

Community Social Development

Focusing on Better Community Outcomes

Downtown Lawlessness Task Force Presentation

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- CSD's core mandate is **grant management** – the administration of provincial and federal funds, primarily to 3rd party service providers.
- In addition, we support the community in addressing urgent social issues, such as encampments, needle debris, and responding to requests from City Council and Administration.
- Unlike many municipalities, the City of Lethbridge does not own/manage social and affordable housing.



Guiding Strategies

- There are several interrelated plans and strategies provide direction to how we approach community and social development, including:
 - [Municipal Development Plan](#)
 - [Community Wellbeing & Safety Strategy](#) *
 - [Municipal Housing Strategy](#) *
 - [Clean and Safe Strategy](#) *

***currently being updated (March 31, 2024)**

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1) **External grant management** – administration of federal and provincial funds to address social issues in Lethbridge.

- Provincial Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) - \$2.45M
- Federal Reaching Home (RH) - \$2.08M
- Federal Reaching Home 23-24 Winter Investment - \$500k
- Provincial Low Income Transit Program (LITP) - \$1.01M
- Federal Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF) - \$600K

2) **City program grants** – administration of municipal grant programs

- Community Event Support Grant (CESG)
- Community Capital Grant (CCPG)
- Fee Assistance Program – Transit and Rec/Culture
- Organizational Grants – Soup Kitchen, Food Banks, Habitat for Humanity, LHA Rent Supplements

3) **Clean and safe programs** – administration of municipal funds to support key areas of community safety and wellbeing.

- Clean Sweep Program (CSP)
- Diversion Outreach Team (DOT)
- DT Business Education Sessions
- Encampment Strategy & Encampment Response Team

4) **Housing development supports** – strategic approaches to creating increased housing stock in the community

- Municipal Housing Strategy Implementation
- Shelter Development Strategy
- Affordable and Social Housing Capital Grant (CCPG)
- Housing Accelerator Fund Application

Thank You