

AIRDRIE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (AIRDRIE FCSS)

2026-2028 Funding Strategy (At a Glance)



AIRDRIE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Airdrie Family and Community Support Services (Airdrie FCSS) enhances the well-being of individuals, families, and the community, aiming to improve quality of life and build capacity for crisis prevention and management.

Reporting to the Province of Alberta under the 80/20 partnership through the Accountability Framework, Airdrie FCSS has recently revised its strategy to align to the framework's new direction.

NEW PROVINCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES (KPM)

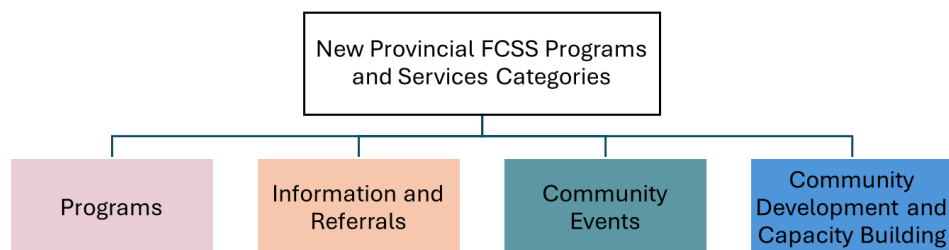
The new KPMs replace the former Provincial Outcomes Measures Bank and measure the performance on thirteen key indicators. The indicators focus on a range of outputs, survey-based indicators, and publicly available data. The Province will require three survey-based KPMs from the new the list of “Provincial Prevention Strategies” through the new Provincially Reported Measures.

The other 10 KPMs will be:

- Number of times Albertans participated in local FCSS programming - Count of Participants
- Provincial-level indicators related to provincial prevention priorities. - Publicly Available Data
- Number of referral services provided by local FCSS programs - Count of Referral Interactions
- Number and percentage of local FCSS programs that have completed a community needs assessment to inform their services - Count of Needs Assessment
- Number of programs funded through local FCSS programs [by delivery type (direct or indirect), population group, and priority and strategy] - Reported Program Details
- Amount and percentage of funding used by local FCSS programs [by delivery type (direct or indirect), population group, and priority and strategy] - Reported Program Details
- Number of community partnerships local FCSS programs have with other local FCSS programs, agencies, and/or organizations - Count of Community Partnerships
- Number of volunteers who supported local FCSS programs - Count of Volunteers
- Number of volunteer hours reported by local FCSS programs - Count of Volunteer Hours
- Total economic contribution of volunteers (in dollars) - Based on Minimum Wage

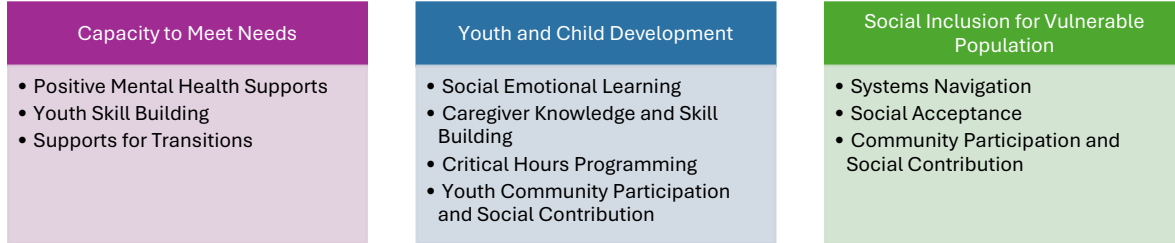
NEW PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CATEGORIES

The Province is introducing “Categories,” which will replace the Program Description free text field. The new Categories will allow a streamlined way to describe FCSS at the provincial level to show the impact and standardize data to tell the story at regional and municipal levels. The new FCSS Programs and Services structure:



