

The FCSS Grant increase for 2016, announced in November 2015 will result in Family and Community Services receiving an additional \$230,156 in provincial funding for the time period April 1 to December 31, 2016. This funding is Strathcona County's portion of the \$15 million dollars announced in the Provincial budget. Because of the timing, these dollars are unbudgeted. An additional retroactive payment of \$172,617 will be paid for the period of April 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Strathcona County's share of the \$10 million increase previously announced is \$168,496 and was budgeted for and approved as part of the 2016 budget.

The FCSS Grant requires a minimum 20% municipal contribution. The municipal net allocation in 2016 of \$3,215,165 meets the 20% required without additional tax dollars.

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| 2015 FCS Grant prior to increases  | \$1,684,955                       |   |
| January – December, 2016, annualized impact of our share of \$10M increase | \$168,496                         | 2016 approved FCS department budget               |
| Annualized impact of share of \$15M increase                               | \$180,156<br>50,000<br>\$ 230,156 | As per this request<br><u>Unbudgeted</u><br>Total |
| 2016 FCSS Grant, with annualized increases                                 | \$2,083,607                       |   |
| Retroactive payment for Apr 1- Dec. 31, 2015 on share of \$15M increase    | \$172,617                         | Unbudgeted 2015 year end surplus                  |

Planned expenditures for the unbudgeted grant are as follows:

**1. Crisis Social Response Worker – RCMP (1.0 FTE, start date of June 1, 2016 - \$70,903)**

This project is a collaborative partnership between the Strathcona County RCMP and Family and Community Services to respond to crisis calls received by the RCMP, dealing with mental health issues, family violence and serious addictions issues. The RCMP is typically the first point of contact as the only mobile, 24-hour social service response available in the community. It is intended that this position assist the police in cases requiring this type of expertise in order to begin the crisis-resolution process and make arrangements for ongoing support from community agencies, extended family and other resources as appropriate. They would provide officers with feedback, interventions and training.

**2. Social Inclusion/Neighborhood Connector Worker (1.0 FTE, start date of June 1, 2016 - \$59,253)**

This position would work with community to build capacity through development of neighborhood connections. This includes identification of barriers to social inclusion and development of community actions/ programs to facilitate the connections of

socially isolated populations. This includes refugees, immigrants and low income persons and others. They would initiate strategies with diverse individuals and groups to facilitate the development of social networks. Residents and community groups would be engaged in identifying and building understanding of community social issues and in the planning, development and evaluation of community actions/programs/supports to meet these needs.

### **3. Neighborhood Small Grants (\$50,000)**

Provision of \$50,000 in small grants for projects started and completed by local residents that build community and strengthen connections where people live. They would meet the following goals:

- connect and engage neighborhood residents
- share resident's skills and knowledge within the community
- build sense of ownership and pride while increasing social inclusion
- respect and celebrate diversity

Applications for funding will be reviewed by the Family and Community Service Advisory Committee. This program would be created to build a sense of connection and belonging which increases engagement in activities that make the community a better place to live. The combined effects of many small projects over time create connections and momentum that can have a lasting positive impact.