projects" funding in 2020. The total amount requested from these 11 agencies is \$97,630 with only \$68,040 available for allocation.

| Agency | 2019 Funding Received | 2020 Funding Request | Recommended Amount |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alix FCSS | \$4,100 | \$4,100 | \$4,100 |
| Bentley Community Services | \$10,092 | \$9,785 | \$9,785 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters | \$5,000 | \$8,000 | \$5,000 |
| Blackfalds Camp Curious | 0 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Blackfalds In-School Program | 0 | \$8,000 | \$4,000 |
| Central Alberta Youth Unlimited | \$6,000 | \$9,395 | \$6,000 |
| Eckville Children's Playgroup | \$1,500 | \$2,000 | \$1,500 |
| Eckville Community Youth Society | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |
| Eckville Recreation Board | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 |
| Friends of Mirror Library Society | \$5,100 | \$5,100 | \$5,100 |
| Lacombe and District FCSS | \$31,848 | \$42,750 | \$24,055 |

New for 2020 were applications from the Town of Blackfalds. The majority of the applications for funding relate to youth and children program. However, the Mirror Library and Lacombe FCSS also submitted program funding requests that would reach seniors and other adult ages.

If Council were to approve the recommended amounts the distribution of the 2020 funding would be as shown below.

| Municipality Area | Recommended Funding \$ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lacombe FCSS | 20,055 |
| Central AB Youth (city and rural) | 6,000 |
| Eckville | 6,000 |
| Bentley | 9,785 |
| Mirror | 9,100 |
| Alix | 4,100 |
| BBBS Rural | 5,000 |
| Blackfalds | 8,000 |
| Clive | Funded through Lacombe FCSS |

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding in the amount of \$68,040 is accounted for in the 2020 budget.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are:

- a) to provide good government
- b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and
- c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities

Section 5(b) of the MGA states that a municipality has the duties that are imposed on itself by the (the MGA) and other enactments and those that the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy.

The Family and Community Support Services Act and the Family and Community Support Services Regulation govern the administration of the FCSS program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The County's public engagement will be limited to informing the public of Council's decision on this matter as well as communicating Council's decision to the Applicants.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATION

Lacombe County's Mission is "Building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and the development of healthy relationships". In providing organizations with funds which will be used for the establishment of programs, Council is 1) providing the leadership required for building a vibrant community, and 2) working towards building healthy relationships with our own residents and ratepayers.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve funding for the following community programs in 2020 and ongoing annual funding, pending 1) the yearly review of each program to ensure that the program is operational and continues to be a valuable resource to the community and 2) there is sufficient funding available.

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| • Alix FCSS | \$ 4,100 |
| • Bentley Community Services | \$ 9,785 |
| • Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District | \$ 5,000 |
| • Blackfalds Camp Curious | \$ 4,000 |
| • Blackfalds In-School Social Program | \$ 4,000 |
| • Central Alberta Youth Unlimited | \$ 6,000 |
| • Friends of Mirror Library Society | \$ 5,100 |
| • Eckville and Area Children's Playgroup | \$ 1,500 |
| • Eckville and Community Youth Society | \$ 2,500 |
| • Eckville Recreation Board | \$ 2,000 |
| • Lacombe and District FCSS | \$24,055 |

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