



What can FCSS fund?

FCSS USES A “PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES” APPROACH

and could offer a wide range of programs and services at the community level. Following are some examples of programs or services that may be offered through FCSS:

1. Services to assist communities to identify their social needs and develop responses to meet those needs, including:
 - raising public awareness around community issues,
 - developing strategies for community advocacy,
 - developing comprehensive social community plans and initiatives,
 - environmental scans, service reviews, strategic planning, program planning, or
 - in-kind support to community-based groups (until they are able to sustain themselves) such as provision of office space, printing, photocopying, help with preparing proposals, etc.;

2. Services to promote, encourage and support volunteer work in the community, including:
 - recruitment, training and placement services,
 - resources to support volunteers, or coordination of volunteer services;

3. Services to inform the public of available services, including:
 - information and referral services,
 - community information directories,
 - newcomer services, or interagency coordination;

4. Services that promote the social development of children and their families, including:
 - parent-child development activities,
 - temporary or occasional parent relief services, or support services for young school age children;



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5. Services that enrich and strengthen family life by developing skills so people can function more effectively within their own environment, including:
 - parenting and family life education and development programs,
 - marriage enrichment,
 - retirement planning,
 - programs for single adults and single parents,
 - courses designed to enhance self-awareness and personal growth,
 - individual, family and group counseling services that are educational and not treatment oriented, or
 - youth development services

6. Services that enhance the quality of life of the retired and semi-retired, including:
 - home support services,
 - education and information services,
 - outreach and coordination services, or self-help socialization activities.

7. INELIGIBLE SERVICES:

Services provided under an FCSS Program must not provide primarily for the recreational needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals; offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family; be primarily rehabilitative in nature; nor duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.