

Rocky View County Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

2021 FCSS SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING APPLICATION (FUNDING PERIOD: JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2021)

Please type or print legibly. Applicants must be a non-profit organization/agency that serves Rocky View County residents. All information provided is public. A project evaluation is required by February 28, 2022 if your application is successful. ***Please note that faxed or e-mailed copies of the application will not be accepted. It is strongly recommended that you courier or hand deliver your proposal (printed single sided pages only) and request confirmation of receipt. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 APPLICATIONS NOT RECEIVED BY THIS DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.***

1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION	
Organization Name	Cochrane and Area Victim Services
Project Name	Volunteer Training
FCSS Funding Request (Maximum \$7,500) (from Section 9.6 C Proposed Budget)	\$5,000.00
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Executive Director Name	Lauren Delahunt
Program Contact Name	Lauren Delahunt
Phone Number (If different from above)	

☒ Please email confirmation of receipt of this application to: lauren.delahunt@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

2. PREVENTION		
In what way(s) is your program preventive in nature? Check the appropriate items from the following list. You will be required to report on each of the Outcomes that you have selected.		
Provincial Outcome	Rocky View County Outcomes	
Improved social well-being of individuals	Outcome 1: Individuals experience personal well-being. Indicators: Resilience; self-esteem; optimism; capacity to meet needs; autonomy; competence; personal engagement; meaning and purpose.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome 2: Individuals are connected with others. Indicators: Quality of social relationships; social supports available; trust and belonging.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome 3: Children and youth develop positively. Indicators: Developmental assets.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provincial Outcome	Rocky View County Outcomes	
	Outcome 4: Healthy functioning families. Indicators: Positive family relationships; positive parenting; positive family communications.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Improved social well-being of families	Outcome 5: Families have social supports. Indicators: Extent and quality of social networks; family accesses resources as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Provincial Outcome	Rocky View County Outcomes	
Improved social well-being of the community.	Outcome 6: The community is connected and engaged. Indicators: Social engagement; social support; awareness of the community; positive attitudes toward others and the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome 7: Community social issues are identified and addressed. Indicators: Awareness of community social issues; understanding of community social issues; agencies and/or community members work in partnership to address social issues in the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Attach a separate page providing a brief overview of your organization and the project.

- Describe briefly how this is a special project and how it will specifically support Rocky View County Residents. Rocky View County residents do not include people who reside in Airdrie, Beiseker, Chestermere, Cochrane, Crossfield, Irricana or Redwood Meadows. It does include those who live outside of these municipalities and within the hamlets located within the County's borders.
- Define your region of operation;
- Include the statement of need;
- The activities that will be used to address the need;
- The expected outcomes; and
- Agency/project mission. What is your mission and what are you currently doing to achieve your mission (e.g. other programs and services that are not a part of this application for funding)?

4. PROJECT FIGURES

- Estimated Number of Total Program Participants: **36**
- Estimated Number of County Resident Program Participants: **4**
- Estimated Number of Volunteer Hours Related to Program: **10,000**

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents **must** be attached:

- Organization's Annual Financial Statement;
- Organization's Proposed Operating Budget – include contributions from other sources and detailed expenditures, do not include in-kind supports, only actual dollars. A budget shell is attached on the next page if you wish to use it;
- List of Organization's Officers and Directors. Do not include personal contact information (home addresses, emails, or phone numbers);
- A copy of Alberta Societies Act Registration if new applicant.

Other documents may also be attached to the application form that provides further clarification.

6. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information included in this application complies with the requirements and conditions set out in the Family and Community Support Services Act and Regulation. (<https://www.alberta.ca/family-and-community-support-services-fcss-program.aspx>)



(Signature of Applicant)

Lauren Delahunt, Executive Director

(Print Name & Title)

20/09/29

(Date)

Please indicate how you heard of the Rocky View County FCSS Program:

☐ newspaper ad ☐ social media ☐ website visit/search

☐ word of mouth x other (specify) Past Applicant

Submit Completed Documents to
or for further assistance contact:

Randy Ell, FCSS Coordinator
Rocky View County
262075 Rocky View Point
Rocky View County, AB T4A 0X2
Phone: 403.520.1289

The FCSS Program Is Not:

- Recreational.
- A Public Health Transportation Grant.
- Direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter to sustain an individual or family.
- Rehabilitative.
- A duplication of services from other Government Agencies.

The personal information on this form is being collected for the purpose of determining eligibility of an applicant to receive FCSS funding; to assist in administering the FCSS funding; and to monitor, assess, and evaluate your program. This information is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and may become public information once it is submitted to the FCSS program. Questions regarding the collection of this information can be directed to the Manager, Recreation, Parks and Community Support at 403.520.6307.

