



AGENDA ITEM

Allocation of 2022 FCSS "Additional Projects" Funding

December 16, 2021

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 2022. The programs that receive funding from this funding agreement and approved through the 2022 budget process are: School Social Work Program (formerly known as Family School Liaison) and Extended Home Support Program. In addition, there is an allowance set aside for "additional projects" in the amount of \$68,070 for the 2022 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 12 agencies that have made application to receive "additional projects" funding in 2022. The total amount requested from these 12 agencies is \$168,998 with only \$68,070 available for allocation.

Agency	2021 Funding Received	2022 Funding Request	Recommended Amount
Alix Family and Community Support Society	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,500
Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Development – working with community to identify and develop programs/services/partnerships to meet social needs ▪ Information Referral – informing public about local, regional and provincial supports ▪ Navigation – supporting public in connecting w3ith local, regional, provincial and national supports; focusing on strengthening families, supporting individual wellness, enhancing seniors’ quality of life ▪ Training – training volunteers and community mentors 	\$ 2,600 \$44,036 excess	\$70,000	\$2,600
Bentley Community Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Outreach ▪ Kid Proof Programs ▪ Santa’s Celebration ▪ Seniors Outreach ▪ Edmonton Seniors Centre Collaboration ▪ Newsletter – 60% of recipients are County residents 	\$11,112	\$10,248	\$10,248
Big Brothers Big Sisters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mentoring program ▪ Kids & Kops ▪ Go Girls 	\$5,000 \$8,000 excess	\$8,000	\$5,000
Blackfalds Camp Curious <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Camp ages 3 - 11 	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$3,600
Blackfalds FCSS – Seniors Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community involvement, engagement opportunities to combat identified social isolation and build a network for a community of seniors ▪ Social Needs Assessment (total cost \$50,000, requesting 25% from County based on population) 	\$4,000 \$2,000 excess	\$ 4,650 \$12,500	\$3,000

Youth Unlimited Central Alberta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drop-in Programming and Life 360 – intergenerational program helps build sense of community and belonging ▪ Stepping Stones – program for pregnant and parenting young moms to develop a balanced life thru relationships and trust 	\$6,000 \$7,240 excess	\$7,500	\$6,000
Eckville Community Youth Society	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Eckville Recreation Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Day Camp – ages 4 to 12 	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Friends of Mirror Library Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Library Supplies ▪ Summer Reading Program ▪ Volunteer Appreciation ▪ Library Patron Materials ▪ Community Program Support ▪ Abundant Communities Mirror 	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
Lacombe and District FCSS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clive/Area Little Village Playgroup ▪ Community Outreach ▪ Youth Services Program ▪ Senior Services ▪ Volunteer and Special Projects Lacombe and District FCSS on behalf of Clive FCSS	\$24,055 \$9,891 excess \$3,725 excess	\$34,000	\$24,128 \$2,394

The majority of the applications for funding relate to youth and children programs. However, the Mirror Library, Bentley Community Services, Blackfalds FCSS 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 throughout the County would be as shown below.

Municipality Area	Recommended Funding \$
Lacombe FCSS	24,128
Youth Unlimited Central Alberta (city and rural)	6,000
Eckville	4,500
Bentley	10,248
BBBS Rural (throughout County)	5,000
Blackfalds	6,600
Mirror	5,100

Clive/Mirror/Tees Playgroup	2,394
Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society and Alix FCSS (Alix, Mirror, Clive)	4,100

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding in the amount of \$68,070 is accounted for in the 2022 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.

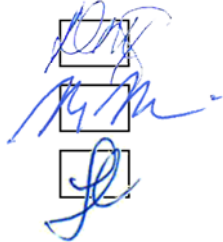
The Family and Community Support Services Act and the Family and Community Support Services Regulation govern the administration of the FCSS program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve funding for the following community programs in 2022 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.

• Alix FCSS	\$ 1,500
• Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society	\$ 2,600
• Bentley Community Services	\$10,248
• Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District	\$ 5,000
• Town of Blackfalds Camp Curious	\$ 3,600
• Blackfalds FCSS – Seniors Programs	\$ 3,000
• Youth Unlimited Central Alberta	\$ 6,000
• Eckville and Community Youth Society	\$ 2,500
• Eckville Recreation Board – Summer Camp	\$ 2,000
• Friends of Mirror Library Society	\$ 5,100
• Lacombe and District FCSS	\$24,128
• Lacombe FCSS (Clive, Mirror, Tees Playgroup)	\$ 2,394
Total	\$68,070

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