

Family Resource Network Update**Report Purpose**

To provide an update on the grant funding changes for the Family Resource Network.

Recommendation

THAT a change in scope in the Family and Community Services operational programs, in accordance with the conditions of the Family Resource Network grant of \$900,000, be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

Goal 8 - Foster an environment for safe communities

Report

In November 2019, Family and Community Services (FCS) received termination notice for all early childhood grants effective March 31, 2020. This represents approximately a \$800,000 revenue reduction for FCS. During the same month, Family and Community Services received notice of an expression of interest for Family Resource Network (FRN) grant opportunity. Family and Community Services submitted a proposal to operate as a Family Resource Network Hub in January.

Final details of the grant agreement are being communicated by the province and will be finalized in the amount of \$900,000 to become the Family Resource Network Hub for Strathcona County. Service delivery for this grant begins April 1, 2020.

This new model includes a broader age group than the former early childhood grants, now supporting children and families aged 0-18 years. Additionally, there is a focus on prevention of intervention services, accountability functions and relationship between hub and spoke organizations. The hub is responsible for direct service delivery and the coordination of service delivery across the continuum, including implementing standards of practice and ongoing monitoring and evaluation of both hub and spoke activities. The spokes are responsible for providing services, supports, and programming that children, youth, and families can access through the hub.

Council and Committee History

February 11, 2020 Priorities Committee received an update on the status of the Family Resource Network expression of interest application.

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Legislative/Legal: Grant Contract Review and Execution

Interdepartmental: N/A

Master Plan/Framework: Strathcona County Social Framework

Communication Plan

A media release will follow the provincial announcement in accordance with the Communication Plan.