



November 3, 2022

To: City Council

From: Jennifer Flaman
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Subject: **Breakdown of Funding Allocations for Seniors**

At the October 3, 2022 City Council meeting, the following motion was made by Councillor Rutherford.

Can Administration provide a memo with a breakdown, by organization, of current and future funding allocations to support seniors through City of Edmonton grants, as well as, any proposed changes to grants from the City for Senior Centers in the 2023-2026 budget cycle?

This memo provides a breakdown of past City of Edmonton funding allocations for seniors, including proposed changes for 2023-2026.

The City of Edmonton is committed to supporting seniors and has expressed this through the [Edmonton Seniors Declaration](#) which speaks to making Edmonton age friendly as part of the City's vision. In line with that vision, senior-serving organizations and programs receive City support, which in 2022 included over \$6 million in funding and in-kind contributions such as: not-for-profit leasing, maintenance, custodial services, and snow removal. City Administration has a strong relationship with the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council (ESCC) that works for system change to benefit seniors in our community.

Current Funding for Seniors Services in Edmonton

Senior Centre Investment Program (SCIP)

The SCIP was established in 2007 to provide financial support to seniors centres in the community. These seniors centres are invited to apply for funding on an annual basis and the total annual budget is \$1.9 million.

The breakdown of this program is as follows:

- Operating dollars (balance of budget, formula based on up to 25 per cent of eligible operating expenses up to a maximum of \$250,000)
- Facility Conservation (up to \$40,000 per centre/year for eligible expenses)
- Emerging Seniors Centres (\$100,000 if needed, otherwise it is redistributed through the operating dollars).

In 2022, 16 seniors centres received funding, which included 23.25 per cent of their eligible operating expenses. Six of the seniors centres that applied were awarded Facility Conservation funds.

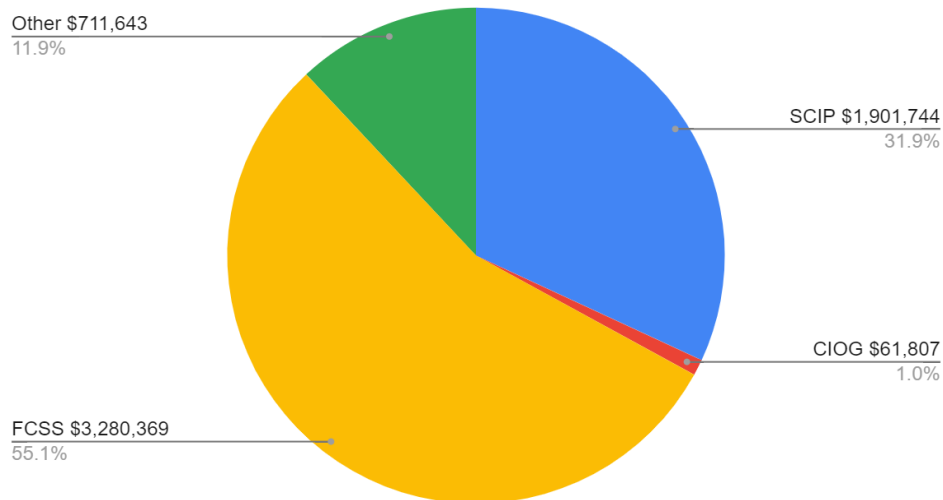
Community Investment Operating Grant: This grant program is open to amateur sport, recreation and social services not-for-profit organizations that are working towards increasing social inclusion and equitable access to participation within their programs. In 2022, \$61,807 was allocated to organizations who provide seniors programs and do not receive the SCIP funds. This program is currently unfunded for 2023-2026.

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS): Funding is provided to not-for-profit organizations offering preventive social services programs that align to one or more of the four program priorities. In 2022, program funding was allocated to seniors outreach, home supports and volunteer programs. Total funding awarded was \$3,280,369.

Other Funding: Specific project or program funding has also been awarded by City Council (i.e., Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council operating subsidy) and Neighbourhoods Connections grants. In 2022, the total funding awarded through these avenues was \$711,643.46.

The chart below provides an overview of the 2022 distribution of funding to seniors-serving organizations by grant program.

Total City Funding for Seniors



Attachment 1 provides a listing of the organizations who have received City of Edmonton grant funding to support seniors in their community. The total investment is equal to \$5,955,563.79.

