

CITY OF AIRDRIE  
COUNCIL POLICY  
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

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**PURPOSE:**

The City of Airdrie (“the City”) continues its partnership with the Province of Alberta to deliver the Family & Community Support Services (“FCSS”) Program, for the purpose of developing the social well-being of the community.

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- authorize the City’s participation in the FCSS Program under the provision of the *Family & Community Support Services Act* to fund or provide locally-driven Preventive Social Programs and initiatives;
- serve as a guiding document for procedures; and
- delineate the roles of City Council, the Community Services Advisory Board (“CSAB”) and City staff who administer the FCSS Program (“Administration”).

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to City Council, CSAB and Administration.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**FCSS Board:** The board appointed by City Council to oversee the FCSS Program.

**FCSS Program:** The development and/or delivery of preventive social services funded in a cost-sharing agreement with the Province of Alberta under the terms and conditions of the *Family & Community Support Services Act* and Regulation.

**Preventive Social Program:** A program that supports individuals, families, or communities in achieving social well-being, and prevents the development of social problems at the earliest opportunity.

**Social Well-Being:** A state of positive social relationships in a community. This state is characterized by social acceptance (a willingness to respect difference in others), social contribution (a desire to give back to society), social inclusion (a sense of belonging), social support (close relationships with others), and social capital (the means, knowledge, and relationships required to access resources).

**POLICY:**

The City of Airdrie will participate in the FCSS Program.

**City Council will:**

- a) authorize agreements between the City of Airdrie and the Province of Alberta;
- b) authorize the CSAB to act as an FCSS Board;
- c) approve annual budgets for FCSS, contributing a minimum of twenty per cent of the costs based on the 80/20 funding criteria of the FCSS Program;
- d) approve City policy governing FCSS; and
- e) set the social priorities for FCSS in consideration to information provided by Administration.

**Community Services Advisory Board will:**

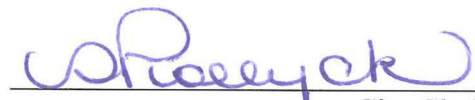
- a) for the purposes of FCSS funding decisions, act as the FCSS Board; and
- b) make funding decisions in consideration to the social priorities set by Council and based on the recommendations by Administration for the allocation of FCSS funding, within the annual budget.

**Administration will:**

- a) oversee agreements with the Province of Alberta;
- b) oversee agreements with organizations for the delivery of Preventive Social Programs;
- c) inform the FCSS Board of the process used to make recommendations on funding allocations;
- d) oversee evaluation and reporting to the Province of Alberta;
- e) provide information to Council on the current social condition and community's values;
- f) provide recommendations on FCSS funding allocation to the FCSS Board based on the social priorities set by Council; and
- g) evaluate funded programs to ensure alignment with the Social Well-Being of the community.



Mayor



City Clerk