



REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday October 16th, 2024

9:30 am

Meeting Room
Green View FCSS Building

#1	CALL TO ORDER		
#2	ADOPTION OF AGENDA		
#3	MINUTES	3.1 Regular Green View Family and Community Support Services Meeting minutes held September 18, 2024 to be adopted.	1
		3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes	
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Minutes of a
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES
Grande Cache Public Services Building
Grande Cache, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024

1: Chair Perron called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.
CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT
Chair, Member at Large, Greenview Roxanne Perron
Board Member, Member at Large, Greenview (Zoom) Tammy Day
Board Member, Member at Large, Greenview Gwen Villebrun
Board Member, Town of Valleyview Councillor (Zoom) Samantha Steinke
Board Member, Greenview Councillor Christine Schlieff
Board Member, Greenview Councillor Sally Rosson

ATTENDING
FCSS Manager Lisa Hannaford
Recording Secretary Corinne D’Onofrio

ABSENT
#2
AGENDA

2.1 GREEN VIEW FCSS AGENDA
MOTION: 24.09.26 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, SALLY ROSSON
That the September 18, 2024 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

#3.1
REGULAR
MEETING
MINUTES

3.1 GREEN VIEW FCSS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MOTION: 24.09.27 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, TAMMY DAY
That the Minutes of the Regular Green View FCSS Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

#3.2 BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
MINUTES

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
-Motion 24.06.22 regarding Home Support Policy 5001 will go back to Policy Review Committee for wording change

#4 DELEGATION **4.0 DELEGATION**

#5 OLD BUSINESS

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

Board member Samantha Steinke exited meeting 9:45am.

#6 NEW
BUSINESS

6.4 FCSS MANAGER REPORT

MOTION: 24.09.28 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, GWEN VILLEBRUN

That the Green View FCSS Board accept the Septembers Manager's report as presented for information.

CARRIED

6.1 2025 PROPOSED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION: 24.09.29 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, TAMMY DAY

That the Green View Family and Community Services Board approve the proposed 2025 operating budget as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 MEN'S WELLNESS EXPO

MOTION: 24.09.30 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, GWEN VILLEBRUN

That the Green View Family and Community Services Board approve a financial contribution of \$2000.00 to the Valleyview Men's Shed for the 2024 Men's Wellness Expo to offset costs of guest speaker Tyler Smith.

CARRIED

6.3 ODYSSEY HOUSE OUTREACH WORKER

MOTION: 24.09.31 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, SALLY ROSSON

That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board Direct administration to fund the services of the Outreach Worker from Odyssey House until the end of 2024, with an upset limit of \$2000.00 from the Professional Services line item.

CARRIED

Chair Perron called the meeting to recess at 10:57 am.

Chair Perron called the meeting back to order at 11:02 am.

MLA Martin Long entered the meeting room at 11:05 am.

MLA Martin Long exited the meeting at 12:13 pm.

7.1 CHAIR/MEMBER REPORTS

BOARD MEMBER GWEN VILLEBRUN

- Toured the new RCMP Station in Valleyview

BOARD MEMBER DAY

- No report at this time

BOARD MEMBER SCHLIEF

- Spoke about the needs of a food pantry in the Grande Cache Library and how beneficial it is in the community
- Toured the Kikikow Seniors facility

BOARD MEMBER ROSSON

- Attended the September 5th annual Clay Shoot with funds raised for the Food Bank

CHAIR PERRON

- Will be attending the FCSSAA Conference in Edmonton in November and spoke about registration
- Spoke about looking forward to the new advocacy tool that is being created through FCSSAA
- Will be participating in the upcoming Community Safety meeting in Valleyview on October 1st, 2024 at the Memorial Hall

#8
CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

#9 CLOSED
SESSION

9.0 CLOSED SESSION

#10
ADJOURNMENT

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 24.09.32 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, CHRISTINE SCHLIEF
That this meeting adjourns at 12:45pm.

CARRIED

F.C.S.S. MANAGER

F.C.S.S. CHAIR

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Delegation-Grande Prairie Women’s Residence Association/Odyssey House**
SUBMISSION TO: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024 GM: MANAGER:LDH
DEPARTMENT: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENTER:LDH

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:
Green View FCSS Policy: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION: That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board accept the presentation from Grande Prairie Women’s Residence Association (Odyssey House) as information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:
The Grande Prairie Women’s Residence Association, based out of Grande Prairie, provides place-based support to individuals who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. Through education, safety planning, and emotional support, the program aims to decrease the number of domestic violence instances and support the recovery of those affected. The organization has partnered with Green View FCSS for several years to provide the services of an Outreach Worker. Once connected people can access education, one-on-one sessions, advocacy, referrals, danger assessments, post separation and housing support, court navigation, and safety planning. The Outreach Worker travels to Valleyview biweekly which eliminates transportation barriers and increase access to specialized supports. In 2023 the Outreach Program provided 172 hours of support through 102 client visits. In addition to in person visits, online and phone access will also be provided as needed.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. The benefit of accepting the presentation is to update the Board on services provided by Grande Prairie Women’s Residence Association.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. There are no perceived disadvantages to accepting the presentation.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:
Alternative #1: The Green View Family and Community Support Services Board may choose not to accept the presentation for information. This alternative is not recommended for if the Board is aware of what services

are being delivered and how the funds are being utilized; the Board will be well informed and better able to make funding decisions in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: N/A

