

Municipal Grant Investments in Violence Prevention

The City's investment into violence prevention includes investments within the corporation and externally into the community. This includes, but is not limited to, staffing resources that work on strategies or the implementation of programs (Neighbourhood Empowerment Team), core city services (such as recreation programs) that contribute to primary prevention efforts, and investments into strategies with intersecting issues and goals such as housing, substance use, mental health, immigration, anti-racism, reconciliation etc.

Investments from Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) directly into the Blueprint for Violence Prevention, such as the \$750,000 approved by Council in October 2024, will allow the City to respond to needs and invest in solutions that cannot be met through existing City activities and grant programs. The City will also continue to work with other orders of government and partners in the community to identify and propose funding opportunities for Edmonton that fall outside the scope of the municipality and municipal funding sources.

The following table provides an overview of the 2024 grants and investments towards initiatives that contribute to reducing and preventing violence and crime, totalling \$8.8 million (\$4.7 million in City funding - CSWB and Downtown Vibrancy), \$2.6 million in Provincial funding for Family and Community Support Services and \$1.5 million in Federal funding for Building Safer Communities). **This is not a comprehensive list of all City investments but instead focuses on funded initiatives that specifically reference or directly address violence or safety reduction and/or prevention.** This narrowed scope was intentional as a majority of the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grants could be included, given the broad spectrum of violence prevention which spans from upstream efforts of stopping violence before it starts to long term downstream responses after violence has occurred.

Funding would also have been provided through the Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy Grant program and described in previous council reports (CS01919 Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Update, Attachment 4 Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy Investments; CS02068 Community Safety and Well-Being 2023 Funding Council Report; CS02603 2025/2026 Community Safety and Well-Being Funding).

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant Funding	Grant Amount 2024
<p>Municipalities in Alberta may enter into a funding partnership for preventive social services through the Family and Community Support Services program. This is an 80/20 cost sharing model, Province/City, to support delivery of preventive social services programs. The City of Edmonton has been part of the program since it started and through the provincial grant portion provides funding to not for profit organizations to support prevention in identified priorities. Crime prevention activities are not eligible FCSS expenses, but preventive social service programs that are FCSS eligible contribute to broader violence prevention in municipalities.</p> <p>Here are some examples of programs, funded by Edmonton FCSS, that demonstrate an upstream (universal and targeted) approach that supports violence prevention:</p>	
<p>Circle of Safety Family Violence Program Aboriginal Counselling Services Association of Alberta Supports Indigenous parents and children in fostering positive mental health, healthy boundaries, positive parent-child interactions and strengthened communication skills, all interwoven with cultural teachings and ceremony. The goal is to promote healthy social-emotional development and disrupt the cycle of abuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.2 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$64,066
<p>SACE Public Education Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton</p> <p>Offers free educational programming through workshops and presentations on various topics related to sexual violence to increase understanding of sexual violence, connect people to community resources and build the skills to increase community's capacity to prevent violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.4 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$461,024
<p>Public Education and Awareness Raising (PEAR) The Today Family Violence Help Centre</p> <p>Delivers education and training on family violence to the general public at resource fairs, community events, and workshops in collaboration with community partners, as well as hosting organizational events at The Today Centre supporting the prevention of family violence.</p>	\$109,134

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<p>Supports for Mental Health (Information & Referral) The Pride Centre of Edmonton</p> <p>Builds trusting relationships with 2SLGBTQ+ community members and their families connecting them to support systems in mental health and social services, and with safe and inclusive social networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0.2 million total funding awarded between 2024 and 2025 	\$95,000
<p>Trans & Gender-Diverse Program The Pride Centre of Edmonton</p> <p>Program that provides advocacy, relationship and capacity building, social networking and non clinical counselling with marginalized trans and gender diverse community members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0.3 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$99,934
<p>Elder Abuse Resources & Supports (EARS) Catholic Social Services</p> <p>Provides mental health and healthy relationship resources and support for seniors, including learning opportunities in group settings and one-on-one with social workers and/or registered psychologists. The program increases protective factors such as social connectedness, skill and knowledge building and inclusive social cohesion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0.3 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$83,340
<p>Healthy Relationships - Youth The Cornerstone Counselling Society of Edmonton</p> <p>The program helps youth identify the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, build self-esteem, and learn about engaging in healthy conflict, assertive communication, and boundary setting through psycho-education instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0.1 million total funding awarded between 2024 and 2025 	\$38,000

