

Business Case for \$7,500 FCSS Beiseker and Irricana Funding

Executive Summary:

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in Beiseker and Irricana have demonstrated a significant impact on community well-being through diverse programming. This funding request of \$7,500 will support the expansion of successful initiatives, address emerging needs, and ensure continued access to essential family-based and community programs.

Background & Need:

Recent participation data highlights key trends:

- High demand for **family-based programming** and **skill-building opportunities** for young children.
- Increased engagement in **social connection and relationship-building activities** at the neighborhood level.
- Growth in **programming in Kathryn**, indicating a broader regional need.

Current participation metrics (based on survey responses) include:

- **Irricana:**

Type of Programming	Total Participants	Percentage of RVC Participants
Community Based Programming “Cup of Joy Program”	26	69%
Family Based Programming “Family Day Connection Kits”	112	14%
Family Based Programming “Family Pizza Social”	20	40%

- **Beiseker:**

Type of Programming	Total Participants	Percentage of RVC Participants
Family Based Programming “Family Skate and Connect”	46	17%

However, this data represents only those who completed surveys, meaning the actual reach is likely much higher.

Proposed Use of Funds:

The requested \$7,500 will enable FCSS Beiseker and Irricana to:

- Expand **family-based programming** to meet increased demand.
- Enhance **community connection initiatives**, fostering social inclusion.
- Support **program delivery in Kathyryn**, ensuring equitable access.
- Improve **data collection methods** to better capture program impact.
- Assist with **ongoing needs assessment in Division 5**, ensuring that programs align with evolving community requirements.

Expected Outcomes:

With this investment, FCSS aims to:

- Increase participation in high-demand programs.
- Strengthen community relationships and social networks.
- Provide skill-building opportunities for young children and families.
- Support a broader geographic reach, particularly in under-served areas.

Conclusion:

A \$7,500 investment in FCSS programming will yield significant benefits by enhancing social connections, family engagement, and skill development in Division 5. This funding will ensure continued program success and address evolving community needs effectively.