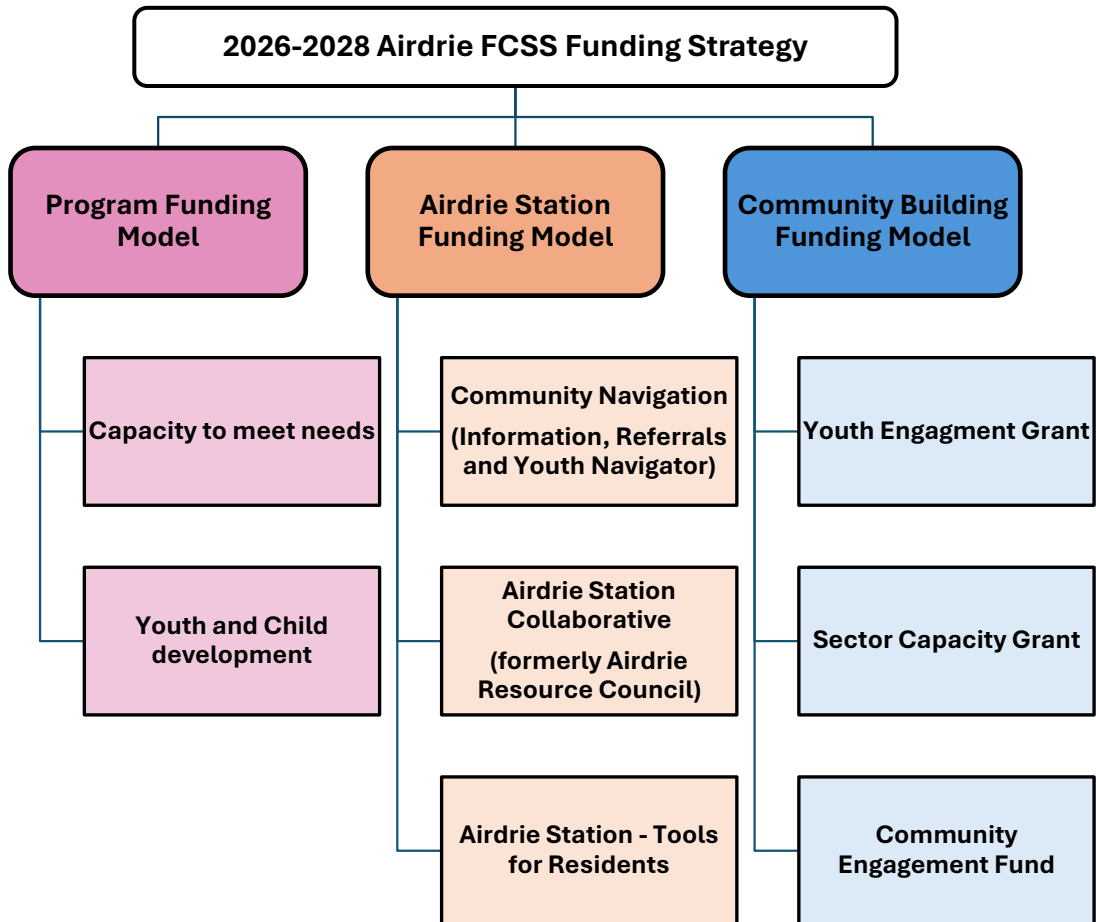
2023-2025 AIRDRIE FCSS FUNDING MODEL

The 2023-2025 Airdrie FCSS Funding Model, aimed to promote social well-being by focusing its prevention work in three priority areas:



2026-2028 AIRDRIE FCSS FUNDING STRATEGY

The Airdrie FCSS 2026-2028 Funding Strategy builds off the 2023-2025 model is aligned with the Government of Alberta’s Provincial Accountability Framework and incorporates community input. It is structured as follows:



2026-2028 AIRDRIE FCSS PROGRAM FUNDING MODEL

The Program Funding Model still aligns with the previous model, acknowledging the work done by organizations over the past three years to align their reporting and programmatic outcomes.

The 2026-2028 Airdrie FCSS Programs would now align in two focus areas:

Capacity to Meet Needs

- Positive Mental Health Supports
- Caregiver Knowledge and Skill Building

Youth and Child Development

- Social Emotional Learning
- Youth Skill Building and Supports for Transitions
- Critical Hours Programming

2026-2028 AIRDRIE FCSS “AIRDRIE STATION” FUNDING MODEL

“Airdrie Station” is about the navigation of a broad range of social assets in Airdrie. Driven by a strength-based approach, Community and System Navigation connects people to the information, support, services and opportunities they need to feel a sense of belonging in their community. This funding model will be collaboratively developed and measured over the next three years.