2023 Funding for Seniors Services in Edmonton

Grant funding is not guaranteed and while Administration does not expect there to be significant changes in the future overall allocations, we are unable to provide specific funding amounts for all of the organizations beyond the current year.

Senior Centre Investment Program:

The Senior Centre Investment program will be maintained, with two changes to address a

gap in service delivery:

- For 2023 and 2024, Seniors Centres that did not receive funding for their volunteer program through FCSS will be able to determine how they want to spend the \$40,000 they are eligible for through the facility conservation portion of the grant program. Groups will have the option to apply for that specific funding for facility conservation and/or volunteer programming.
- A small grant program will be developed to support other seniors organizations or collectives for small projects/programs/events in the community. This will help reduce social isolation, provide opportunities for intergenerational programs and enhance natural supports for seniors.

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

Funding allocations for community programs for 2023-2025 have been approved by Administration from the recommendations of the Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB). Through that process, \$1.5 million has been allocated to fund a Coordinated Seniors Outreach program and \$1,323,107 has been allocated to five community programs for seniors. Therefore, a total of \$2,823,107 per year of the FCSS budget has been allocated to seniors specific programs for the next three years. A process will be developed for the 2026 - 2028 funding cycle.

It is important to note that FCSS is looking to support more integrated, multi-generational preventive programs; as such other FCSS funded preventive programs, aligned with the priorities, are also available to seniors. Some examples include mental health supports such as solution-focused counseling, family supports to build positive relationships and support grandparents raising their grandchildren, programs that provide cultural supports and 211 for access to seniors services.

City Administration is committed to ensuring programs and services are available in our community. A strong relationship with the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council (ESCC) supports this work, as they have been seen as the organization that provides advice and leadership on seniors issues.

If you have any questions please contact Judy Smith, Director of Community Resources at judy.smith@edmonton.ca.



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Attachment 1

Table one below, provides an overview of the 2022 funding allocations to groups that have identified that serving seniors is a focus of their organization.

Organization	Senior Centre Investment Program (SCIP)	Community Investment Operating Grant (CIOG)	Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)	Other Funding
Alberta Caregivers Association		\$15,166	\$115,907	
Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society			\$100,000	
Catholic Social Services			\$75,599	
Chinese Benevolent Association of Edmonton		\$16,500		
Edmonton Chinese Senior Citizens Association		\$707		
Edmonton Korean Seniors College Society		\$4,918		
Edmonton Indigenous Seniors Centre	\$88,878.36			
Edmonton Meals on Wheels			\$294,840	
Edmonton Seniors Centre	\$108,829.29		\$121,295	
Eldercare Edmonton		\$16,500		
Heritage Seniors Stop In Centre		\$3,542		
Ital-Canadian Seniors	\$44,799.50			
Jewish Senior Citizens Centre	\$65,179.91			
Korean Seniors Citizens of Edmonton		\$4,474		
Metis Child and Family Services			\$80,000	
Mill Woods Seniors Activity Centre	\$125,837.72		\$50,422	
North Edmonton Seniors Association	\$125,515.70		\$147,000	

North West Edmonton Seniors Society	\$68,651.90		\$70,000	
Operation Friendship Society	\$227,796.31		\$218,176	
Seniors Citizens Opportunity Neighborhood Association (SCONA)	\$53,824.06		\$75,278	
Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE)	\$290,000		\$642,527	\$130,000
Shaama Centre for Seniors and Women	\$64,528.52		\$100,372	
South East Edmonton Seniors Association (SEESA)	\$175,363.59		\$160,607	
South West Edmonton Seniors Association (SWESA)	\$55,693.98			\$2,040
South West Seniors Outreach Society	\$14,469.87			
Strathcona Place	\$114,857.34		\$378,730	
Westend Seniors Activity Centre	\$277,518.28		\$230,616	
Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council (operating subsidy + Age Friendly Edmonton)				\$579,603.46
Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council Project funding (Develop Coordinated Seniors Outreach)			\$129,000	
Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council (Home Supports)			\$290,000	
Total Funding	\$1,901,744.33	\$61,807	\$3,280,369	\$711,643.46
Grand Total City funding awarded for Seniors Services in 2022				
\$5,955,563.79				