

Prevention Investment Framework with Mental Health and Addiction Lens

Terms of Reference

Background

In 2017 November, City Council directed Administration to develop a strategy for the use of “...\$3 million in one-time funding from the Fiscal Stability Reserve to safe communities, youth and low-income programs and crime prevention...”. The Community Services Prevention Investment Framework, which intentionally links the prevention work across Community Services and Calgary Police Service, guided the allocation of these funds to high-performing programs delivered by City business units and community organizations.

On 2018 July 30, through Notice of Motion C2018-0956, Council “...earmarked up to \$25 million from the Fiscal Stability Reserve for Crime Prevention and a new Mental Health and Addictions Strategy over the next five years, with \$15 million allocated to the Community Services Prevention Investment Framework ...”.

The Framework terms of reference have been revised to incorporate a mental health and addiction lens, to better respond to the issues identified through the Notice of Motion. The Framework is built on a foundation of nationally, provincially and locally recognized prevention-focused strategies, including, but not limited to:

1. *The Calgary Police Service Crime Prevention and Reduction Continuum*, a set of strategies to address education, prevention, early intervention, treatment and enforcement;
2. *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design* principles and strategies used to create safer communities and improve quality of life;
3. *The Crime Prevention through Social Development* approach which guides the investments made through The City's *Crime Prevention Investment Plan* by focusing on the early identification and mitigation of the root causes of crime;
4. *The Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention*, a community of practice which aims to increase investment in effective, evidence-based and collaborative crime prevention strategies in municipalities;
5. *The Social Sustainability Framework* and supporting research briefs that guide the prevention investments made through *Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)* to prevent social isolation and neighbourhood decline, two precursors to a wide-range of social issues;
6. *Creating Connections-Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy* that includes a five-tier model for integrated service delivery;
7. *Valuing Mental Health*, a blueprint for the mental health and addictions sector in Alberta, which identifies prevention as one of its four priority pillars.

Purpose

The purpose of the revised Prevention Investment Framework (Framework) is to guide decision-making for funding programs and services that contribute to the prevention of mental illness, addictions and crime.

The Framework builds on the existing knowledge base on effective preventive programs, services and strategies that increase protective factors and reduce risk factors for Calgarians who, due to a variety of circumstances, find themselves at-risk of mental illness, addiction and other related issues such as crime. It aims to (1) enhance resources to high-impact programs to optimize their reach, (2) address gaps in preventive programs and services and (3) invest in spaces to maximize the value of community to support the Framework's outcomes.