Ongoing / Future Costs: N/A

STAFFING IMPLICATION: N/A

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENT(S): Grant Application



Green View FCSS
 Municipal District of Greenview No.16
 Box 1079, Valleyview, AB T0H 3N0
 Phone: 780.524.7603 Fax: 780.524.4130

GREEN VIEW FCSS GRANT APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization

Grande Prairie Women's Residence Association o/a Odyssey House

Address of Organization

PO BOX 1395 Grande Prairie Alberta T8V 0J5
 (Physical address undisclosed and available on request)

Contact Name

Lisa Watson

Phone Number

780-402-0789

Purpose of Organization

We support individuals impacted by domestic abuse through:

- 1.Safe secure living options & services
- 2.Education & resources to end the cycle of abuse
- 3.Targeted advocacy, collaboration, and guidance.

Is your organization non-profit? yes no Does your organization have a charitable status? yes no

Applicant's Information

Name Lisa Watson

Position Executive Director

Address PO BOX 1395 Grande Prairie Alberta T8V 0J5 (Physical address undisclosed and available on request)

Phone Number (H) (W) 7805381332 (C) 7804020789 E-mail address director@odysseyhouse.ca

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Watson', written over a horizontal line.

Date August, 29, 2024

Please attach additional documentation that supports your application and include work description or details, other funds source, event or program timeline, estimates, a detailed budget, expected results and benefits to the Municipality in relation to this project.

By signing this application, I/we concur with the following statements:

- * The grant application is complete and includes all supporting documentation, including most recent financial statements based on legislative requirements of our organization, balance sheet, current bank balances and current year detailed operating budget.
- * The grant shall be used for only those purposes for which the application was made. If the original grant application or purposes for which the grant requested have been modified by the Green View FCSS board; the grant will be used for those varied purposes only.
- * The organization will provide a written outcomes report to the Green View FCSS office, along with an expense report, within 30 days of completion of the grant.
- * The organization agrees to submit to an evaluation of the project related to the grant.
- * The organization will return any unused portion of the grant funds to Green View FCSS or to request approval from the FCSS Board to use the funds for an optional project.



GRANT INFORMATION

Total Amount Requested

\$8,500.00

Please note for all grant applications over \$2,500, the applicant must make a presentation to the FCSS Board.

Proposed Project

The Odyssey House Outreach Program provides place based support to individuals who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. By providing education, safety planning, and emotional support, the program aims to decrease the instances of domestic violence/abuse, and support the recovery of those affected through one to one person centered supports. This program provides crucial, timely supports to individuals accessing the Odyssey House Emergency Shelter as well as individuals living in their own residence in an urban or rural community.

In partnership with Green View FCSS, individuals are referred to Odyssey House and connected to a designated outreach worker. Once connected, the individual can access education, one-on-one sessions, advocacy, referrals, danger assessments, post separation and housing supports, court navigation, and safety planning, to decrease instances further incidence of domestic violence and to heal from their experience. The outreach worker travels to Valleyview to provide place based supports in the individual's home community, eliminating transportation barriers, strengthening informal support networks in their own community and increasing access to specialized supports.

For more than ten years, Odyssey House had provided this support to residents of the Town of Valleyview and residents to the Municipality of Greenview in partnership with Green View FCSS, through an alternate funding stream. From January 2023 to December 2023 the Outreach Program provided 172 hours of supports through 102 client visits and in 2024 from January to July, provided 96 hours of support through 64 client visits. These individuals reported an increase in understanding of their domestic violence experience and how to increases awareness of healthy boundaries and relationships in future relationships. Individuals also reported an increased understanding of services available and how to access these supports in the future.

The outreach worker will travel to Valleyview for one day, bi-weekly or as needed to meet in person to complete intakes, provide identified supports and build capacity with the individual to heal from their domestic violence experience. Online and phone access will also be provided as needed as directed by the individual.



How will this project be preventative in nature?

Over the past 45 years Odyssey House has built comprehensive supports and services in the peace region in the area of domestic violence and abuse prevention and intervention through our Emergency Shelter Program, Outreach Services, Public Education, and Trauma informed Childcare program. Our services extend beyond intervention to primary, secondary and tertiary domestic violence prevention. Secondary prevention takes place immediately after a violent event. It addresses the short-term consequences and focuses on the immediate needs of the victim—such as outreach and community support services. Tertiary prevention is a long-term approach after a violent event has occurred, which this program provides through access to trauma counseling professionals and supports.

This project aligns with the FCSS identified provincial indicator of Improved Social Well Being of Families with the outcome of families have social supports and access to resources as needed. Pre and Post survey will be included within this service delivery.

Examples of the pre and post questions are:

Pre Survey (PM2) - I know how to access the resources available for my family when needed.

Post Survey (PM2)- As a result of the Odyssey House Outreach Program, I am better able to access the resources available for my family when we need them.

Many surrounding communities lack access to shelters and specialized services for those experiencing family violence. Geographic isolation, limited transportation, and a shortage of service providers exacerbate these challenges, leaving many individuals without necessary support. This project will bridge these gaps by bringing our expertise directly to these communities. Our aim with this project is to expand on what we already know works well. In addition to the direct work with all genders, the unique, intense, and thorough training our community support workers have would be difficult for smaller communities to obtain without this type of partnership. Odyssey House is known for bringing in specialized, trauma-informed, women-centered training specific for community support workers.