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<p>Education Services The Family Centre of Northern Alberta Association</p> <p>Provides 23 psychoeducational classes with the goal to improve and strengthen participants' protective factors and wellbeing in the areas of healthy communication, problem solving, parenting, healthy lifestyle behaviors, addictions, coping skills, self-esteem, assertiveness, managing anger, developing practical and effective conflict resolution skills, dealing with anxiety and depression, and forming healthy relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.3 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$91,030
<p>Pathways to Healthy Connections Edmonton Newcomer Centre</p> <p>Pathways to Healthy Connections promotes healthy relationships by creating a safe and inclusive space for immigrants and refugees who experience barriers to social inclusion. The program has three components, each focusing on a specific sub group within newcomer communities: Boys and Men (sub-program Safe Families a peer learning program that helps newcomer men and boys shift attitude and beliefs around power and familial relationships); Girls and Young Women; and Seniors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.6 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$192,993
<p>Indigenous Boys Matter Too! Creating Hope Society of Alberta</p> <p>Provides individual counselling and group sessions presented in traditional ways, supporting Indigenous boys to develop healthy relationships, problem solving and decision making, non-violent communication and leadership skills, and improve social connections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.8 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$280,935
<p>Art Start Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation</p> <p>Free arts based afterschool program for school-aged children (5-16) to support their social and emotional development and build preventive factors. Edmonton Public and Catholic Schools identify</p>	\$62,241

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<p>students to join the program, focusing on those experiencing vulnerabilities and risk factors (such as domestic violence, racism, homophobia, ableism, poverty, and low self-esteem).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.2 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	
<p>Family Support Services Bissell Centre</p> <p>Provides referrals, coaching and mentoring to families experiencing poverty with children 0-6 yrs to improve protective factors, increase resilience, build family capacity, and minimize barriers to services. The program aims to reduce incidents of crisis, abuse, and neglect, and build a foundation for longer-term sustainability and self-sufficiency of families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.7 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$249,600
<p>Child and Family Support Norwood Child & Family Resource Centre</p> <p>Provides free educational programming, in-home services, counselling, and other support to help parents continue building stable, caring homes in which children can develop and thrive, and parent/child relationships are strengthened. The Parent Respite program is a primary prevention program that provides short-term relief from the care of children to reduce harm, abuse and neglect of children and build parenting skills and capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.1 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$366,244
<p>Parenting Together KARA Family Resource Centre</p> <p>Collection of programs and services delivered by KARA Family Resource Centre to clients and the Edmonton community. Three core service delivery areas: Early Childhood Development & Parent / Child Interactive Programs, Parent Education Groups and Workshops and Family Support & Family Navigation. The parent education groups provide free educational parenting programs and support designed to create positive outcomes for children and their families. Parenting programs provide and facilitate prevention strategies that reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect by encouraging positive parenting strategies that promote safety, well-being, and permanency for children and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.1 million total funding awarded between 2023 and 2025 	\$381,409

