

Family and Community Services Funding Expenditures 2016**Report Purpose**

To seek Council's approval for the expenditure of additional grant funds received after budget approval.

Recommendation

THAT an additional operating expenditure of \$343,817 funded from provincial grants, including \$180,156 in additional 2016 FCSS Grant funding and \$163,661 from the 2016 Provincial Family and Community Safety Grant as outlined in Enclosures 1 and 2, be approved.

Council History

December 8, 2015 – Council approved the County budget including the Family and Community Services department net allocation of \$3,215,165.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas**Economy:**

Additional funding will be used to strengthen the social well-being of the community and reduce potential impact of the current economic downturn through the provisions of services directed toward mental health, family violence, affordable housing and social inclusion initiatives.

Governance: N/A**Social:**

New proposed program areas would provide specialized services for priority social issues in the community which target vulnerable and socially excluded populations and promote community building and community connecting initiatives. It expands family violence initiatives by developing strategies and working with boys in family violence situations.

Culture: N/A**Environment: N/A****Other Impacts****Policy:**

Council approval is required for unbudgeted expenditures under Policy GOV-001-024.

Legislative/Legal: N/A**Interdepartmental: N/A****Summary**

Increased funding through the FCSS Grant allows for increased focus on priority areas in the community including mental health issues, increasing community connections and social inclusion and enhancing services to vulnerable populations, especially low income and refugees.

Funding received through the Community Safety Grant will be used to engage men and boys in the prevention and intervention of family violence, working with men with abusive behavior and building community awareness of the impact of family violence.

Enclosure

- 1 FCSS Grant
- 2 Community and Family Safety Grant