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Cochrane and Area Victim Services (CAVS) promotes and advocates the rights and entitlements of victims of crime, tragedy and trauma through information, referral, support, court assistance, community awareness and education. CAVS also provides immediate crisis response and intervention services which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families, and communities affected by crime, tragedy and trauma. Our intervention ensures victims are safe, emotionally stabilized and connected to the appropriate support services. The short term goal of our program is to limit the impact of crime, tragedy or trauma, normalize reactions, assess the safety of the victim and provide immediate supports.

In addition to immediate crisis intervention, CAVS offers an extensive system of follow up services including court preparation, orientation and accompaniment for victims and witnesses. CAVS also assists victims and witnesses with information on Victim Impact Statements, Financial Benefits applications and Requests for Restitution, providing an opportunity for the victim to potentially recover out of pocket expenses and express the impact the crime has had on them.

The overall goal of this special project would be to help create a strong, engaged, connected and resilient community. This goal would be achieved through training and volunteer recognition events. We will provide volunteers with a variety of opportunities to gain the necessary knowledge, skills and resources to be able to support victims while feeling appreciated for their important contribution to the community. By providing our volunteers with the necessary training they will be able to carry out our services and support the community. If victims in our community are supported effectively they will be less likely to suffer long term effects from the traumatic event experienced. Furthermore, if we recognize and appreciate our volunteers they will be more likely to feel valued and feel like their contribution is appreciated, increasing the likelihood that they will continue volunteering and/or engage other volunteers in our community.

b) Define your region of operation;

CAVS works largely alongside the RCMP and is located within the Cochrane detachment. The area served is approximately 4,000 square kilometers, which is home to over 60,000 year-round residents. This area includes the communities of Cochrane, Morley, Redwood Meadows, Rockyview County: Bragg Creek, Springbank, Bearspaw, Glendale, Bottrel and all surrounding areas.

c) Include the statement of need;

In order to provide necessary services and supports to victims in our community Cochrane and Area Victim Services must rely on volunteers.

In order for volunteers to be able to fulfill such a complex and important role they require specific and relevant ongoing training.

Some volunteers need recognition to remain engaged in volunteer activities.

d) The activities that will be used to address the need;

To address the needs of volunteers the following will be provided:

- Volunteer training
- Volunteer recognition

Ongoing training is provided to volunteers on an annual basis. Examples of training include but are not limited to the Banff Conference, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, domestic violence training, sexual assault related training, other relevant conferences, court preparation training, etc.

Recognition will be in the form of our annual end of year party, seasonal events, and personal acknowledgements for individual volunteers.

e) The expected outcomes;

Volunteers will have increased capacity to fill their volunteer roles effectively.

Volunteers will feel valued/important to their community.

Volunteers will feel recognized for their contribution.

f) Agency/project mission. What is your mission and what are you currently doing to achieve your mission (e.g. other programs and services that are not a part of this application for funding)?

Cochrane and Area Victim Services (CAVS) is a volunteer oriented organization. The mission of CAVS is to provide assistance to the people within our catchment area affected by crime, tragedy, and trauma. We strive to empower and respect the rights of victims by providing support, information and referrals to reduce the adverse effects of crime, tragedy and trauma.

CAVS strives to provides free and confidential assistance to victims twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, year round. CAVS responds to a wide range of cases including but not limited to death notifications, motor vehicle collisions, threats and harassment, domestic violence and sexual assault cases. CAVS is the only agency in Cochrane and surrounding areas that provides immediate on-site crisis, trauma, safety and support services.

When the Cochrane RCMP respond to a complaint they are required to ask victims if they would like the support of CAVS. Upon acceptance of victim services, we are either called directly to the scene or asked to follow at a later time to provide support. Most victims of domestic violence, sexual offences, crimes against persons, charge files associated with a victim and discretionary files as per RCMP are contacted by victim services via proactive referrals. CAVS also receives referrals from other community agencies including the Crown's Prosecutor's office, Cochrane Search and Rescue, the Resource Centre, FCSS and other local agencies. Additionally, any person can contact CAVS for support without the need of a referral.

Our front line services to victims of crime, tragedy and trauma are provided by highly trained staff and volunteer victim advocates who provide crisis intervention. In the initial stages of crisis, victims' benefit from speaking with someone who will understand their immediate need for information

pertaining to personal safety, the next steps they should take, what is available to them, and non-judgemental emotional support. Our program provides victims with safe and appropriate support services and community referrals.

Often in cases that we deal with, there are criminal charges laid and victims find themselves within a very confusing and impersonal court process. CAVS provides witnesses and victims with court support including court updates, court and child witness preparation, orientation and accompaniment. Staff and advocates also make victims aware of their rights to Financial Benefits, Victim Impact Statements and Restitution.

