

Airdrie FCSS Application Assessment Summary



This page summarizes the process Airdrie FCSS uses to allocate funding, with a focus on funding priorities and theory of change.

Step 1

First, all applications must meet the following requirements.

FCSS Regulation:

- Agency is a registered non-profit society or has a non-profit fiscal agent;
- Program provides service mostly to Airdrie residents; and
- Program is eligible for funding under the FCSS Regulation (does one or more of the following activities):
 - Helps people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;
 - Helps people to develop an awareness of social needs;
 - Helps people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships;
 - Helps people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;
 - Provides supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community

Prevention approach:

- Program is of a preventive nature (it supports individuals, families, or communities in strengthening social well-being, and prevents the development of social problems at the earliest opportunity,) and:
- Fits into one of the following:
 - **Universal prevention** – is intended to delay or prevent the onset of a problem, targets the entire population, assuming all share the same general risk and does not assess individual risk;
 - **Selective prevention** – is intended to delay or prevent the onset of a problem, however it does so by targeting a subgroup identified as having a number of characteristics that will significantly increase the subgroup's risk of problems. Selective prevention programs address specific subgroup risk factors; or
 - **Indicated prevention** – slows or stops the progression of problems by targeting high-risk individuals who are identified as having minimal but detectable signs or symptoms.

Step 2

Programs that meet the requirements in Step 1 are then assessed according to the following criteria.

Priority Areas and Strategies

- Program outcomes and activities are clear and align under Airdrie FCSS' Priority Areas and Strategies.

Program Design – Theory of Change

- The Theory of Change is clear, has an evidence-based rationale and needs statement, and logically connects activities and processes to program goals.

Program Budget:

- Budget is clear and generally reflects the priorities of the program, and
- Program and administrative costs are reasonable.

Organizational Capacity

- Organizational capacity is sufficient to run the program successfully. Board and leadership strength, financial sustainability, partnerships and sector leadership may be considered.