Who will be served by the project/ program and how many people do you expect will attend this event (if relevant)?

This project will provide community support and outreach services to those beyond our usual urban geographical reach. Our goals include reducing family violence through targeted education, improving safety and well-being through personalized safety planning, referrals for financial support, transportation, spiritual support, and court support, addressing any other identified gaps that impede the prevention of domestic violence and increasing the accessibility of support services for rural communities.

A vital component of this project is the development of strong, trusting relationships within the municipality of Greenview and the Town of Valleyview. This program will continue to provide service to individuals of all gender, ethnicity, age or family composition within this geographical location, who are experiencing or at risk of domestic violence and abuse.

How will this program benefit the community?

The Odyssey House Outreach program will provide place based services to the identified residents of the Town of Valleyview and the MD of Greenview. This service will increase awareness of supports in relation to an individual's domestic violence and abuse experience and provide a targeted response to stop further violence and abuse from occurring. Barriers such as transportation, system navigation, housing and income supports will be greatly reduced through the Outreach program further enhancing the well being of participants.

Our Community Support Workers are highly trained professionals with expertise in:

System Navigation: Guiding individuals through the complex network of available services and resources, ensuring they receive the help they need efficiently and effectively.

Trauma-Informed Practice: We offer support that acknowledges the impact of trauma and ensures that our services are sensitive, respectful, and empowering for those we assist.

Workplace Boundaries: Maintaining professional boundaries to provide consistent, ethical, and reliable support.

Crisis Intervention: Responding to immediate needs with practical strategies prioritizing safety and well-being during critical situations.

Cultural Sensitivity: Understanding and respecting the diverse cultural backgrounds of community members, ensuring that services are inclusive and accessible to all.



How will you recognize the contribution from Green View FCSS to your organization and in the community?

Recognizing Green View FCSS's contribution is essential to demonstrating appreciation and building a lasting partnership. We will issue a press release announcing the project, explicitly acknowledging the financial support and collaboration with Green View FCSS. This will be shared with local media outlets, our website, and our social media channels.

Regular posts on our social media platforms will highlight the project's impact and thank Green View FCSS for their support. These will include project updates, success stories, and community testimonials. Green View FCSS's logo will be prominently displayed on all project-related materials, including brochures, flyer's, educational resources, and outreach materials distributed within the community.

We will create a dedicated section on our website to highlight the partnership, featuring Green View FCSS as a vital supporter of the project and showcasing the outcomes achieved with their help.

In our regular progress reports to stakeholders and the community, we will include sections that expressly acknowledge the role of Green View FCSS in making the project possible. Green View FCSS will be featured in our organization's annual report as a significant contributor, with a summary of the project's impact and the role of its funding. Our organizational newsletters will spotlight Green View FCSS, detailing how their contribution has enabled us to effectively reach and support remote communities.

How will this program be measured for success?

To assess the effectiveness of this project, we will employ a comprehensive evaluation strategy that includes surveys, data collection, and direct feedback from service accessors. The critical metrics for evaluating success include:

Decrease in Reported Family Violence Cases: We will monitor the number of family violence cases reported in the targeted communities, aiming for a measurable reduction as a result of our intervention.

Increased Access to Support Services: We will track the number of individuals who access support services, including those related to safety planning, financial assistance, transportation, spiritual support, and court support, aiming for a significant increase in service utilization.

Participant Feedback: We will gather participant feedback through surveys and interviews to assess their satisfaction with the services provided and overall project experience.

The insights gained from these evaluations will help us measure the project's success and guide future improvements and adaptations to serve the community better.

This project represents a crucial step toward breaking the cycle of family violence in rural Northwestern Alberta communities. However, these efforts' long-term success and sustainability depend on continued support and funding.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you previously applied for a grant from the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

List the year, amount and purpose of the last two grants your organization has received from the Green View FCSS Grants Program:

1. Grant Amount

Year grant was received

Purpose of Grant

Did you provide an expense report?

yes no

2. Grant Amount

Year grant was received

Purpose of Grant

Did you provide an expense report?

yes no

Have you applied for grant funds from sources **other** than the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

Have you received grant funds from sources other than the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

If yes, please describe when, who, purpose and amount.

Please submit application and supporting documents by fax to 780-524-4130 or by email to lisa.hannaford@mdgreenview.ab.ca

PLEASE ATTACH EXPENSE REPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Delegation-Peace Area Riding for the Disabled**
SUBMISSION TO: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024 GM: MANAGER:LDH
DEPARTMENT: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENTER:LDH

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:
Green View FCSS Policy: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION: That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board accept the presentation from Peace Area Riding for the Disabled, for information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:
Peace Area Riding for the Disabled, based in Grande Prairie, is seeking financial support to run the equine assisted therapeutic riding program that supports youth and people living with disabilities. The programming provides participants with visibility, connection and community, all protective factors that contribute to a higher quality of life. In 2023, there were 406 unique individuals accessing the program, 34 of which reside in Greenview.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. The benefit of accepting the presentation is to update the Board on programs provided by Peace Area Riding for the Disabled.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. There are no perceived disadvantages to accepting the presentation.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:
Alternative #1: The Green View Family and Community Support Services Board may choose not to accept the presentation for information. This alternative is not recommended for if the Board is aware of what programs are available and how the funds are being utilized; the Board will be well informed and better able to make funding decisions in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: N/A

Ongoing / Future Costs: N/A

STAFFING IMPLICATION: N/A

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENT(S): Grant Applications

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 Phone: 780.524.7603 Fax: 780.524.4130

GREEN VIEW FCSS GRANT APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization

Peace Area Riding for the Disabled

Address of Organization

71009 Range Road 55, County of Grande Prairie, T8W 5A7

Contact Name

Victoria Kingston

Phone Number

780-538-3211

Purpose of Organization

PARDS is committed to providing high quality equine assisted therapy to peace country residents.

