

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBLE / NON-ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Organizations/ committees/ groups that wish to offer programming that will be funded solely or partially by FCSS funds must meet these criteria:

Section 2 of the FCSS Regulation (Alberta Regulation 218/94) provides direction for program funding. It states that: In providing for the establishment, administration and operation of a program, a municipality **must do all** of the following:

- (1) promote and facilitate the development of stronger communities;
- (2) promote public participation in planning, delivery and governing the program and services provided under the program;
- (3) promote and facilitate the involvement of volunteers;
- (4) promote efficient and effective use of resources;
- (5) promote and facilitate co-operation and co-ordination with allied service agencies operating within the municipality.

Section 2.1(1) states that:

Services provided under a program **must:**

- (a) be of preventive nature that enhances the social well-being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity, and
- (b) **do one or more of the following:**
 - (i) help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;
 - (ii) help people to develop an awareness of social needs;
 - (iii) help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people;
 - (iv) help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;
 - (v) provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.

Section 2.1(2) states that:

Activities / Services provided under a funded program **must not:**

- (a) provide primarily for the recreation needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals,
- (b) offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family,
- (c) be primarily rehabilitative in nature, or
- (d) duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.

Section 4 of the FCSS Regulation states that: Prohibited Costs -

Expenditures of the program **shall not include:**

- (a) the purchase of land or buildings,
- (b) the construction or renovation of a building,
- (c) the purchase of motor vehicles,
- (d) any costs required to sustain an organization that do not relate to direct service delivery under the program,
- (e) municipal property taxes and levies, or
- (f) any payments to a member of a board or committee referred to in Section 3(b) or (j), other than reimbursement for expenses referred to in Section 3(l).