



# Community Safety and Well-being

## Priority Action Item Investments

Community and Public Services Committee  
November 15, 2021

## Previous Council Action

### July 6, 2020, City Council motion

2. That Administration:
  - b. Prepare amendments for Council's consideration at the Fall 2020 Supplemental Operating Budget Discussion:
    - i. Amendments to reduce the Edmonton Police Service budget from 2021 levels by \$11M with reductions split over the 2021 and 2022 budget years
    - ii. Re-direct savings realized to fund supportive housing construction grants to end homelessness and to fund programs and partners within the community development/ human services/social safety net ecosystem with advice and budget recommendations from the Community Safety and Well-being Task Force
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## Status of Funds Held from EPS Budget

### 2021 = \$5.5 million

- Allocated by City Council
  - **\$3.75 million** Community Investment Operating Grant (one-time funding)
  - **\$300,000** Community Safety & Well-being Task Force (one-time funding)
- Remaining to be Allocated
  - **\$1.45 million**

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### Invest in Community-led Actions

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- Anti-racism Advisory Committee grant funding systems and structures (\$1.174 million)
- BIPOC communities honorariums and engagement activities (\$100,000)

Total \$1.274 million

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- Sisters Dialogue in partnership with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues - Community Safe Walk initiative (\$45,000)
- The African Canadian Civic Engagement Council initiative to support community cultural and psychological safety (\$81,000)

Total \$126 Thousand

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# Future Possible Investments

## **Address service gaps for Indigenous Edmontonians, particularly those experiencing homelessness**

- Provide funding for culturally appropriate and housing focused emergency shelter options for Indigenous people in Edmonton

## **Transform Approach to Encampments**

- Provide funding to shift to a housing-first approach to addressing encampments

## **Transform our Approach to Bylaw Enforcement**

- Establish a person-centred and trauma-informed approach to current social issues.

## **Enhance 24/7 Crisis Outreach and Support**

- Provide funding to support agencies to offer 24/7 services

## **Sustained and ongoing investment in community-led actions**

- Increase grant funding to community-led initiative

## Next Steps

- Further define service improvements in collaboration with those impacted
- Human-centred service design approach
- Work in partnership as part of the communities we serve
- Return to Council Q1 2022

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# Thank you

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# Safer for All

## Themes

Sept 2019- Current	June, 2020	April, 2021	June, 2021
Bylaw establishing the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee	Non-statutory Public Hearings	Taskforce recommendations presented to City Council	Administration Interim Report- Safer for All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Barriers to participation on all civic committees</li> <li>→ Expand mandate of Committee</li> <li>→ Citizen Led</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Redirect Police funding</li> <li>→ Racialized peoples experiences with policing</li> <li>→ Creation of CSWB Task Force</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 14 findings and suggested actions</li> <li>→ Systemic racism</li> <li>→ Service Improvement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 70 Actionable Action Identified</li> <li>→ Council directed collaboration with ARAC and BIPOC Communities</li> </ul>