Is your organization non-profit? yes no Does your organization have a charitable status? yes no

Applicant's Information

Name Victoria Kingston

Position Assistant Director

Address

Phone Number (H) (W) 780-538-3211 (C) 825-345-0603 E-mail address director@pards.ca

Signature

Victoria Kingston

Date August 30/24

Please attach additional documentation that supports your application and include work description or details, other funds source, event or program timeline, estimates, a detailed budget, expected results and benefits to the Municipality in relation to this project.

By signing this application, I/we concur with the following statements:

- * The grant application is complete and includes all supporting documentation, including most recent financial statements based on legislative requirements of our organization, balance sheet, current bank balances and current year detailed operating budget.
- * The grant shall be used for only those purposes for which the application was made. If the original grant application or purposes for which the grant requested have been modified by the Green View FCSS board; the grant will be used for those varied purposes only.
- * The organization will provide a written outcomes report to the Green View FCSS office, along with an expense report, within 30 days of completion of the grant.
- * The organization agrees to submit to an evaluation of the project related to the grant.
- * The organization will return any unused portion of the grant funds to Green View FCSS or to request approval from the FCSS Board to use the funds for an optional project.

GRANT INFORMATION

Total Amount Requested

\$10,000.00

Please note for all grant applications over \$2,500, the applicant must make a presentation to the FCSS Board.

Proposed Project

PARDS is seeking financial support for our equine assisted therapeutic programs that support youth and persons living with disabilities in our community. With the exception of our summer camps that run from July to August, our programs consist of 10 week sessions that run 3 times a year.

Currently, PARDS offers the following programs for youth and persons living with disabilities:

- Therapeutic Riding
- Therapeutic Cart Driving
- Youth Leadership
- Unbridled
- Taking the Reins
- Little Pony Motricity
- P'Tit Trot
- Inclusive Summer Camp

While these programs feature varying curricula, activities, and age requirements, the purpose behind all of our programming is to encourage participants to form a positive bond with their horse companion, as well as their fellow riders. As participants learn to trust and care for their horse, they are able to apply these same principles to their own care and relationships outside of PARDS.

How will this project be preventative in nature?

People living with disabilities represent nearly a third of the Canadian population and are one of the most vulnerable sectors in our community. Those with disabilities often face limited access to supports, employment challenges, housing difficulties, and social isolation.

Of the 27% of the Canadian population that identifies as living with a disability, 16.5% also live in poverty. People with disabilities currently make up 41% of those who live in poverty in Canada. As the cost of living rises, people with disabilities are often the first to be affected due to having a fixed income or employment challenges. This is why seeking funding to subsidize the cost of our programming for participants is critical in order to ensure that it remain accessible.

When we examine the risk factors that contribute to mental illness, addictions, or conflict with the law, we begin to see overlap with the challenges that those with disabilities face. These risk factors include poverty, low self esteem, unemployment/underemployment, low literacy, lack of services (social, recreational, cultural, etc.), family distress, anti-social behaviour, and even leaving institutional/government care. People with visible disabilities are often avoided in public and receive far fewer instances of eye contact or casual interactions when out in public than a person without disabilities could expect. It is common for those with disabilities to feel invisible and alone even when surrounded by people.

Our programming provides our participants with visibility, connection, and community. These are powerful protective factors and contribute to a higher quality of life. Participants in our programming form strong bonds with their horse partner, staff, and fellow riders. In addition to learning new skills, our participants often report significant gains in the areas of self confidence, social interaction, and relationship building.

Who will be served by the project/ program and how many people do you expect will attend this event (if relevant)? PARDS provides programs for youth and individuals living with a disability. Last year, we had over 700 program registrations from 406 unique individuals.

Of those 406, 34 individuals reside within the MD of Greenview. Additionally, we are also providing programming for 121 students at Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation School.

How will this program benefit the community?

Our programming benefits the community by improving the quality of life for both youth and people living with disabilities. By providing a means for those who are most vulnerable to engage in exercises and experiences that promote self confidence, social development, and relationship building we are decreasing the likelihood that these individuals will succumb to mental illness, addictions, and conflict with the law. This in turn, will help reduce the burden on our already overburdened healthcare system.

The positive effects of our programming also extend to the families of our participants. One alarming statistic on disability is that nearly a third of people living with disabilities are also caregivers for youth or a person with disabilities. Providing care to a dependent can be stressful and taxing - doing so while managing your own challenges and limitations is daunting.

Our programming combats the isolation that many of these families face. By subsidizing our programs and providing accessible transportation for those without means, PARDS is focused on reducing barriers so that everyone has access to a place where they belong.

How will you recognize the contribution from Green View FCSS to your organization and in the community?

