

# Community Wellbeing Call for Proposal (CFP) Public Disclosure of Funded Programs/Projects

August 26, 2026

The City of Lethbridge opened a Call for Proposals (CFP) to solicit requests for investments into innovative programs & services that align with the funding parameters of Reaching Home (RH) and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to advance community wellbeing and safety outcomes by addressing those needs, gaps, and strategic priorities identified in the updated Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy (CWSS). The CFP covers a two-year funding period:

- January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028 for FCSS and DOT-funded projects.
- April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2029 for RH-funded projects.

A detailed Call for Proposal Guide was posted containing all the information required for applicants to submit an application including the following application timeline guide. This document fulfills the **public disclosure of funded programs/projects** which has been posted to [www.lethbridge.ca/csd](http://www.lethbridge.ca/csd).

City administration will now enter negotiations with successful proponents to finalize contract agreements. Upon approval of agreements with service providers, the disclosure document will also be amended to include a dated summary of any changes to the approved funding amounts, whether funding is reduced below the amounts disclosed or increased by up to the additional 10% permitted under the CWAB resolution.

## Call for Proposal Overview

The CFP successfully received 42 proposed projects from 34 different community organizations. The total amount of annual funding requested was \$23,752,346.31, and the recommended award total is \$10,897,676.00

24 applications were for 100% FCSS funding, 5 applications were for 100% RH-Designated Communities (RH-DC), 1 application was for 100% RH-Indigenous Homelessness (RH-IH) funding, and 12 were integrated funding proposals.

One application was not submitted in alignment with the CFP requirements, and therefore was disqualified from evaluation.

A total of 10 evaluation panel members evaluated proposals. The evaluation panel included 5 Community Wellbeing Advisory Board (CWAB) members, and 5 members of City of Lethbridge administrative staff, each from a different department with connection to the community.

## **Recommendations**

On April 23, 2026 the CWAB unanimously approved that City Administration proceed with contract negotiations with the selected service providers and recommended funding disbursements plus a maximum of 10% if additional funding is available:

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Moved as amended by:** H. Oxman

**Seconded by:** S. Yanicki

**CARRIED:** Unanimous

**WHEREAS** the Community Wellbeing Advisory Board (CWAB) is an administrative advisory committee that supports the Community Social Development (CSD) department in advancing community wellbeing in alignment with the Municipal Development Plan and the Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy (CWSS);

**AND WHEREAS** the CWAB fulfills the role of Community Advisory Board (CAB) for the purposes of the Government of Canada's Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy and acts as an advisory body for the Government of Alberta's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program, with responsibility to review, evaluate, and recommend funding allocations to administration in a manner that is transparent, evidence-informed, and aligned with approved strategies and funding directives;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Lethbridge issued the 2026 Community Wellbeing Call for Proposals (CFP) to competitively solicit applications for programs and services intended for implementation during the funding period beginning January 1, 2027 and ending March 31, 2029, in accordance with the priorities identified in the Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy, the Municipal Housing Strategy, and the Community Needs Assessment;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2026 Community Wellbeing Call for Proposals (CFP) generated strong interest from the community, receiving 42 applications from 32 unique organizations, collectively requesting approximately \$11,475,732.32 per year, which significantly exceeded the total funding available, demonstrating the highly competitive nature of the Call for Proposals;

**AND WHEREAS** a detailed and transparent evaluation process was undertaken by Administration and the Evaluation Panel in accordance with the Community Wellbeing Call for Proposals Guide, and the CWAB has received and reviewed the evaluation outcomes and recommended funding allocations to ensure alignment with funding source requirements, strategic priorities, and the CWAB's mandate to support effective and accountable investment of public funds;

## **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The CWAB approves the funding recommendations arising from the 2026 Community Wellbeing Call for Proposals and recommends that City Administration proceed with contract negotiations with the selected service providers and recommended funding disbursements, as outlined in Attachment 1, plus a maximum of ten percent (10%) should additional funding become available;
2. The CWAB requests City Administration return for further discussion should any recommended service provider be unable to finalize a funding agreement, or should additional, unspent, or underutilized funding from FCSS, Reaching Home, DOT, or related sources such as the City of Lethbridge's Committed Budget Carryover (CBC) become available during the applicable funding periods.