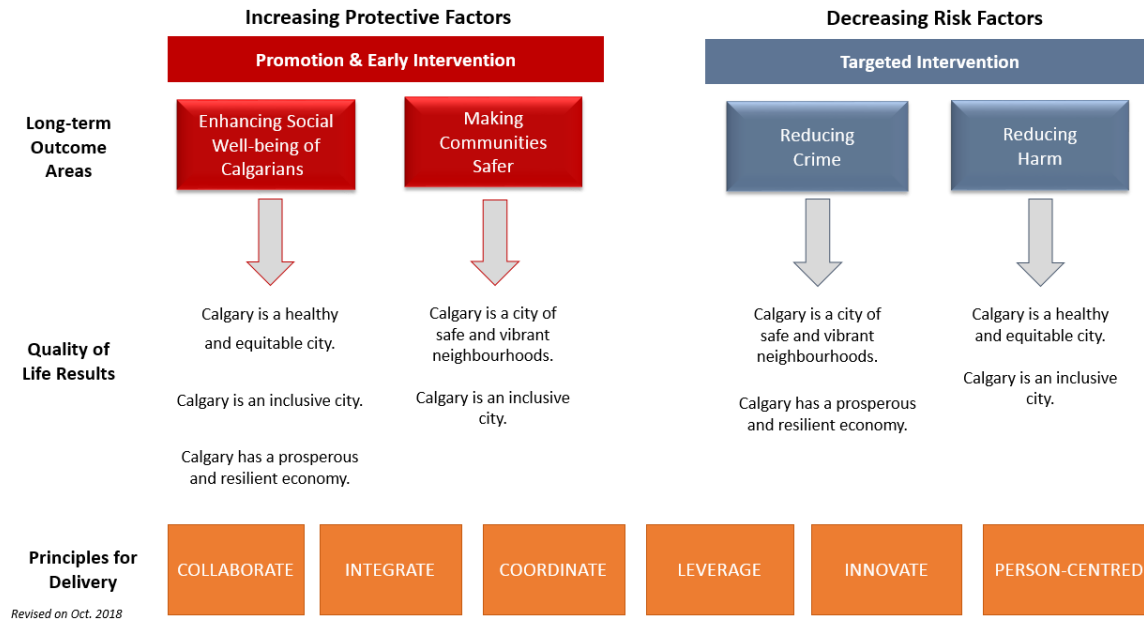
Guiding Principles for Delivery

The FRAMEWORK is guided by the following action-oriented principles:

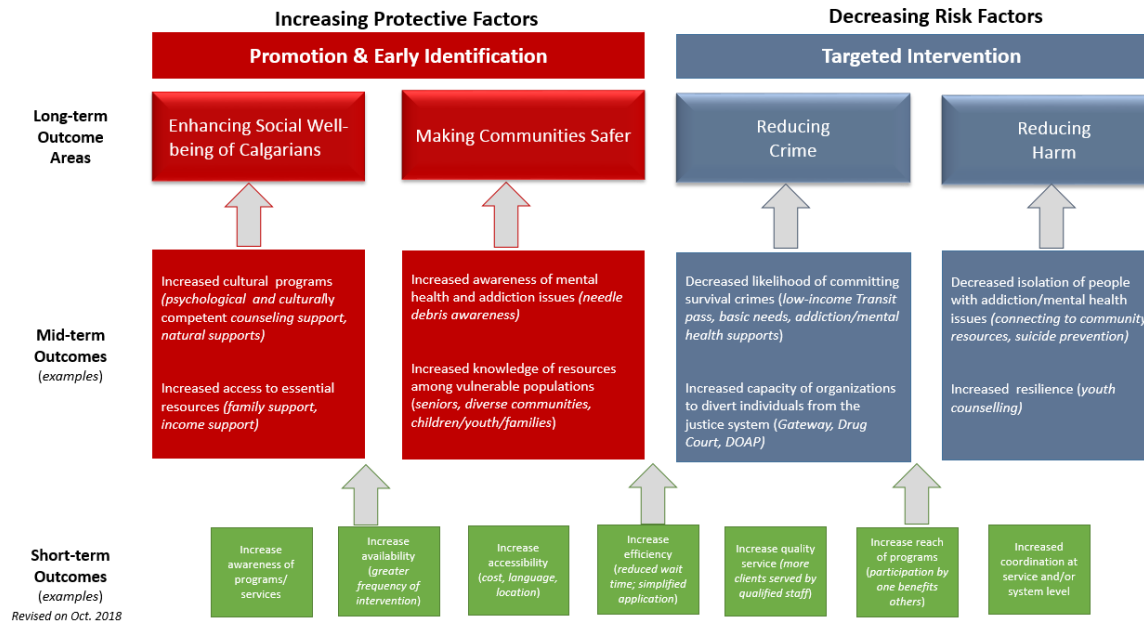
- Collaborate across business units, the Corporation and community
- Integrate service delivery for the greatest impact
- Coordinate for maximum effectiveness and efficiency
- Leverage existing partnerships, services and resources
- Innovate to achieve what has not been achieved to date
- Person-centred care for maximum benefit for Calgarians and their families

The diagrams below indicate the desired short- to long-term outcomes, the principles that will guide the overall implementation of the Framework, and sample projects/initiatives that could contribute to improved mental health/addiction outcomes for Calgarians.

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Prevention Investment Evaluation



Eligibility Requirements

Funds will be available through a call for funding proposal process for non-profit organizations registered in Alberta, operating within Calgary city limits, and with proven record for effective program delivery. Proposal must demonstrate how projects will achieve:

- Enhanced social wellbeing of Calgarians
- Safer Communities
- Reduced Crime
- Reduced Harm

Funding Recommendations and Decision

Funding applications will be reviewed by Administration, in consultation with other community experts in funding for mental health, addiction and crime prevention. Final funding recommendations will be made by Administration and approved by appropriate signing authorities. Information about all funding allocations will be provided to Council by memo and will be posted on calgary.ca.