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Total	\$2,574,950

Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) Grant Program	Grant Amount 2024
<p>The goal of the CSWB Grants Program is to create a more inclusive and compassionate city by supporting initiatives that work to: Improve equity; End poverty; Eliminate racism; Progress toward truth and reconciliation; Foster safe and inclusive spaces; Increase crime prevention and crisis intervention; and Boost the overall well-being of Edmontonians.</p> <p>Note: the following tables include CSWB grant funding specifically related to crime, safety or violence through the Collaboration Grant Program and the Early Intervention Grant Program. CSWB funding provided for City operational activities are not included.</p>	
CSWB - Reconciliation Pillar Funding	
<p>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Action Plan In November 2022, City Council approved the City of Edmonton’s MMIWG2S+ Action Plan (now known as the MMIR Action Plan). The plan supports short, medium, and long-term actions under the themes of awareness building, addressing underlying causes and Indigenous resurgence in relation to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$0.2 million funding spent in 2023 ● \$0.8 million in annual ongoing funding from 2024 onwards 	\$812,000
<p>Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Municipal Response Plan The Truth and Reconciliation Commission outlined 94 calls to action to address the painful legacy of residential schools and advance the process of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Four guiding principles, or pillars, support the development and implementation of the TRC Municipal Response Plan: Awareness, Addressing, Resurgence and Advocacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$0.7 million funding spent in 2023 	\$1,389,000

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CSWB - Safe And Inclusive Spaces Pillar Funding	
<p>REACH Edmonton 24/7 Crisis Diversion</p> <p>The 24/7 Crisis Diversion program contributes to addressing issues of poverty, mental health and addiction by helping people experiencing non-emergency crises get to a safe place, freeing up police and emergency medical services to respond to more critical events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.25 million in annual ongoing funding from 2022 onwards 	\$250,000
<p>REACH Neighbourhood Organizing Initiative (NOI)</p> <p>The NOI is a result of the REACH recommendations that came out of the 2009 REACH Report and came into realization in 2017. The initiative supports the convening of community partners, encourages activation and collaboration, and facilitates dialogue around safety issues in neighbourhoods and various geographic areas in Edmonton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.35 million in annual funding from 2023 to 2026 	\$350,000
CSWB - Early Intervention and Intervention Grant Program	
<p>Youth Vulnerability Reduction Protocol</p> <p>This project is dedicated to serving Indigenous, Black, and youth vulnerable to hate-motivated violence. The approach is culturally-safe, trauma-informed, and historically-sensitive, ensuring that interventions are specifically tailored to the youths needs and contexts. Specialized training will be provided for on-site human service professionals and caseworkers that will focus on multi-sector collaboration, early vulnerability detection, displacement techniques, and low-threshold reporting.</p>	\$150,043
<p>Creating Safe Spaces for High Risk Youth and Newcomer Youth</p> <p>Catholic Social Services' two service areas of Immigration and Settlement Services (ISS) and Children, Family and Community Services (CFCS) will work together to provide opportunities to increase protective factors to all youth (inclusive to age 30). The aim is to create safe spaces for high risk youth to increase their knowledge about the risk of being unhoused and human tracked. This project is designed to benefit Indigenous and multicultural youth, as well as youth who identify with the 2SLBTGQ+ communities, and expand to reach newcomer and immigrant youth.</p>	\$378,000
Youth Diversion	\$99,935

