

**Excerpts from
Family and Community Support Services Act and Regulation**

Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000
Chapter F-3

Powers of municipalities

2 A municipality may

- (a) provide for the establishment, administration and operation of a family and community support services program within the municipality, and
- (b) enter into agreements with other municipalities to provide for the establishment, administration and operation of joint family and community support services programs.

1981 cF-1.1 s2

Agreements

- 3 (1)** Subject to subsection (4), the Minister may enter into agreements with municipalities for the establishment, administration and operation of programs.
- (3)** Where, pursuant to an agreement mentioned in subsection (1) or (2), a municipality provides for the establishment, administration and operation of a program in a manner that is satisfactory to the Minister, the Minister may pay the municipality an amount not exceeding 80% of the costs of the program.

1981 cF-1.1 s3

Advances to municipalities

- 4** Where a municipality provides for the establishment, administration and operation of a program pursuant to an agreement made under section 3(1) or (2), the Minister may make advance payments to the municipality in respect of the cost of the program, and those advance payments shall be deducted from any money that is to be paid pursuant to section 3.

1981 cF-1.1 s4

Examination of books and records

- 5** Where a municipality provides for the establishment, administration and operation of a program pursuant to an agreement made under section 3(1) or (2), the Minister may, after consultation with the municipality, direct any person to examine the books, records and other documents of the municipality that relate to the program, and for that purpose the books, records and other documents may be removed temporarily to make copies.

1981 cF-1.1 s5

Audited financial statements

- 6 (1)** A municipality receiving a payment under section 3 shall prepare and submit to the Minister an audited financial statement in respect of the program and any other information that the Minister may require when so directed by the Minister.
- (2)** Where the audited financial statement shows that there are unexpended funds from the payments made by the Minister under section 3 or 4, the Minister may
- (a) apply the unexpended funds to any payment made by the Minister pursuant to a further agreement with the municipality under section 3 respecting a program, or
 - (b) require the municipality to refund the unexpended funds to the Minister.

1981 cF-1.1 s6

Alberta Regulation 218/1994

- 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

AR 218/94 s2,102/97; 199/2003

- 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;
 - (ii.) 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 recreational 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.

AR 102/97 s2, 199/2003