



2023-24 Community Safety and Well-being Collaboration Grant Recipients

Edmonton

Collaboration Stream			
CSWB Pillar	Name of Organization	Project & Description	Funding Amount
Pathways in and out of poverty	Bissell Centre and Boyle Street Communities Services	<p>The Transformation Project:</p> <p>Bissell Centre and Boyle Street Communities Services are known for providing human-centered, trauma-informed supports to hundreds of community members every single day. Outdated colonial/industrial approaches focused on poverty relief rather than elimination do not create the change community members are seeking. The Transformation Project will amplify underrepresented voices at the governance and operational level as a first step towards impactful, systemic change.</p>	\$250,000
Safe and Inclusive Spaces	Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council	<p>Community-led Research and Inclusion of Seniors through Policy (CRISP):</p> <p>The CRISP project will engage with diverse older adults aged 55+, community-based seniors serving organizations, and program funders to help inform, co-develop and co-implement equitable policies, procedures, standards and/or guidelines for the inclusion of the full diversity of seniors and their well-being across the seniors sector in Edmonton and area.</p>	\$250,000
Reconciliation	Ever Active Schools	<p>Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program Supporting Urban Indigenous Youth in Edmonton:</p> <p>Youth are experiencing challenges with social isolation, lacking engagement with school, and with their mental and physical health. With a specific focus on youth living off-reserve in Edmonton, the Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program will actively seek to engage Indigenous youth in meaningful ways, ensuring their perspectives shape the initiative and contribute to tailored, culturally responsive solutions, such as positive after school activities that connect to building resilience and focus on well-being.</p>	\$210,000
Pathways in and out of poverty	Family Futures Resource Network Society	<p>The Mill Woods Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families:</p> <p>Family Futures Resource Network, The Family Centre, and Boys and Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area were approached to support growing safety concerns at the Mill Woods Recreation Centre, which included many incidents involving youth. To achieve lasting successful change, a deeper understanding of the particular challenges</p>	\$250,000

		<p>facing Mill Woods children, youth, and families was needed to develop a community intervention strategy that effectively addresses and meets the needs. The collective experience of the collaborative partners will ensure a strategy is created that responds to the multiple intersecting barriers faced by community members.</p>	
Pathways in and out of poverty	John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights	<p>Creating A Collaboration Framework that Unites, Aligns, and Optimizes the Food Security and Food Justice Ecosystem of Edmonton:</p> <p>The increasing urgency and demand for secure food is being felt by all non-profit organizations and social service agencies in Edmonton. In Edmonton's 2023 Vital Signs Report, the issue of food insecurity is clear: food insecurity is on the rise in Alberta, income is not keeping up with increasing food prices, food insecurity disproportionately affects Indigenous, black, immigrant and vulnerable populations, and in 2022, 37.1% of food bank users were children. The issue is complex, systemic, and rooted in the reality of poverty. We must take a more informed and collective approach to identify and resolve core issues. This collaboration is intended to focus on long-term solutions.</p>	\$250,000
Safe and Inclusive Spaces	Sisters Dialogue	<p>Amanah - A Safer Space Pilot:</p> <p>The need for this pilot was determined through an analysis of responses from a targeted survey and outcomes of focus groups with Muslim women and girls. This approach identified specific issues and gaps in programs and services that cater to their well-being. This project aims to develop a collaborative model in which Muslim women and girls can safely anchor themselves in community through art, theatre, and various healing methodologies to not only to fill existing service gaps, but also to pioneer new ways of fostering emotional and physical well-being for all equity-seeking communities.</p>	\$250,000
Well-being	Y.E.S.S.: Youth Emergency Shelter Society of Edmonton	<p>Youth Agency Collaborative Youth Well-being Continuum of Care Implementation Project:</p> <p>In 2018, the Youth Agency Collaboration (YAC) project began as a desire among five major youth-serving non-profit agencies in Edmonton to create a city-wide, collaborative strategy for the prevention of youth homelessness. Since then, interest in YAC has grown as the demand for services has increased and the need for collaborative delivery of services to youth in crisis has grown. Over the past two years, with the support of consultants with extensive experience in strategic planning and performance measurement, YAC has continued to "fine-tune" its strategy and is now at the point where it is ready to implement the framework of the Road Map for the Prevention of Youth Homelessness and demonstrate its value to youth in need.</p>	\$249,600