3. The CWAB requests City Administration award additional or reallocated funding, subject to CWAB discussion and recommendation, to one or more programs or projects that were:
  - submitted through the 2026 Community Wellbeing Call for Proposal;
  - evaluated through the approved CFP process; and
  - either partially funded or not funded in the initial funding decisions.

Provided such allocations remain compliant with funding source requirements and strategic priorities.

4. All funding allocations are subject to the execution of formal agreements and the availability of funding.

Recommended funding overview on next page.

## Programs Recommended for Funding

| Service Provider                                               | Program Name                                                                                   | Funding Source(s)           | TOTAL Recommended Funding (Y1+Y2) |
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| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge and District            | Preventative Youth Mentoring & Community Connection Program                                    | FCSS                        | 273,436.00                        |
| Blackfoot Resource Hub                                         | Blackfoot Resource Hub                                                                         | FCSS<br>RH-DC<br>RH-IH      | 1,680,183.00                      |
| Blood Tribe Department of Health                               | HIFIS Continuation                                                                             | RH-IH                       | 205,405.00                        |
| Canadian Mental Health Association, Alberta South Region, 1990 | Diversion Outreach Team program lead                                                           | RH-DC<br>RH-IH<br>CoL - DOT | 842,545.00                        |
| Canadian Mental Health Association, Alberta South Region, 1990 | Integrated Coordinated Access (ICA) Lead Organization                                          | FCSS<br>RH-DC<br>RH-IH      | 1,366,321.00                      |
| Community Social Development, City of Lethbridge               | City of Lethbridge Outreach Services                                                           | RH-DC                       | 30,020.00                         |
| Community Social Development, City of Lethbridge               | Community Wellbeing Micro-Grant Program                                                        | FCSS<br>RH-DC               | 82,419.00                         |
| Community Social Development, City of Lethbridge               | Homeless Individuals and Family Information System (HIFIS) Advanced Community Outcomes Project | RH-DC                       | 180,363.00                        |
| Family Centre Society of Southern Alberta                      | Parent Education and Family Resilience Programming                                             | FCSS                        | 475,385.00                        |
| Family Centre Society of Southern Alberta                      | Strengthening Families                                                                         | FCSS                        | 677,039.00                        |
| Holy Spirit Catholic School Division                           | Family First Facilitator Program                                                               | FCSS                        | 354,300.00                        |
| Lethbridge and Area Metis Association                          | Metis Community Liason                                                                         | FCSS                        | 106,524.00                        |
| Lethbridge Family Services                                     | Newcomer Housing Support Officer                                                               | FCSS                        | 108,053.00                        |
| Lethbridge School Division                                     | Making Connections- Family Support                                                             | FCSS                        | 428,382.00                        |
| Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization                        | LSCO Engagement, Support, and Outreach                                                         | FCSS                        | 890,228.91                        |
| Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens Association                        | Go Friendly Shuttle                                                                            | FCSS                        | 229,900.00                        |

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| Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens Association                          | Social Inclusion, Seniors Helping Seniors, Senior System Navigator Program | FCSS           | 340,543.00              |
| Safe Families Canada                                             | A Place to Call Home                                                       | RH-DC<br>RH-IH | 300,000.00              |
| South Region Parents as Teachers Society                         | Building Strong Families and Communities with Parents as Teachers          | FCSS           | 196,248.00              |
| Streets Alive Family Support Association (Streets Alive Mission) | Recovery Road                                                              | RH-DC          | 100,000.00              |
| University of Lethbridge - Building Brains Together (BBT)        | Building Brains Together                                                   | FCSS           | 422,502.00              |
| Wood's Homes                                                     | Youth Support Navigators                                                   | FCSS<br>RH-DC  | 801,026.00              |
| YWCA Lethbridge & District                                       | Harbour House Hope                                                         | RH-DC          | 802,610.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                                                     |                                                                            |                | <b>10,893,432.43.00</b> |