

Non-Governmental Organizations - Review of Funding Allocated by Levels of Government for Social Service Functions

Leveraging all expenditures into better system outcomes

Recommendation

That the December 7, 2020, Edmonton Police Commission report CR_8440 be received for information and remain private pursuant to sections 21 (disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) and 24 (advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the July 6/8, 2020, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

1. d. That the Edmonton Police Commission:

Engage external subject matter experts to bring a report summarizing an in-depth analysis of all monies spent within participating cities listed above in b. in the human services/social safety net ecosystem, including but not limited to police, City of Edmonton, Fire, and other orders of government, charitable donations and fundraising proceeds, with a goal to leverage all expenditures into better system outcomes (and reduced demand for system intakes).

Executive Summary

In June 2020, the City of Edmonton directed Edmonton Police Service to probe the response to mounting social, community safety and health issues and the current approach to these challenges.

Across Alberta, communities are similarly challenged by the siloed and uncoordinated response to social issues that include mental health, addiction, homelessness, and poverty. These issues are extremely costly to individuals and communities, particularly during the time of the current COVID-19 pandemic and its socio-economic impacts.

To probe these issues further, the Edmonton Police Service engaged HelpSeeker, a social innovation and technology company, to develop a Social Impact Audit analysis

of diverse funding sources in Edmonton and propose areas for consideration of systems transformation moving forward.

Twelve datasets with financial information at the organizational level were used for the development of the attached report: this work represents the first of its kind for Edmonton.

At this time, an estimated **\$7.5 billion / year** investments in social support and community services were identified for Edmonton.

Report

Refer to the attached report of the emerging findings of the Edmonton Social Impact Audit conducted by HelpSeeker and the breakdown of the \$7.5 Billion / year.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Current Corporate Outcomes			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
EPS is a leading partner in building safe communities			
EPS manages offenders more effectively through collaboration and partnerships to reduce recidivism			
EPS collaborates with partner agencies to ensure support-based policing			

Attachment:

1. Edmonton Social Impact Audit – Emerging Findings conducted by HelpSeeker

Others Reviewing this Report

- Chief Dale McFee
- Edmonton Police Commission