Collaboration of YMCA of Northern Alberta (YNAB), Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area, and the Edmonton Police Service's (EPS) DIVERSIONFirst Unit. DIVERSIONFirst utilizes restorative justice principles that connects youth between the ages of 12-17, first-time non-violent offenders, to community organizations and family supports that offer services dedicated to mentoring and improving the lives of youth to help them build a foundation for a positive future away from crime, reducing the likelihood of reoffending.	
<p>Enhancing Safety & Well-being Program</p> <p>ASSIST's Enhancing Safety & Well-being Program provides personalized and outreach support and empowerment for newcomers impacted by domestic violence, racism, discrimination and/or hate crimes within the community. The program helps victims access resources and support, report incidents to the police, navigate the family justice system, and engage in other legal processes with cultural sensitivity.</p>	\$192,481
<p>Community Reintegration Program</p> <p>Edmonton John Howard Society will employ two Reintegration Specialists to work with individuals who choose Edmonton as their home after release from a correctional center or recent justice involvement and who require community support. They will employ intensive case management and wraparound support to provide release planning, transitional housing, employment, substance recovery and cultural support.</p>	\$244,375
<p>Ka^ kiskanotaten - "I will lead you"</p> <p>This program will offer intake services to assess the immediate needs of Métis individuals seeking mental health support. The program is intended to assist and support Métis individuals who are seeking a confirmed diagnosis, to become stabilized, who want to feel supported and have access to culturally sensitive mental health supports. Case Managers will be assigned to program participants to explore long term goals to minimize an individual's risk of becoming criminalized.</p>	\$340,665
<p>Elements Group</p> <p>Provides psychoeducation, facilitated discussion, support, and intervention to manage the impacts of trauma through a non-Westernized way of healing to adult (ages 18+) people of colour of all genders.</p>	\$36,000
<p>Relentless Youth Outreach</p> <p>Developed in partnership between YOUCAN Youth Services and the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) to address the unique needs of the highest-risk young people (EPS Y:Five-O list) in Edmonton. The program offers a non-traditional approach of relentless outreach, diversion from the traditional justice system,</p>	\$78,485

<p>and customized individual interventions to reduce criminal activity and victimization impacting youth and our community. YOUNG Youth Services works to create positive relational opportunities through outreach that supports high-risk youth to live out of harm's way.</p>	
<p>CSWB - Collaborations Grant Program</p>	
<p>The Mill Woods Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families Family Futures Resource Network, The Family Centre, and Boys and Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area were approached to support growing safety concerns at the Mill Woods Recreation Centre, which included many incidents involving youth. To achieve lasting successful change, a deeper understanding of the particular challenges \$250,000 facing Mill Woods children, youth, and families was needed to develop a community intervention strategy that effectively addresses and meets the needs. The collective experience of the collaborative partners will ensure a strategy is created that responds to the multiple intersecting barriers faced by community members.</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>\$4,570,984</p>

<p>Building Safer Communities Fund</p>	<p>Grant Amount 2024</p>
<p>Funding provided by the Government of Canada to municipalities and Indigenous communities to support gun and gang violence prevention and intervention programs for gang members, children, young adults and youth-at-risk. Funding can go towards: Developing local and community-based strategies and initiatives; Building capacity to better understand the nature, scope and impacts of the types of prevention and intervention initiatives implemented; Enhancing evidence-based and targeted prevention and intervention activities; and Advancing knowledge and evidence of what works, and develop a data collection strategy and system.</p>	
<p>ACB Youth Stabilization Program African Canadian Civic Engagement Council (ACCEC) will deliver culturally responsive community support stabilization programs for Black youth to address unique needs and foster positive outcomes through tailored support</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>

<p>Taking Back our Kids: Gang Prevention and Intervention Awareness and Strategies</p> <p>Asum Lifestyle Centre will host guided presentations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide authentic and relatable narratives that showcase the realities of gang involvement • Highlight stories of hope and transformation • Provide a better understanding of gang dynamics • Recognize warning signs of gang involvement • Provide actionable steps for caregivers and professionals 	\$33,000
<p>Bravé MMA And Fitness</p> <p>The Guardians Program will offer a range of activities designed to address the diverse needs of at-risk youth. Activities include martial arts classes, guest speakers, and regular therapy sessions facilitated by trained psychologists. Cultural activities and engagement are integrated into the program through partnerships with the Alwijaan Institute of Canada and Gurdwara Siri Guru Singh Sabha.</p>	\$250,000
<p>Project Badbaadin Youth Gang Prevention</p> <p>Badbaadin means “saving youth”. The goal for Project Badbaadin Youth Gang Prevention is to find remedies for the problem of Somali youth homicides in Alberta. This project will seek to address the fundamentals of chronic crime and gang-related activities to curb and reduce barriers and threats to community safety, in particular towards the Somali Community in Edmonton.</p>	\$62,177
<p>The All Starz Zine Project</p> <p>The All Starz Zine Project will have participants contribute towards the development and publication of a magazine. In this creative outlet, participants will learn writing and storytelling, guided by an experienced editor. Through a mentorship program, select youth will have the opportunity to transition into mentorship roles, to reinforce positive development of participants and ensure continuity of the project's goals.</p>	\$127,357
<p>Welcome Back Program</p> <p>Youth who accept responsibility for their actions at pilot recreation centre sites, will be provided the option to participate in the Welcome Back Program. Eligible youth include: those in the appeal process, youth facing bans, property damage, disrespectful to staff, requests to leave, and incident reports. The program seeks to involve youth in a restorative justice circle process, whose focus is on repairing harm and providing a meaningful resolution to all people involved.</p>	\$91,445
<p>Ohe Dream Builder Program</p> <p>This after school program will place a strong emphasis on the essential skills of effective</p>	\$200,000

