

City of Edmonton Funding to Africa Centre

The City of Edmonton has a long-standing commitment to the development of the Africa Centre. This commitment is evident through various investments detailed below, including current initiatives renewed from 2023 onwards. Africa Centre's current total annual revenue is just over \$40 million.

2023-2025 FCSS Funding Agreement

Term: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025

Funding Type:
Application-based

Funding: \$391,040

- The funding is to be used for the Youth Resilience Building Program.
- The program aims to empower youth of African descent through mentorship, leadership training, and promoting alternative restorative school supports.

2024 Anti-Racism Funding Agreement

Term: December 17, 2024 to March 16, 2026

Funding Type:
Application-based

Funding: \$40,000

- The funding is to be used for the Disability Awareness in Black Communities Program
- The program aims to develop an Awareness Campaign and an Accessible Information Platform (Resource Bank) that will provide essential resources and information in a user-friendly and inclusive manner, responding to the unique needs and concerns of these communities.

2024 Community Safety and Wellbeing Funding Agreement

Term: Agreement expires on September 30, 2025

Funding Type:
Application-based

Funding: \$264,209

- The funding is to be used for the Pathway to Better Mental Health and Wellbeing for African Descent Canadians Program
- The program aims to provide culturally responsive care for African, Black, and Caribbean community members seeking mental health support for anxiety, depression, grief/loss, burnout and more.

CAACA Operational Funding Agreement

Term: Agreement expires on March 31, 2025

Funding Type: Ongoing

Funding: \$232,000

- This funding is intended to support the development of an Africa Centre that will serve as a community hub for African Canadians.
- The agreement allows for the use of funds for operational expenses related to Africa Centre and community engagement.

CAACA Community Development Funding Agreement

Term: Agreement expires on April 30, 2025

Funding Type: Ongoing

Funding: \$237,500 annually

- This agreement focuses on community capacity building and community engagement support as a top-up of their operational funding for a community development focus.
- Specific funding allocations are outlined for personnel, community capacity building support, and community engagement initiatives.

Africa Centre Operational - Anti-Black Racism Funding Agreement

Term: Agreement expires on February 28, 2027

Funding Type: One time

Funding: \$400,000

- The funding helps the Africa Centre manage its growing operational needs due to the increasing demand for its services.
- The project aims to stabilize the Centre's operations, empower the Black community, and provide support for community initiatives.
- This agreement initially supported Africa Centre's community engagement efforts in relation to the City's Anti-Black Racism Action Plan. Given changes in direction from community, this portion of the agreement (approx. \$25,000), is in review