

Branch - Social Development

Program - Community Resources
Title - Community Investment Operating
Grant Program

New or Enhanced Service
Unfunded
Ongoing

Results to be Achieved

As directed by Council, the Community Investment Operating Grant (CIOG) has been reimagined to align with corporate strategy and outcomes. This service package seeks to secure ongoing funding for this re-envisioned program (as one-time funding was provided in 2021 from the reduction to the EPS budget). The program has improved accountability to demonstrate impact and will contribute to the City Plan city building outcome, Edmonton fosters wellness and mental health by providing opportunities for all people to engage in community life and supporting those who are isolated or marginalized. Reporting will include outcomes measurement and output data to ensure organizations are meeting the requirements and funding is supporting activities that contribute to the goals of the program.

Description

The Community Investment Operating Grant (CIOG) has been reimagined for 2022 as directed by City Council at the Fall 2020 Supplemental budget. This program provides limited operating funding to social service, sport and recreation organizations working towards the outcomes of increasing social inclusion and increasing equitable access to participation within the programs and services they offer. Specific outcomes and data will need to be reported annually and will be taken into consideration of the groups' next application for the program. The outcome and output data collected will help tell the story of the impact of these dollars in community, and alignment with what the City of Edmonton wants to achieve. This approach supports not only the City outcomes but also aligns with strategies, such as EndPovertyEdmonton initiative, and the work of our partners including the Edmonton Sports Council, Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organization. These changes align with City Auditor recommendations and City funding contribution requirements.

Justification

The following direction was given by City Council That Administration work with the Community Services Advisory Board and reimagine the Community Investment Operating Grant for 2022 to create an operating subsidy that aligns with and advances the goals and outcomes of City Plan and the social priorities identified by the Social Development branch and create an unfunded service package for the same to return to the Spring Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment 2021. Our community includes many individuals and families that don't have access to programs, who don't feel welcome or have limited income. This operating grant provides limited financial support and looks to achieve the City outcomes of social inclusion and removing barriers to participation for equitable access. Organizations will be required to provide training and support learning in diversity, inclusion and anti-racism. The funding provided by the CIOG program focuses on improving programming opportunities by aligning to City outcomes. Organizations will be providing outcome and output data to help show the impact their work has made in community.

incremental	2019				2020				2021				2022			
(\$000)	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs
Annualization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Budget	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,750	-	\$3,750	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,750	-	\$3,750	-