

FCSS PROGRAM OPTIONS

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The following are services that a Family and Community Support Services Program may offer in the community. This list is intended as a guideline only.

- 1. Services that promote the social development of children and their families, including:**
 - a. parent-child development activities
 - b. temporary or occasional parent relief services, and
 - c. support services for young school age children;

- 2. Services that enrich and strengthen family life by developing skills in people to function more effectively within their own environment, including;**
 - a. parenting and family life education and development programs,
 - b. marriage enrichment,
 - c. retirement planning,
 - d. programs for single adults and single parents,
 - e. courses designed to enhance self-awareness and personal growth,
 - f. individual, family and group counselling services that are educational and not treatment oriented,
 - g. youth development services

- 3. Services that enhance the quality of life of the retired and semi-retired, including;**
 - a. home support services
 - b. education and information services,
 - c. outreach and co-ordination services,
 - d. self-help socialization activities

- 4. Services designed to promote, encourage and support volunteer work in the community including;**
 - a. recruitment, training and placement services,
 - b. resources to support volunteers,
 - c. co-ordination of volunteer services

- 5. Services designed to inform the public of available services including;**
 - a. information and referral services,
 - b. community information directories
 - c. newcomer services,
 - d. interagency co-ordination

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Identification of Eligible and Non Eligible Projects

Section 2 of the Conditional Agreement Regulation (Alberta Regulation 218/94) provides direction for program funding. It states that:

In providing for the establishment, administration and operation of a program, a municipality must:

- a. promote, encourage and facilitate the involvement of volunteers,
- b. promote efficient and effective use of resources,
- c. encourage and facilitate co-operation and co-ordination with allied services agencies operating within the municipality,
- d. promote, encourage and facilitate the development of stronger communities, and
- e. promote citizen participation in planning, delivery and governance of the program and of services provided under the program.

Section 2 further states that:

- 1. Services provided under a program must**
 - a. be of 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:
 1. help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistance to crisis;
 2. help people to develop an awareness of social needs;
 3. help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people;
 4. help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;
 5. 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 financial assistance 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.

Alberta Family and Social Services identified projects that although essentials to the community, do not fall under the FCSS mandate. **These projects were deemed non-eligible by the Province under the FCSS program.**

1. **Day Care** – A legislated provincial day care program exists within Alberta Family and Social Services which provides operating grants. Section 2.1(2) (d) of the Conditional Agreement Regulation states: “Services provided under a program must not duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.”
2. **Food Banks** – These projects “offer direct financial assistance to sustain an individual or family”, as stated in Section 2.1(2) (b) of the Conditional Agreement Regulation.
3. **Clothing Depots / Thrift Shops** – These projects “offer direct financial assistance to sustain an individual or family”, as stated in Section 2.1(2) (b) of the Conditional Agreement Regulation.
4. **Christmas Hampers / Santa’s Anonymous** – These projects are not considered preventative and can conceivably be achieved through the use of volunteers and / or volunteer agencies.
5. **Literacy / Adult Tutoring** – These are eligible for funding through the Department of Advanced Education and are under the mandate of Continuing Education Councils. They are a duplication of services as stated in Section 2.1 (2) (d) of the Conditional Agreement Regulation.

Projects listed below contain both eligible and non-eligible components. Only eligible components will be cost shared.

6. **Quest** – This is a school based program. To avoid any duplication of services, FCSS may cost share volunteer support components only, i.e. training of volunteers. FCSS will not cost share teacher training, resource materials or equipment.
7. **RCMP Victim Assistance Program (VAP)** – There is potential for duplication considering that these projects fall within the authority of police services. Funding for VAP staff (i.e. coordinator) is available through other sources and is not considered eligible. FCSS may cost share volunteer training, public education and advertising expenses.
8. **Collective Kitchens** – FCSS will not cost share the purchase of any food associated with this project. Support components (i.e. advertising, facility rent) can be cost shared. Conceivably, this program can be achieved through the use of volunteers and/or volunteer agencies and non funded assistance through FCSS.