

### City of Lloydminster Request for Decision (RFD)

**Subject Matter: Family and Community Support Services Grant Allocations 2023 Cycle** 

**Department: Community Development Services** 

Presented By: Patrick Lancaster

**Council Meeting Date: November 21, 2022** 

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council approve the 2023 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant allocation of \$385,000 as follows:

- 1. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lloydminster for Mentoring Makes a Difference, \$45,000;
- 2. Catholic Social Services for Seniors Connections, \$30,000;
- 3. Inclusion Lloydminster for the Inclusive Community Initiative, \$15,000;
- 4. Lloydminster & Area Brain Injury Society (LABIS) for Establishing Connections, \$5,000;
- 5. Lloydminster Interval Home Society for the Family Violence Prevention Program, \$30,000;
- 6. Lloydminster Interval Home Society for the Lloydminster Community Youth Centre Outreach Program, \$40,000;
- Lloydminster Native Friendship Centre for Engaging our People Prevention/Intervention Program, \$45,000;
- 8. Midwest Family Connections for First Steps, \$40,000;
- 9. Midwest Family Connections for the Maternal Mental Health Initiative, \$5,590;
- 10. Residents in Recovery Society for the Family Recovery Program, \$49,000;
- 11. The Olive Tree Community Centre for Outreach Support Workers, \$35,000;
- 12. Walking Through Grief Society for Walking Through Grief Support, \$15,410;
- 13. Lloydminster Sexual Assault Services for Sexual Assault and Abuse Education, \$30,000;

**Issue:** The Community Services Advisory Committee has reviewed grant applications for the 2023 FCSS Grant funding and provided recommendations for Council approval.

**Background:** The FCSS program is an 80/20 funding partnership between municipalities or Métis settlements and the Province of Alberta, provided through the FCSS Act and Regulation since 1966. Under FCSS legislation, communities "design and deliver social programs that are



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preventative in nature, provided at the earliest opportunity, to promote and enhance well-being among individuals, families and communities".

FCSS funding supports City run programs and non-profit organizations that offer preventative social services. These funds are utilized to serve residents in Alberta and Saskatchewan and are calculated by the Province based on Lloydminster's Alberta population.

Lloydminster Family and Community Support Services administers an annual grant program to allocate FCSS funds to non-profit organizations for programs that fall within the scope of the FCSS Act and Regulation.

A call for applications was issued August 22, 2022 – October 3, 2022. Fifteen (15) applications were received totaling \$665,608. In 2021 fifteen (15) applications were received totaling \$639,863.

All applications were received and submitted to the Community Services Advisory Committee. The Committee is comprised of eight (8) community representatives, appointed by Council, who volunteer their time to review, evaluate, and provide recommendations regarding community organization applications for municipal grants.

Applications were examined based on the program, expenses, past performance, and the community need. The Committee met on October 25, 2022, and unanimously support the attached allocation recommendations. Upon Council's approval of the recommendations, the City of Lloydminster can move forward with the allocation process and see funds dispersed to community partners in January 2023.

Due to having more submissions than available funding, not all projects received their full request. Two (2) applications did not receive a recommendation for funding. Consideration was given to whether the amount recommended would allow the program to proceed. While not all programs received a recommendation for their full request, the Committee is confident that programs can proceed with some scaling of services as has frequently been the practice.

#### **Options:**

- 1. That Council approve the motion as indicated in the Recommendation above.
- 2. That Council does not approve the 2023 Family and Community Support Services Grant Program allocations of \$385,000. Administration and the Community Services Advisory Committee will further review the allocation recommendations, based on input from Council. Allocations will be brought back to Council for approval at a future Council meeting. This option will delay the disbursement of funding to non-profit organizations.
- 3. That Council request further information and that the item be brought forward to a future Regular Council Meeting for decision.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item is in alignment with the following strategic area: Providing a Safe Community through funding to a wide range of service agencies to increase social well-being of individuals, families and community through prevention, early intervention, and community development.

**Legal Review:** N/A



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**Governance Implications:** The FCSS Grant Program allocation process is governed by Community Services Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 13-2020 and the Family and Community Support Services Grant Policy No. 551-04.

**Budget/Financial Implications:** The City of Lloydminster receives \$465,585 annually from the Province of Alberta and is required to contribute \$116,396 towards FCSS programming as part of the 80/20 funding agreement which continues from 2020 to 2022. \$385,000 is budgeted to FCSS grant allocations and the remainder is used to offset direct service costs.

**Environmental Implications: N/A** 

### **Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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