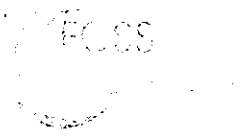
PARDS will recognize Green View FCSS' contribution to our programming as follows:

- posts to our social media accounts (facebook, instagram) announcing theming contribution and thanking Green View FCSS
- Greenview FCSS will be featured on our website, newsletter, and annual report as a funder
- Green view FCSS' logo will be featured on the electronic sign at the front of the PARDS building, and on a kickboard in our indoor arena.

How will this program be measured for success?

In keeping with the FCSS Outcomes Model, PARDS has developed a logic model for our programs and conducts participant surveys to measure and report on the success of our programs.

In addition to this, we also collect demographic data and testimonials to ensure that we are continuing to meet the needs of our diverse community.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you previously applied for a grant from the Green View FCSS grants program? yes no

List the year, amount and purpose of the last two grants your organization has received from the Green View FCSS Grants Program:

1. Grant Amount	Year grant was received	
Purpose of Grant	Did you provide an expense report?	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Grant Amount	Year grant was received	
Purpose of Grant	Did you provide an expense report?	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>

Have you applied for grant funds from sources other than the Green View FCSS grants program? yes no

Have you received grant funds from sources other than the Green View FCSS grants program? yes no

If yes, please describe when, who, purpose and amount.

City of GP FCSS - \$49, 458 for Youth Leadership (2For Term 023-2026)

County of Grande Prairie FCSS - \$7000 - Youth Leadership (2024)

Please submit application and supporting documents by fax to 780-524-4130 or by email to lisa.hannaford@mdgreenview.ab.ca

PLEASE ATTACH EXPENSE REPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: Delegation-Suicide Prevention Resource Centre (SPRC)
SUBMISSION TO: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024 GM: MANAGER:LDH
DEPARTMENT: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENTER:LDH

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:
Green View FCSS Policy: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION: That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board accept the presentation from the Suicide Prevention Resource Centre, for information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:
Green View FCSS has supported various Suicide Prevention Resource Centers programs for over 10 years. In the 2025 grant application, the Suicide Prevention Resource Centre has requested funds to support both youth and adult mental health programming in Greenview.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of accepting the presentation is to update the Board on services provided by the Suicide Prevention Resource Centre.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. There are no perceived disadvantages to accepting the presentation.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:
Alternative #1: The Green View Family and Community Support Services Board may choose not to accept the presentation for information. This alternative is not recommended for if the Board is aware of what services are being delivered and how the funds are being utilized; the Board will be well informed and better able to make funding decisions in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:
Direct Costs: N/A
Ongoing / Future Costs: N/A

STAFFING IMPLICATION: N/A

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENT(S): Grant Applications



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GREEN VIEW FCSS GRANT APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization

Suicide Prevention Resource Centre

Address of Organization

#200 10014 99 Street Grande Prairie, AB T8V 3N4

Contact Name

Hywel Williams

Phone Number

780-539-6680

Purpose of Organization

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Is your organization non-profit? yes [checked] no [] Does your organization have a charitable status? yes [checked] no []

Applicant's Information

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Hywel Williams

Signature

Date Agust 29, 2024

Please attach additional documentation that supports your application and include work description or details, other funds source, event or program timeline, estimates, a detailed budget, expected results and benefits to the Municipality in relation to this project.

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GRANT INFORMATION

Total Amount Requested

\$10,000.00

Please note for all grant applications over \$2,500, the applicant must make a presentation to the FCSS Board.

Proposed Project

The Youth Mental Health Program expansion aims to expand our current services to additional areas. This program is a comprehensive 1-day workshop tailored for youth ages 7 to 17, further into the MD of Greenview through delivering up to 6 additional workshops in key locations outlined later in this application. This program aims to help young participants develop healthier coping strategies, which are essential for managing stress and navigating life's challenges. By fostering these skills, the program aims to enhance the resilience of youth and decrease the chance of social breakdown, as well as equipping them to better handle crises and difficult situations to reduce the reliance on major interventions.

In addition to building resilience, the program places a strong emphasis on increasing social support. Recognizing the importance of family, community, and peer connections, the program facilitates opportunities for youth to build meaningful relationships, which can provide vital emotional and practical support.

A key focus of the Youth Mental Health Program is improving emotional regulation. Many young people struggle with managing their emotions, which can impact their overall well-being and daily functioning. This program is designed to help youth understand and control their emotions more effectively, promoting healthier emotional responses and reducing the risk of mental health concerns.

The program is structured to be both engaging and effective. It incorporates a variety of interactive and enjoyable activities, ensuring that youth remain interested and motivated. By making the learning process enjoyable, the program aims to maximize its impact, ensuring that participants not only gain valuable skills but also have a positive and enriching experience.

Key program concepts:

The program employs various psycho-educational approaches to engage participants and promote effective learning. It emphasizes setting and achieving personal goals, which helps youth build a sense of accomplishment and direction. Interactive activities such as games, art, and scenarios are used to make learning enjoyable and relevant. The program includes breaks for relaxation and energy management to help maintain focus and well-being. Timed tasks are incorporated to keep participants moving and engaged throughout the day. To ensure active participation, direct instruction is limited, with a preference for interactive and hands-on learning experiences. Visual cues are employed to guide acceptable behavior, providing clear and consistent expectations. Additionally, emotional barometers are utilized for group check-ins, allowing participants to express and manage their emotions effectively.

