

Previous Council Direction, Background

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Calgary is uniquely positioned as a partnership between The City of Calgary and the Government of Alberta to provide preventive social programs to Calgarians experiencing vulnerabilities, in accordance with Council priorities. FCSS is governed at the provincial level by the FCSS Act and Regulation. The City of Calgary has participated in FCSS since the program's inception in 1966.

In 2006, Council directed the establishment of the FCSS Stabilization Reserve Fund. In 2016 Council approved a new FCSS Policy that outlined the City's commitment to providing a sustainable, long-term funding source for the preventive social service sector in Calgary. Council receives Administration's funding recommendations annually that seek allocations for up to three years, as well as access to the FCSS Stabilization Reserve to address emerging social issues and capacity-building initiatives.

Family and Community Support Services Council Directives

DATE	DIRECTION	DESCRIPTION
04/07/2003	2003 FCSS Funding Review, CPS2003-26 Combined Meeting of Council	Council directed the establishment of the FCSS Stabilization Reserve Fund to cover any shortfalls in case the FCSS allocation is less than expected in any given year, and to build the capacity of funded organizations as well as respond to emerging issues.
06/20/2016	Proposed Changes to the Council Policy for the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program, CPS2016-0397 Combined Meeting of Council	Council approved an updated policy for FCSS (CP2016-05), which streamlined how the FCSS program is administered in Calgary. Through this policy, Council committed to contributing 25 per cent of the overall FCSS Calgary budget.
12/17/2018	2019-2021 Family and Community Support Services Funding Recommendations, CPS2018-1100 Combined Meeting of Council	Council approved the recommended FCSS allocations of \$29.7 million for 2019, \$28.8 million for 2020 and \$28.8 million in 2021 and authorized Administration to access up to \$750,000 from the FCSS Stabilization Reserve in 2019 for the purpose of funding capacity-building initiatives and responses to emerging social issues.
12/16/2019	2020-2022 Family and Community Support Services Funding Recommendations, CPS2019-1286 Combined Meeting of Council	On 2019 December 16, Council approved the FCSS allocations of \$9.6 million for 2020, and commitment of \$8.8 million for 2021 and \$8.8 million in 2022; Authorized access of up to \$500,000 from the FCSS Stabilization Reserve in 2020 for the purpose of funding non-profit organizations for emerging social issues and capacity-building initiatives; and Received the FCSS Funding Framework for the corporate record, and approve social inclusion as the long-term goal for FCSS funding.