CAVS has also implemented a 'Safe Place' program which allows victims/families that have been displaced as a result of a crime, domestic violence situation, fire, etc. to access immediate assistance. Upon meeting the criteria for the Safe Place program CAVS provides a place to stay in the community while the victim or family make arrangements for later accommodations. As an extension of this service CAVS has an Immediate Supports Program. This program provides support to direct victims, witnesses, and immediate family members of violent crimes by providing financial assistance with essential expenses. The fund can be utilized to help cover expenses related to safety, practical assistance, travel/relocation and other associated expenses. To further support clients CAVS has developed Trauma Care Bags. These bags are provided to victims of crime to help mitigate some of the effects of trauma. Bags include essential items that can help direct clients towards healthy habits and coping mechanisms.

In partnership with Cochrane FCSS, Cochrane & Area Victim Services is assisting with the Domestic Violence Treatment Program. Our role within this program is to follow up with victims verifying their safety, providing referrals and checking in on progress.

CAVS strives to be an active presence in the community to help increase knowledge and awareness of relevant topics surrounding crime, tragedy and trauma. This is largely accomplished through presentations, information sessions, our website, and social media campaigns. Included in our website is a detailed resource library that can help assist clients with referrals, court preparation tools and other resources to help make information readily available. CAVS strives to be active within the community and is involved in many committees including the Older Adults Collaborative Table, Elder Abuse Response, Inter-Agency meeting, Youth Forum, Volunteer Management meetings, etc.

This year CAVS has added an Indigenous Victims Outreach Support Worker (IVOS) position. This position is funded by the Solicitor General and allows the IVOS worker to attend within the Stoney Nakoda Nation 1-3 times a week to provide our services in an outreach capacity.

In May of this year CAVS launched our first edition of "A Brighter Tomorrow" booklet. This family violence booklet is for anyone who wants information to understand family violence, available supports

and how to get help. Our hope is to continue to reproduce this book in future years with the support of the Department of Justice.

As an organization we strive to be active in the community and continue to work towards bringing new ideas, materials and programming to Cochrane and Area.

Appendix A

Figure 1

The following table compares the number of persons assisted in the years of 2014 to 2018

Number of New Persons Assisted							
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Jan-Feb-Mar	106	160	193	196	238	249	301
Apr-May-Jun	102	162	304	224	273	253	283
Jul-Aug-Sept	130	173	242	241	343	294	
Oct-Nov-Dec	121	135	208	274	324	312	
TOTAL	459	630	947	935	1178	1108	584

Figure 2/3

The following two tables show a comparison of files by month from 2015 to 2020 and year to date totals from 2017-2019.

Total YTD 2018 File by Month Comparison							
Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
January	48	55	62	69	91	89	-2%
February	37	53	42	72	61	72	18%
March	60	49	51	69	90	133	48%
April	34	72	52	76	75	82	9%
May	47	73	69	117	104	78	-25%
June	60	78	75	66	68	113	66%
July	40	55	77	119	118	91	-23%
August	51	78	68	84	85	100	18%
September	38	56	66	94	86	47	
October	20	61	87	113	105		
November	50	56	51	81	72		
December	20	75	90	103	115		
Total	505	761	790	1063	1070	805	

Fig. 2-Please note that the above statistics demonstrate new files opened, not the number of new people assisted. Each file can have multiple people associated to it.

Total YTD 2018 File by Month Comparison				
Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change
January	69	91	89	-2%
February	72	61	72	18%
March	69	90	133	48%
April	76	75	82	9%
May	117	104	78	-25%
June	66	68	113	66%
July	119	118	91	-23%
August	84	85	100	18%
Total	672	692	758	10%

Fig. 3-Please note the above statistics represent a comparison of new files up to and including August 2020.

Figure 4/5

The following table shows how many new Rocky View County files CAVS opened in 2018 and to date in 2019. The files are broken down by type of occurrence.

2019 Rocky View County Files By Type	
Type	Number
Assault	4
Break & Enter	10
Family Violence	29
Mental Health Act	8
Mischief/Vandalism	4
Other	1
Sudden Death	7
Theft	5
Threats/Harassment	4
Traffic - Death or Injury	2
Traffic - Minor Injury or Damage	2
Total	76

Fig. 4- Family Violence files account for 38% of new files for Rocky View County.

2020 Rocky View County Files By Type	
Type	Number
Assault	7
Break & Enter	1
Family Violence	19
Fraud	1
Mental Health Act	17
Mischief/Vandalism	4
Other	2
Sexual Assault	1
Sudden Death	10
Theft	3
Threats/Harassment	9
Traffic - Minor Injury or Damage	1
Total	75

Fig. 5- The following table shows files up to and including August.

Figure 6/7

The following tables how a breakdown of new files by districts

2019 Files by District	
Morley	262
Cochrane	732
Rocky View	76
Total	1070

Fig. 6- Rocky View County files in 2019 accounted for 7% of all new files opened.

YTD Files by District	
Morley	278
Cochrane	452
Rocky View	75
Total	805

Fig.7- Rocky View County files account for 9% of new files to date.