FCSS REGULATION – Program Definition

The FCSS program, as currently defined in the provincial Regulation which accompanies the FCSS Act[1], is defined as follows:

Responsibilities of municipality	2.	In providing for the establishment, administration and operation of a program, a municipality must do all of the following:

   a)   Promote and facilitate the development of stronger communities;

   b)   Promote public participation in planning, delivering and governing the program and services provided under the program;

   c)   Promote and facilitate the involvement of volunteers;

   d)   Promote efficient and effective use of resources;

   e)   Promote and facilitate co-operation and co-ordination with allied service agencies operating within the municipality

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Service Requirements	2.1	1) Services provided under a program must

   a)   Be of a preventive nature that enhances the social well being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity, and

   b)   Do one or more of the following:

      i.   Help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;

      ii.   Help people to develop an awareness of social needs;

      iii. Help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people;

      iv. Help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;

      v.   Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.

2)   Services provided under a program must not

   a)   Provide primarily for the recreation needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals.

   b)   Offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family.

   c)   Be primarily rehabilitative in nature, or

   d)   Duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.

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[1]   Alberta regulation 237/81, 241/88, 218/94, 102/97, 199/2003
      Family and Community Support Services
      Agreement Regulation