The facilitation approach of the program focuses on encouraging self-directed, motivated learning, allowing participants to take ownership of their educational journey. It values diverse perspectives and contributions, fostering an inclusive environment where every participant's input is recognized and appreciated. The program strikes a balance between challenging the participants and ensuring their safety, promoting growth while maintaining a supportive atmosphere. A Trauma-Informed Approach is applied to guarantee sensitive and empathetic facilitation, addressing the specific needs of each individual. To achieve the best results, participation in the program is encouraged to be voluntary, ensuring that those involved are genuinely interested and engaged.



How will this project be preventative in nature?

The Youth Mental Health Program is preventative in nature by focusing on the development of healthier coping strategies essential for managing stress and navigating life's challenges. A crucial element of the program is its emphasis on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). SEL is a process through which young people acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Integrating SEL into the program helps youth develop self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. These competencies are vital for personal and social well-being and are essential for building resilience and coping skills.

The program also emphasizes increasing social support, recognizing the importance of healthy relationships as a barrier for social breakdown. By creating opportunities for youth to develop meaningful relationships, the program offers emotional and practical support, which can help prevent mental health concerns from developing or from escalating. These connections serve as a protective factor against mental health challenges, providing a network of support that youth can rely on during difficult times. By promoting strong, supportive relationships and enhancing social emotional skills, the program helps create a foundation for long-term mental health and well-being.

As an organization, The Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention focuses on primary prevention with some programs spanning into secondary prevention on the prevention continuum.



Who will be served by the project/ program and how many people do you expect will attend this event (if relevant)?

The Youth Mental Health Program currently supports youth ages 7 to 17 in the City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie, and surrounding areas. The goal of this grant proposal is to expand our primary services to reach those living in the MD of Greenview, such as Grande Cache, Valleyview, Grovedale, and DeBolt. The program expansion will include the delivery of six additional weekend workshops throughout the funding year in the aforementioned locations, based on community participation and demand. These additional workshops will enable us to support up to an additional 90 youth. In the 2023/2024 fiscal year, we supported over 430 youth across our service area.

How will this program benefit the community?

The Youth Mental Health Program will benefit the community by developing resilient, emotionally regulated youth who are equipped to handle life's challenges. This, in turn, creates a supportive, connected community where mental health and well-being are prioritized, leading to a healthier and more cohesive society.

The program emphasizes the importance of grassroots social support and helping build meaningful relationships with family, peers, and the broader community. By strengthening these connections, the program cultivates a community where individuals look out for one another and offer assistance in times of need rather than relying on major interventions that may not be accessible or defaulting to the health care system.

A key focus of the program is improving emotional regulation among youth. By improving emotional regulation, the program helps reduce instances of negative behaviors such as aggression, anxiety, and depression among young people. This, in turn, leads to youth who are less likely to engage in disruptive or harmful activities. Additionally, emotionally regulated youth are better able to focus on their education and extracurricular activities, leading to higher academic performance and increased participation in community events.

Improved emotional regulation also means that youth are more likely to seek out and utilize available resources and support systems when they encounter challenges. This proactive approach to mental health reduces the burden on community services and healthcare providers, as early intervention and self-regulation can prevent more severe issues from developing.

Overall, by prioritizing emotional regulation, the Youth Mental Health Program not only enhances the individual well-being of its participants but also contributes to the creation of a healthier, more resilient, and interconnected community.



How will you recognize the contribution from Green View FCSS to your organization and in the community?

RCSP and the Youth Mental Health Program acknowledge the contributions of our funders through various publications, promotions, and events. The Green View FCSS will be recognized on all promotional posters for events occurring in the MD of Greenview, across our social media platforms, on our website, at our annual Community Update event, and in our Annual Report. Additionally, we will recognize the contributions from the Green View FCSS by participating in MD activities such as trade shows, public events, and programming as well as participating in the various interagency meetings held by the FCSS and partnering agencies.

RCSP highly values the support from municipalities, agencies, and donors, as it enables us to continue offering essential services and support to our community.

How will this program be measured for success?

Our Youth Mental Health 1-day workshops use a post-survey questionnaire for all participants to gauge the impact of our programming. Additionally, a follow-up survey is sent to parents and caregivers two weeks after the workshop to assess the retention and utilization of the skills taught, as well as any noticeable improvements in the youth. We measure the program's success based on positive changes observed in both the youth and caregiver surveys. The questions on our survey are selected from the Measures Bank documents provided by FCSS to ensure alignment with best practices and funder expectations.

We also evaluate success by tracking the number of workshops delivered, attendance numbers at each workshop, requests for additional workshops or programming, and the number of collaborative partnerships with other youth-supporting agencies.

Ultimately, a successful funding year includes the delivery of all promised workshops with more than the minimum number of participants, and over 90% of participants and caregivers reporting positive improvements in the youth's emotional regulation and coping strategies.

Overall, RCSP is committed to measurement and evaluation in all programming and activities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you previously applied for a grant from the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

List the year, amount and purpose of the last two grants your organization has received from the Green View FCSS Grants Program:

1. Grant Amount \$8,500.00

Year grant was received 2022

Did you provide an expense report?

yes no

Purpose of Grant

To continue to support the MD of Greenview by providing Youth Mental Health workshops to communities both virtually and in-person as well as increase partnerships and community engagement opportunities.

