

Current and Forecasted Demands on the Strathcona County Social Framework Community Grants Program in 2022

Strathcona County Council
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Motion

- THAT administration conduct an analysis of current and forecasted demands on the Social Framework Community Grants program and report to Council by the end of Q2.

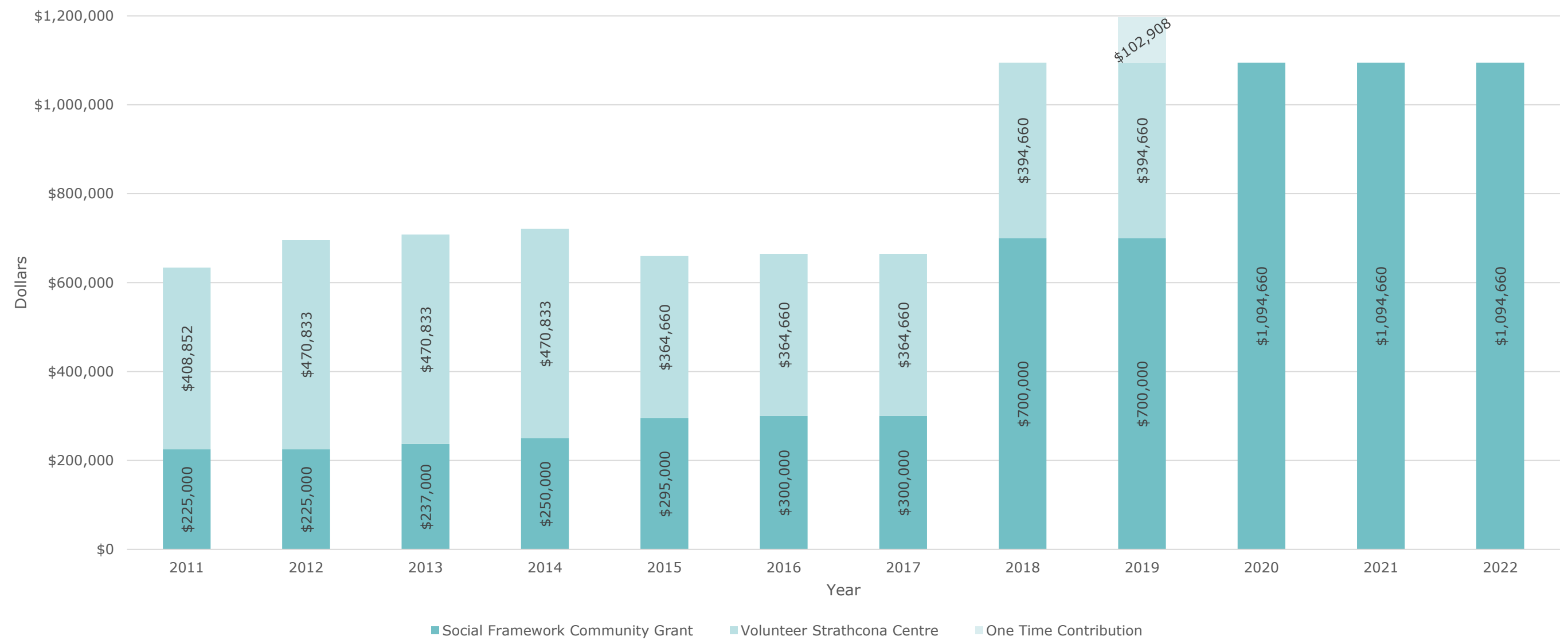
Grants Program Overview

- Policy revised in 2018 to align with Social Framework
- Grant streams considered in this assessment:
 - Core
 - Collaboration

Approach

- Guided conversations with current grant recipient organizations
- Review provincial and national context
- Review results from ongoing Community Safety and Well-being public engagement
- Review findings with Social Framework Community Grants Advisory Committee
- Review findings and potential approaches with Financial and Strategic Services

Grants Overview



Findings

- **Service Levels**
 - Increasing amount
 - Increasing acuity
- **Operations**
 - Staffing (compassion fatigue, recruitment and turn-over, professional development)
 - Cost of doing business (inflation, transportation)
- **Governance**
 - Consistent support from Boards
 - Executive directors are under pressure
- **Strategy**
 - No evidence of changing mandates
- **Funding**
 - Importance of operating funding to leverage program funding
 - Limited revenue options

Findings

- Growing and emerging needs
 - Mental health, sexual harassment of girls and young women
- Collaboration
 - Takes time to build
 - Was limited during the pandemic
- Regional networks and context
 - Effectiveness
 - Complexity

Approved in principle

Organization	2022	2023	2024
2022 New Recommendations			
Linking Generations Society of Alberta (Core)	\$39,934	\$50,000	
Strathcona Shelter Society: A Safe Place (Core)	\$25,934		
Hope in Strathcona: A Post Recovery Home Association (Core)	\$54,934	\$55,000	\$55,000
Linking Generations Society of Alberta (Collaboration)	\$11,934	\$14,000	\$14,000
Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area (Collaboration)	\$14,934	\$21,800	
Sub-Total	\$147,670	\$140,800	\$69,000
2022 and 2023 Multi-Year Commitments			
The altView Foundation for Gender Variant and Sexual Minorities (Core)	\$124,000		
Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area (Core)	\$80,000	\$80,000	
BGC Strathcona County (Core)	\$90,000		
BGC Strathcona County (Collaboration)	\$80,000	\$80,000	
BriarPatch Family Life Education Centre (Core)	\$10,000		
Drive Happiness Seniors Association (Core)	\$12,990	\$12,990	
Parents Empowering Parents Society (PEP) (Core)	\$50,000		
Robin Hood Association (Core)	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Saffron Centre Ltd (Core)	\$150,000		
Strathcona Youth Justice Committee (Core)	\$25,000		
Volunteer Strathcona Centre (Core)	\$295,000		
Sub-Total	\$946,990	\$202,990	
Total	\$1,094,660	\$343,790	\$69,000
Available	\$1,094,660	\$1,094,660	\$1,094,660
Balance	\$0	\$750,870	\$1,025,660

Forecasted demands

- In past years, requests have exceeded available dollars by at least \$90,000
- If all agencies whose grants end this year request the same amount next year, the grants will be oversubscribed
- Agencies are committed to serving County residents with currently available dollars, and value operating dollars that allow them to leverage additional funding
- To meet the demands expressed in this assessment, agencies indicated, if they were to apply for this grant today, their applications would amount to \$275,000 in excess of the current budget

Potential budget implications



QUESTIONS