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Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program 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. The program has been provided in accordance with the provincial FCSS Act and Regulation (Attachments 3 and 4, respectively) along with The City's FCSS Policy (Attachment 5) and FCSS Funding Framework (Attachment 6) since 1966.

Through a joint partnership, the Government of Alberta funds a maximum of 80 per cent of the program cost and participating municipalities must contribute a minimum of 20 per cent. As per the FCSS Policy, The City contributes a minimum of 25 per cent to the FCSS Calgary Program, to strengthen support for the preventive social service sector in Calgary. On 2023 February 14, Council approved the 2023-2024 FCSS funding allocations, which included \$30.1M for nine months of funding in 2023 and \$40.1M for 12 months of funding in 2024.

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2/14/2023	CD2023-0004	<p>2023-2024 FCSS Funding Allocations</p> <p>Council adopted the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the recommended Family and Community Support Services allocations of \$30.1M for 2023 and \$40.1M for 2024; and 2. Authorize Administration to access up to \$750,000 from the Family and Community Support Services Stabilization Fund in 2023 to fund non-profit organizations for capacity-building initiatives and responding to emerging social issues.
09/22/2022	C2022-1051	<p>2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets</p> <p>On 2022 November 25, Council approved and adopted the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets, including \$2 million over 2023-2026 to Family & Community Support Services to offset the operating cost increase of 5% based on population and inflation (for The City of Calgary proportion of funding).</p>
6/20/2016	CPS2016-0036	<p>2016-2018 FCSS Funding Allocations as a response to the Government of Alberta's FCSS funding increase</p>

		<p>Council adopted the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the funding allocations of \$2.1 million to 72 organizations, using funds from the FCSS Stabilization Fund; 2. Approve the 2016-2018 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding allocations of \$77.7 million (\$27.1 million to 74 organizations in 2016; \$25.4 million to 54 organizations in 2017 and \$25.2 million to 47 organizations in 2018); and 3. For the purpose of funding non-profit organizations for one-time capacity building and emerging issues, authorize Administration to access up to \$500,000 from the FCSS Stabilization Fund in 2016.
4/7/2003	CPS2003-26	<p>2003 FCSS Funding Review</p> <p>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.</p>

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Family and Community Support Services Policy (CPS2016-05)

The Family and Community Support Services Policy was approved on 2016 June 20 which indicates that City Council will approve or amend FCSS Funding Priorities, funding recommendations and policy directions.

Family and Community Support Services Funding Framework (CPS2019-1286)

The Family and Community Support Services Funding Framework was adopted by Council on 2019 December 16 which guides FCSS Calgary funding allocations investing in social inclusion.

Social Wellbeing Policy (CP2019-01)

The Social Wellbeing Policy was approved on 2019 April 8 states that The City will advance processes and mechanisms to identify emerging social needs of Calgarians and develop response plans that may be put in place with appropriate partners and Services.

Investing in Partnership Policy (CP2017-01)

The Investing in Partnership Policy includes that the Office of Partnerships will annually report the investment in and benefits of partnering, to demonstrate accountability and transparency.