2. Grant Amount \$ 8,500.00

Year grant was received 2021

Did you provide an expense report?

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Purpose of Grant

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Have you applied for grant funds from sources other than the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

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If yes, please describe when, who, purpose and amount.

RCSP Youth Programming receives funding from local municipal governments, Alberta Health Services, community fundraising, as well as corporate and individual donations. For a complete overview of Youth Funds please see attached budget and financials.

Please submit application and supporting documents by fax to 780-524-4130 or by email to lisa.hannaford@mdgreenview.ab.ca

PLEASE ATTACH EXPENSE REPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION



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GREEN VIEW FCSS GRANT APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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Proposed Project

Project Title- Adult Mental Health

Current Programming that will continue to provide services to all residents of the region

The Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention (RCSP) offers comprehensive public education programs aimed at raising awareness and creating conversations about suicide and mental well-being. Acknowledging that discussing suicide can be lifesaving, these adult focused programs seek to reduce stigma, foster understanding, and promote proactive mental health care within the community.

We have many alternatives of psycho-educational workshops and groups designed to encourage open and honest conversations about mental health and suicide. These workshops are tailored to address the needs of different audiences, ensuring that individuals, families, and communities receive relevant and impactful information. By creating safe spaces for dialogue, we help participants feel more comfortable discussing their mental health concerns and experiences.

The workshops cover a broad range of topics, including recognizing the signs of mental distress, effective communication strategies, and intervention techniques. Participants learn how to identify when someone might be struggling and how to offer appropriate support. This knowledge is crucial for building a community that is responsive and supportive, capable of intervening before crises escalate.

**Men's Programming twice a week- Men's Support Group Monday & Men's Talk Wednesday
Men's Shed multiple days a week**

Additional programming for the region

Potential of expansion of Men's Shed to Valleyview

Expansion of customized trauma informed mental health training for 1st responders into the MD e.g. Debolt & Grovedale Fire Departments

Skills for Safer Living expansion - take this evidence long standing national program into communities of the MD

Increased marketing and awareness raising of the benefits of mental health education.

How will this project be preventative in nature?

The Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention (RCSP) adult focused programs are preventative in nature through several key aspects:

Raising Awareness and Reducing Stigma:

By offering comprehensive public education programs, RCSP aims to raise awareness about suicide and mental well-being. Discussing these topics openly helps to reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues, making it more likely for individuals to seek help early.

Promoting Proactive Mental Health Care:

The programs encourage proactive mental health care within the community. This proactive approach means addressing mental health concerns before they become crises, thereby preventing the escalation of mental health issues.

Tailored Psycho-educational Workshops:

RCSP offers a variety of psycho-educational workshops and groups designed for different audiences. These tailored workshops ensure that individuals, families, and communities receive relevant information, making the learning more impactful and applicable to their specific needs.

Creating Safe Spaces for Dialogue:

By creating safe spaces for open and honest conversations about mental health and suicide, the program helps participants feel more comfortable discussing their mental health concerns. This openness can lead to early identification and intervention for those struggling with mental health issues.

Education on Recognizing Signs and Intervention:

The workshops cover important topics such as recognizing the signs of mental distress, effective communication strategies, and intervention techniques. Educating participants on how to identify when someone might be struggling and how to offer appropriate support empowers the community to act preventatively.

Building a Supportive Community:

The knowledge gained from these programs helps build a community that is responsive and supportive. A community equipped with the skills to identify and address mental health issues can intervene before crises escalate, providing support and resources to those in need.

By addressing these aspects, the RCSP's programs play a crucial role in preventing mental health crises and suicide, fostering a community that is informed, understanding, and proactive in mental health care.



Who will be served by the project/ program and how many people do you expect will attend this event (if relevant)?

Current programming:

Uniquely successful Men's Mental Health Programming:

98 sessions last year with total attendance of 296 averaging 8 men per session

CONNECT -

Public education workshop participants 1 753

Bereavement Support Groups participants 70

41 MD participants 2024 YTD (About 4% of participants) CONNECT program only

We expect higher numbers in both Mens' Mental Health and CONNECT programming given the ability to do so with this grant.

We are hopeful that we would be able to serve all 1st responders in Grande Cache, Grovedale, DeBolt, Valleyview and other.

How will this program benefit the community?

We will focus our answer to this question on Men.

From a study by UCLA professor Mark Kaplan;

"There is a conspicuous absence of standard psychiatric markers of suicidality among a large number of males of all ages who die by suicide.

The findings highlight the potential benefits of strategies to create protective environments. provide support during stressful transitions and enhance coping & proble solving skills across the life span."

Because males are less likely to seek help for problems related to their mental health the study fully supports a different approach to men's mental health specifically "harnessing the positive aspects of masculinity".

While also recognizing that promoting a different kind of social development is a intergenerational agenda.



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How will this program be measured for success?

