



Town of Morinville Family & Community Support Services
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Purpose:

Morinville Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a partnership between the Province of Alberta and the Town of Morinville. FCSS develops, and/or partners on locally driven preventative social initiatives to enhance the well being of individuals and families in our community. This is achieved through the provision of: FCSS organized workshops and initiatives, partnering with other groups and agencies, and through the funding of certain projects.

Governance:

Morinville FCSS is governed by the Morinville FCSS Advisory Board. The group reviews and recommends approval of all grant applications.

Grant Application Deadline:

The deadlines for grant applications are May 31 and November 30 of each year.

Who May Apply for Morinville FCSS Funding?

Eligible applicants must offer their project specifically to Morinville residents only with these funds. Applicants include:

1. Community not-for-profit groups
2. Agencies or groups offering preventative programs
3. Societies

Services and Program Options:

The following is a list of community services and programs that may be supported through FCSS funding. This list is intended as a guideline only.

- **Services that promote the social development of children and their families, including:**
 - ✓ parent-child development activities
 - ✓ temporary or occasional parent relief services
 - ✓ support services for young school age children
- **Services that enrich and strengthen family life by developing skills in people to function more effectively within their own environment, including:**
 - ✓ parenting and family life education and development programs
 - ✓ marriage enrichment
 - ✓ retirement planning
 - ✓ programs for single adults and single parents
 - ✓ courses designed to enhance self-awareness and personal growth

- ✓ individual, family and group counseling services that are educational and not treatment oriented
- ✓ youth development services
- **Services that enhance the quality of life of the retired and semi-retired, including:**
 - ✓ home support services
 - ✓ education and information services
 - ✓ outreach and coordination services
 - ✓ self-help socialization activities
- **Services designed to promote, encourage and support volunteer work in the community, including:**
 - ✓ recruitment, training and placement services
 - ✓ resources to support volunteers
 - ✓ coordination of volunteer services
- **Services designed to inform the public of available services, including:**
 - ✓ information and referral services
 - ✓ community information directories
 - ✓ newcomer services
 - ✓ interagency coordination

Grant Application Eligibility Criteria

Services provided under a program MUST:

- Be of preventative nature that enhances the social well-being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity, and
- **do one or more** of the following:
 - ✓ help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;
 - ✓ help people to develop an awareness of social needs;
 - ✓ help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people;
 - ✓ help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;
 - ✓ provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community

Services provided under a program MUST NOT:

- ✓ provide primarily for the recreation needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals,
- ✓ offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family,

- ✓ be primarily rehabilitative in nature, or
- ✓ duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency

Expenditures of the program SHALL NOT INCLUDE:

- ✓ the purchase of land or buildings,
- ✓ the construction or renovation of a building,
- ✓ the purchase of motor vehicles,
- ✓ any costs required to sustain an organization that do not relate to direct service delivery under the program,
- ✓ municipal property taxes and levies, or
- ✓ any payments to a member of a board or committee other than reimbursement of incidental expenses necessarily incurred in providing volunteer services to the program.

FCSS can provide two types of grants:

- **Special Project Grants:** These grants are for one time only projects that do not require ongoing funding. They provide an opportunity for special projects that are not part of an organization's normal budgeted operations.
- **Operational Grants:** These grants are for funding the operational costs of an ongoing program. Funding will be reviewed annually. They provide sustainability and stability of programs that have demonstrated worth in the community.

Grant Application Process:

1. Complete a FCSS Grant Application Form with a projected budget and submit all necessary documentation.
2. The Morinville FCSS Advisory Board reviews the applications and approves, declines or modifies the funding amount requested or may choose to “defer the decision” pending the need for additional information.
3. The Community Services Department notifies the Applicant in writing of the decision with all necessary details.
4. Comply with the FCSS grant terms and conditions, utilizing funds only for the purposes outlined in the grant application.
5. Submit a report to FCSS at project completion that includes financial reporting of the project.
6. Return unused funds to Town of Morinville, or provide a report on the projected use of those funds for approval of the FCSS Board
7. Provide informal reports at the request of the FCSS program
8. Acknowledge the contribution of the FCSS grant to the larger community.

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