

# Background

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a unique funding partnership between The City of Calgary and the Government of Alberta to provide preventive social programs to enhance the lives of Calgarians experiencing vulnerabilities. Administration evaluates the impact of FCSS Calgary funded programs through standardized surveys on social inclusion and other reliable measurement tools. Participants in FCSS-funded programs complete these surveys and the results are analysed and communicated back to the organizations to improve the design and impact of their programs. This continuous cycle of data analysis and program delivery ensures that Calgarians are provided with evidence-based programs that meet their needs.

DATE	DIRECTION	DESCRIPTION
04/07/2003	Vision for Social Well-Being/Quality of Life and FCSS Funding Priorities Initiative, CPS2003-26 Combined Meeting of Council	Council directed the establishment of the FCSS Stabilization 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.
11/29/2019	Adjustments to One Calgary Service Plans and Budgets, November 12, 2019 (Continued November 25-29)	That Council Direct Administration to: 1. Perform a review of Family and Community Support Services, and Calgary Neighbourhoods' role in delivering Family and Community Support Services programs. 2. Report back to Council in conjunction with the annual Family and Community Support Services funding recommendations in 2021.
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 committed of \$8.8 million for 2021 and \$8.8 million in 2022. Council also authorized access of up to \$500,000 from the FCSS Stabilization Fund in 2020 for the purpose of funding non-profit organizations for emerging social issues and capacity-building initiatives; received the FCSS Funding Framework for the corporate record and approved social inclusion as the long-term goal for FCSS funding.
12/20/2021	2022 Family and Community Support Services Funding Recommendations, CD2021-1535 Combined Meeting of Council	On 2021 December 20, Council approved FCSS allocations of \$31.6M for 2022 and authorized Administration to access up to \$1M from the FCSS Stabilization Fund in 2022 for the purpose of funding non-profit organizations for capacity-building initiatives and responding to emerging social issues.