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communication, active listening, empathy and problem-solving techniques to equip youth with tools needed to navigate challenging situations and resolve conflicts with ease. The program's goal is to empower individuals to build harmonious relationships, foster deep understanding and promote a culture of collaboration and mutual respect.	
<p>Let's Face It - Integrated Youth Gang-Crime Prevention Program</p> <p>This program takes a multi-faceted approach to youth gang and crime prevention. Through a variety of activities, the Hope for Tomorrow's Shade Association Canada (HT-SACA) will conduct a community gang crime problem assessment overseen by an advisory committee.</p>	\$133,714
<p>The Sierra Leone Community: Prevention and Intervention Measures on Gun and Gang Violence</p> <p>Sierra Leone Association of Alberta will organize counselling sessions and weekly sermons/motivational speeches by pastors and imams. The counselling sessions will be by appointment only, and on a one-on-one basis. Sermons will be recorded and published on social media, to the association's website and newsletter.</p>	\$66,660
<p>Seeds of Hope</p> <p>This program is a combination of facilitated sessions, conversations, knowledge, and experience sharing with youth to create an environment where every participant is involved and engaged.</p>	\$246,097
<p>GAP19 - Living Skills Portion</p> <p>YMCA of Northern Alberta will work alongside various justice system partners to facilitate life-skill workshops to youth who attend GAP19. These workshops add to the existing infrastructure of GAP19, specifically, to provide one-to-one support for youth in the creation of a plan to move their life in a positive direction</p>	\$84,800
Total	\$1,545,250

Downtown Vibrancy Fund	Grant Amount 2024
<p>The Downtown Vibrancy Fund provides funding to projects that support achieving the goals outlined in the Downtown Vibrancy Strategy. The four pillars of the strategy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown as Home: A place with a thriving and inclusive population where people continue to want to live and enjoy a high quality of life. • Downtown as an Economic Hub: A place that supports a strong, diverse economy, where businesses, infrastructure, and amenities are connected and coordinated. • Downtown as a Destination: A place that people love, where tourism, retail, services, festivals, arts and culture, and attractive, accessible, and well-activated public spaces flourish. • Downtown as a Safe, Welcoming Place: A place that prioritized participation and quality of life for everyone, regardless of race, gender, class, age, ability, culture or other identity. 	
<p>Downtown Safety & Vibrancy Summit 2024-2026 Annual events held in 2024, 2025 and 2026 with attendees from businesses and residential communities - creating safer, more inclusive, and welcoming spaces. The 2024 event had over 150 attendees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15,000 annual funding from 2024 to 2026 	\$15,000
<p>O-Day'min Village Site Improvements Site lighting will help improve visibility and make the large common spaces near the public playground and Boyle Street Community Centre more accessible and safe. Safety improvements will include enhancements to building access control to improve safety for visitors, tenants and staff. Landscaping improvements to improve site lines and the aesthetics of the site will be included.</p>	\$50,000
Total	\$65,000