

Grant Overview

In May 2022, Edmonton's City Council approved the [Community Safety and Well-Being \(CSWB\) Strategy](#) to address complex social issues such as racism, homelessness, safety and social exclusion. The Strategy is equity-based, founded on the principle that all Edmontonians benefit when more people in our city feel safe and included.

In 2023, a one-time total of \$2.668M has been allocated for the CSWB Early Intervention and Intervention Grant. The focus for the 2023 grant is early intervention and intervention programming. The development of the grant is based on feedback received from community partners at a CSWB Strategy Gathering in June 2023, where priorities were identified that the City can invest in to address ongoing gaps/challenges in early intervention and intervention programming.

Grant Priorities

- Early intervention and intervention programs advancing one or more of the following four pillars and its outcome: Safe and Inclusive Spaces, Well-Being, Pathways in and out of Poverty and Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention.
- Early intervention and intervention programs embrace the CSWB principles.

Early Intervention and Intervention Definitions

Early intervention and intervention can be defined in different ways, depending on the nature of the program area.

Early intervention projects/programs focus on addressing issues at an early stage before more intensive support is required.

Intervention projects/programs address immediate needs by providing support or treatment to those already affected by a problem or issue, to stop the issue from worsening.

CSWB Pillars And Outcomes

The Early Intervention/Intervention Grant focuses on project/programs that impact one or more of the following four CSWB pillars and long term outcomes:

Safe and Inclusive Spaces: Communities are supported and empowered to lead the

cultivation and sustainment of safe, inclusive, vibrant, sustainable and resilient spaces.

Pathways in and out of poverty: Edmontonians have the economic, social and cultural resources to have a quality of life that sustains and facilitates full and meaningful participation in the community.

Crime prevention and crisis intervention: All people feel safe and secure throughout the city because crime has been reduced through community-collaboration and culturally appropriate approaches.

Well-being: Edmontonians have the capacity and opportunity to pursue experiences of connection to self, body, land, arts and culture, community, human development and spirit.

CSWB Principles

Community-led: The project/program is led by community organizations. It may involve collaboration between partners to ensure integration across systems.

Data-informed: The project/program is informed by research, analysis, knowledge and insights from Indigenous, Eastern, Western, and Interdisciplinary perspectives. Measurement and learnings will inform how to adapt and evolve the work.

Equity-based: The project/program will incorporate a GBA+ approach to remove systemic barriers.

Person-centered: The project/program will create a sense of connection that will empower and uplift individuals.

Trauma-informed: The project/program will create changes in alignment with the TRC, anti-racism and trauma-informed work to strengthen resilience among Edmontonians and their families.

Eligibility

Applicant:

To be eligible for the CSWB Grant, the applicant is one of the following:

- Non-profit organization registered for at least one-year and in good standing with the incorporating body (Alberta Society, Non-profit Private Company, Non-Profit Public Company, Extra Provincial Non-profit Company);
- Local grassroots group or interested individual that has a fiscal agent that meets one of the above eligible categories. (If the applicant is awarded funding through this grant program, the fiscal agent must agree to act on the applicant's behalf to sign a funding agreement with the City and to receive, administer and report on the grant).

Organizations/fiscal agents must be based in Edmonton and serve Edmontonians.

Applicants currently receiving other City grants or funding must be in good standing with the City in terms of reporting requirements.

Projects/Programs:

A project/program already receiving City funding is not eligible for this grant.

Eligible Expenses

Examples of eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Staffing costs specific to the initiative
- Honourariums
- Program/project material and supplies
- Printing and communications
- Training expenses
- Travel expenses, within Edmonton
- Evaluation expenses
- Other administrative costs associated with the project/program (should not exceed 15% of the total project cost)
- Short-term rental of space for projects/programs

Ineligible Expenses

Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Time and labour provided towards preparation of funding applications, fundraising including costs for fundraising campaigns and websites for fundraising purposes
- Endowments, charitable donations, bursaries, developing business cases or proposals for funding, donor recognition, gifts (with the exception of gifts for Indigenous protocols)
- Project expenses that are incurred before the application has been received
- Capital and facility upgrades, renovations and construction
- Debt reduction, financing charges and/or interest payments on loans
- Direct government lobbying or partisan political activities (such as activities related to advocacy must demonstrate non-partisan approaches)

Funding Requests

This is one-time funding. The minimum amount of funding that can be requested is \$25,000. Applicants are encouraged to consider the amount needed to support the program based on the program budget (eligible expenses and other funding sources). Programs must be completed within 2 years of receiving approval.

Grant Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- *Program meets the definition of Early Intervention or Intervention and is addressing one or more of the 4 CSWB Pillars, Outcomes and Principles.*
- *The project/program serves equity-deserving communities and/or incorporates an equity-based approach.*
- *Demonstrate Project Need and Benefit to the Community, including how this program/project will address existing gaps in the sector.*
- *Project Viability and Financial Feasibility - a clear plan with timelines, activities, resourcing and readiness to implement exists. A complete and balanced budget exists.*
- *Evaluation Plan.*

Grant Timelines

January 24 - Application deadline

January 25 - February 29 - Application review

End of March 2024 - Applicants will be notified of funding decisions

Applicants approved for funding will be required to sign a funding agreement with the City before funding will be provided.

Reporting

Successful applicants and any identified partners will be responsible for reporting on the progress of their work, including:

- A financial report detailing grant expenditures
- Project activities and outcomes achieved

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 11:59 pm.

No late or incomplete submissions will be accepted.

The following required documents must be attached with the on-line Application. If you are using a fiscal agent please include their documents:

- Project Budget Form (link in application)
- Most recent audited year-end financial statements, signed by 2 Board members OR
- Most recent internally generated financial statements (those that are not presented either as a notice to reader, a review or an audit) signed by 2 Board members and must include a bank reconciliation and bank statement as at the fiscal year-end

For more information about the CSWB Grant contact: Grants@edmonton.ca