**Family and Community Support Services**
**Year-End Report - 2023**

# Community Development
# for Strengthening Neighbourhoods

*Complete one report for each neighbourhood or community you are working in, based on the Community Development Program funded by FCSS.*

**Reporting Period**
*April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023*

**All Information provided is Public**

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| **1. Identify the Neighbourhood of Focus for your Community Development work** (*this will correspond to your Theory of Change*): | Required, 500 char |

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| **2. Please identify the top priority population group(s) selected in your application.** | 1. Required [FCSS Calgary Framework] | 2. Optional | 2. Optional |

| **3. Identify the partners you are working with to advance Community Development plans within the Focus Neighbourhood:** |
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| Optional, 4000 char |

**Elements of a Strong Neighbourhood:**

*Report the number of activities/initiatives during the reporting period (reporting will align with your Theory of Change). Please refer to the "Community Development" FCSS Research Brief (starting on page 13) for more detail.*

| Element | TOTAL Number of Activities and Initiatives | Brief Description Including a breakdown of total number, if desired. |
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| 4. Good and varied social connections and social supports; neighbourhood sense of community; capacity building of residents to take action. | Optional, number | Optional, 4000 char |
| 5. Accessible, affordable, quality programs and amenities. | Optional, number | Optional, 4000 char |
| 6. Local community economic development initiatives. | Optional, number | Optional, 4000 char |

## Outputs:

**Capacity Building among Residents:** A key element of Community Development is building the capacity of residents to identify local issues/needs and to take action. Please report on the following:

| Participant Type | TOTAL Number of Participants | TOTAL Number of Hours / Year | Details and Comments<br>Including a breakdown of total number of participants or total number of hours, if desired. Also include any other relevant details. |
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| **7. Volunteers:**<br>*Any people, including leaders/organizers, who help out with a project, activity or event. This includes those that plan, organize, support, or volunteer for a community project, activity, event or some other community action. Volunteers may be counted for each activity/event they help with.* | Required, number | Required, number | Required, 4000 char |
| **8.Community Participants (Contacts):**<br>*These are people who attend an activity or event but are not actively helping with it. For example, a leadership committee may organize a Walk for Peace (leaders/organizers); they may recruit some people to hand out pamphlets and help support the water stations (volunteers); then other people from the community come out to attend or participate in the event.* **Community Participants** *may be counted for each activity/event they participate in.* | Required, number | | Required, 4000 char |

## Outcomes:

**Community Development**

*Evidence-informed community development initiatives should contribute to the following three mid-term outcomes, as outlined in the FCSS Calgary Community Development Research Brief and FCSS Calgary Funding Framework.*

*Please identify and describe the* <u>**MILESTONES / GOALS ACHIEVED**</u> *for each mid-term outcome area below, as applicable. It is understood this work is not linear and therefore reporting will vary from year to year.*

**9. Mid-term Outcome 1: Increased leadership capacity**
Residents lead with capacity and confidence. Some examples include:
- *Residents gain experience in leadership roles.*
- *Residents lead opportunities to increase their leadership skills.*
- *Residents lead opportunities to increase their leadership knowledge.*
- *Residents participate in opportunities to increase their leadership knowledge.*
- *Residents participate in opportunities to increase their leadership skills.*

**2023 Milestones:** Required, 4000 char

**10. Mid-term outcome 2: Increased sense of belonging**
Residents connect to each other and their community and have supportive relationships. Some examples include:
- *Residents increase their connection to others through community development initiatives.*
- *Residents lead community development initiatives.*
- *Residents increase their participation in community development initiatives.*

**2023 Milestones:** Required, 4000 char

**11. Mid-term outcome 3: Improved economic participation**
Residents participate and lead economic opportunities with capacity and confidence. Some examples include:
- *Residents lead economic opportunities.*
- *Residents participate in economic opportunities.*
- *Residents develop skills that increase their economic participation.*
- *Residents access services that increase their economic participation.*

**2023 Milestones:** Required, 4000 char

| Reflective Questions |
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| 12. What Community Development strategies worked well? Which strategies could be scaled-out within the neighbourhood or scaled-up across other neighbourhoods? What didn't go as well as expected? Where are the challenges and what have you learned that will inform your work going forward? |
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| 13. As the neighbourhood strengthening work progresses, describe how you will sustain the work. If relevant, what are your plans for leaving the neighbourhood? |
| Optional, 4000 char |

| Target Population Impact | | |
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| 14. Please identify the top priority population groups selected in your application. | | |
| 1.    Required [FCSS Calgary Framework] | 2.    Optional | 3.    Optional |
| 15. Describe how your neighbourhood strengthening work has impacted the population group(s) identified. | | |
| Required, 6000 char | | |
| 16. If this is not the same group as identified in your application, please explain below. | | |
| Optional, 3000 char | | |

| Success Stories |
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| **Please provide one or two short stories about people who have been impacted by your community development work. These stories are used to show the impact of FCSS funding. If possible, please link story to the FCSS outcome that this work is contributing to.** <br> *Please do NOT include any identifying information about residents.* |
| 16. First Story:  required, 4000 char <br> 17. Second Story: optional, 4000 char |

| Evaluation Reporting (Optional) |
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| 17. If you conduct any program evaluations related to this program, please describe the results. <br> *Include any additional outputs, outcomes, qualitative analysis, and overall impact, as applicable. If no evaluation work has been completed, enter N/A.* |
| Required, 6000 char |
| 18. Please upload to the Documents section in FIMS, or provide links to any evaluation files that demonstrate the impact of your neighbourhood work, as indicated in question 23. Provide the file names in the space below. <br> *These files can include written reports, oral reporting, video, or other multi-media items, as seem relevant to FCSS.* |
| Optional, 3000 char |

| Continuous Improvement |
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| 19. Report any program or organizational improvement or changes you made during the current reporting period (2023) that impacted this community development work. |
| Optional, 4000 char |
| 20. Report any program or organizational improvement or change efforts planned for the next reporting period (2024) that could impact this community development work. |
| Optional, 4000 char |
| 21. To aid FCSS in its own continuous improvement efforts, please provide feedback on ways in which this reporting process could be improved. |
| Optional, 4000char |

| Policy Opportunities/Barriers |
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| 22. Please briefly identify any opportunities or barriers (programmatic, policy, organization, etc.), potentially impact your community development work *(e.g., This can include items such government policy, sector relations, or funding availability).* |
| Optional, 4000 char |
| 23. Please summarize how your organization and/or program have been impacted by inflation. Provide specific examples, if possible. |
| Required, 4000 char |

| Alignment with and Support of the Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy |
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| 24. Enough for All is a community-driven poverty reduction strategy with the goal of aligning and leveraging the work of Calgarians. Please briefly describe how your FCSS funded work supports the goals of the Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy, if applicable. <br> *Note: This information is being collected to determine the impact of FCSS funding on supporting poverty reduction. If this is not relevant to your program, please do not complete this question. Not all FCSS funded programs algin with this work.* |
| Optional, 4000 char |

**Additional Comments**

25. If there is anything else you would like to tell us, please do so here.

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