Airdrie Station, All Roads Lead to the Station – reducing barriers to programs and services.

AIRDRIE STATION – COMMUNITY RESOURCE NAVIGATION

This strategy focuses on facilitating access to resources and services by identifying, navigating, and removing barriers to community services. This would include two specific approaches, appropriate for the target audience:



Youth Navigation



Community Navigation
(Information and Referrals)

Youth Support Navigators connect youth with the right support at the right time to help them manage challenges big or small, access community services and supports and enhance their connection to culture and the community to live a healthy lifestyle.

Community Navigation is focused on those seeking programs, information and referrals, the approach would see organizations reduce barriers to access:

- by knowledge brokering among local service providers
- connecting to community resources
- facilitating access to other resources and services
- and identifying, navigating, and removing barriers to community or services.

AIRDRIE STATION COLLABORATIVE TABLE

The Airdrie Station Collaborative provides the infrastructure to enhance the navigation of services in Airdrie and would replace the current Airdrie Resource Council (ARC).

Keeping information relevant and accessible will be the responsibility of the Collaborative Table. This includes ensuring Tools for Residents reflects their programs and services.

AIRDRIE STATION – TOOLS FOR RESIDENTS

The focus would be on reducing the barriers to access in our community, it would have outcomes focused in two areas.

COMMUNITY SPACE

Centrally located space serving the community and is dedicated to “CONNECTIONS”

- Connection for residents - programs, services and supports
- Connection for sector – space for sector meetings, connecting to residents

COMMUNITY TOOLS

Community tools that support the navigation, connection and information to the programs and services for residents. The tools will include:

- Digital (newsletter, website, app)
- Handout (pamphlets, one pager, community resource magnet, etc.)
- Community Board

2026-2028 AIRDRIE FCSS COMMUNITY BUILDING FUNDING MODEL

Focused on delivering flexible dollars to our community, this funding model supports outputs and outcomes identified in the new FCSS Provincial Accountability Framework. It also reflects the changing needs of our social sector, our community, and Council by ensuring more flexible support (activities must align to FCSS Prevention Strategies) will be available. This model will launch in 2026, with a grant application Process.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT GRANT

The Youth Engagement Grant targets young people aged 12-18 in Airdrie that want to increase their sense of belonging in their community. The objective is to increase Youth Engagement in the City of Airdrie by providing innovative and creative opportunities.

Goals:

- Increased number of youths engaging with their local government.
- Youth feel an increased sense of belonging by implementing projects in their community.
- Provide ABYA the opportunity to oversee a project that benefits youth.
- Sustainability of the youth grant to provide further opportunities.

SECTOR CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

The sector capacity building grant would allow for annual funding opportunities to either increase their organizational capacity or explore new opportunities.

Building the capacity of organizations:

- One-time funding for small capital need
- Funding parameters within FCSS Provincial Outcomes area
- Prioritizes sector voice on emerging issues and need

Priorities determined by sector (Airdrie Station Collaborative Table)

- Work with Sector to develop Grant Framework
- Used as a Sector only grant for activities (Ex: organizations want to put on city-wide event)
- Funding focused on increasing sector capacity

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND

This Volunteer engagement grant is available for charitable organizations that want to engage volunteers:

- Delivery of programs, services, and events
- Supports organization operations (Board, Admin, etc.)

OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- Reporting Volunteer Hours
- Economic Contribution (volunteer hours financial value)
- Community Contribution (Measure sense of contribution including stories)

2026-2028 AIRDRIE FCSS ADMINISTRATION

The 2026-2028 Airdrie FCSS Funding Strategy must be properly supported to demonstrate commitment, increase success and overall accountability:



DATABASE/OUTCOME
PORTAL



ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT



SECTOR
ENGAGEMENT
ACTIVITIES