Our Adult Programs use a post-survey questionnaire for all participants to gauge the impact of our programming. We measure the program's success based on positive changes observed by participants in all programs. The questions on our survey are selected from the Measures Bank documents provided by FCSS to ensure alignment with best practices and funder expectations.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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yes no

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1. Grant Amount **\$17,250.00**

Year grant was received **2019**

Did you provide an expense report?

yes no

Purpose of Grant

Youth \$ 8 625

Tough Enough \$8, 625

2. Grant Amount **\$ 14,875.00**

Year grant was received **2021**

Did you provide an expense report?

yes no

Purpose of Grant

Youth \$8500

Tough Enough \$6375

Have you applied for grant funds from sources **other** than the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

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PLEASE ATTACH EXPENSE REPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: Managers' Report
SUBMISSION TO: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024 GM: MANAGER: LDH
DEPARTMENT: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENTER: LDH

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:
Green View FCSS Policy– N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION: That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board accept the October 2024 Managers report as presented for information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:
Monthly Managers reports are provided to the Board for information.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
The benefit of accepting the report is to update the Board on services provide by the Manager.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
There are no perceived disadvantages to accepting the report.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:
N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: N/A

STAFFING IMPLICATION: N/A

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

- October Managers report

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October

YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Green View Family and Community Support Services Board

TITLE: Manager

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Hannaford

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

On October 17 administration made a presentation to Council regarding a potential move of the Grande Cache FCSS office to a bigger space within the provincial building. This would increase safety of the staff as well as efficiency of the internet services and space for programming. The motion was deferred, and administration will re-visit the topic at the regular Council meeting on October 22.

Green View FCSS is partnering with the Valleyview Men's Shed to host the Men's Wellness Expo which is scheduled at the Burnside Performing Arts Center on October 18. Guest speakers and topics include mental health advocate Tyler Smith, the Man Van- Canadas first mobile Men's health clinic offering free prostate specific antigen blood testing used for early detection of prostate cancer, and Tough Enough -a comprehensive mental health program created specifically for trades, industry, and agriculture. Other presentations include a sleep consultant and a kickboxing demonstration and practice.

The Balance Yoga class is running 2 times per week out of the Resource Center in Valleyview. This strength-based fall prevention program has twenty regular participants.

An older Adult Information Day will take place in partnership with the Recreation Department on October 17 at the Greenview Regional Multiplex. Information provided will include Wills, Personal Directives and Power of Attorney, Scams for Seniors, Seniors benefits and Understanding Dementia.

The WiseGuyz program began at Hillside High School in Valleyview and at the Grande Cache Community High School for the 2024/25 school year. Currently there are 10 students participating in Valleyview and another 10 students in Grande Cache. School administration has expressed their gratitude for the program as they have seen positive changes in behavior of the students in relation to bullying, consent, and awareness of how their actions impact others. Parents report increased communication with their children regarding sexual health and increased capacity in their child to stand up for themselves. Increased enrollment in the program is in part due to students talking about the program and how much they enjoy it. WiseGuyz is not mandatory, students choose to participate and must have parental consent to do so. A WiseGuyz Alumni group in Grande Cache has been created for those students that have completed the program but want to still meet. There are 6 students in the Alumni group that will be provided opportunities to explore careers in the human services sector, be mentors of new WiseGuyz participants, have deeper discussions on prevention of adolescent dating violence, and explore barriers for men to access mental health.

Greenview hosted a regional Emergency Social Services meeting at the DeBolt Public Service Building on October 2. These regional meetings provide an opportunity to discuss upcoming training, resource accessibility, best practices and receive updates from the Alberta Emergency Management Association.

OUTCOMES: All Program Outcomes can be found in Coordinator reports.

HIGHLIGHTS: Three separate delegations will provide information regarding their grant requests at the October meeting. Suicide Prevention Resource Centre, Odyssey House, and the Peace Area Riding for the Disabled (Pards), are all scheduled to make presentations to the Board.

UPCOMING:

The FCSSAA conference will be held in Edmonton November 13-15. Rooms have been booked at the Fantasyland Hotel for the nights of the 12th-15th. Typically, the Board does not have a regular meeting in November as any pertinent topics can be discussed at the conference. The Northwest Regional meeting will take place in the afternoon of the 13, and Both MLA Long and Loewen have been invited to the breakfast at the conference on Thursday the 14th. Any Board member who wishes to travel in the van on the 12 are welcome to do so.

A Night to Lead Change, in partnership with the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, will take place in Valleyview on November 21 at the Burnside Performing Arts Center, and in Grande Cache on November 20. These information sessions create awareness around social issues, contribute to healthier communities, and provide avenues of support for people in need. All community members are welcome to attend this free event, and supper will be provided.

The coordinators updates are attached to this report.

TO: FCSSAA Members

DATE: October 7, 2024

RE: Resolutions for the 2024FCSSAA Annual General Meeting

Attached are the two resolutions that will be heard at the FCSSAA Annual General Meeting on Friday November 15, 2024. The resolutions will be included in the FCSSAA Annual Report that will be available on the FCSSAA website and e-mailed prior to the conference.

The FCSSAA Board urges all FCSS programs to engage in detailed discussions about the resolutions, ensuring that your AGM delegates fully understand the viewpoints you wish to support during the resolutions debate.

The guidelines for late and emergent resolutions are described in the [FCSSAA Resolutions Procedures Manual on our website](#). A late resolution is a resolution received after the deadline of 60 days prior to the AGM, and not fitting the definition of an emergent resolution. Late resolutions will not be considered by the AGM assembly.

Emergent resolutions must deal with an issue of significance to FCSS programs that arises after the deadline for submitting resolutions. Emergent resolutions must be received by the FCSSAA Secretary at least three (3) days prior to the AGM and members of the Resolutions Committee must agree that the issue requires debate prior to next year's AGM.

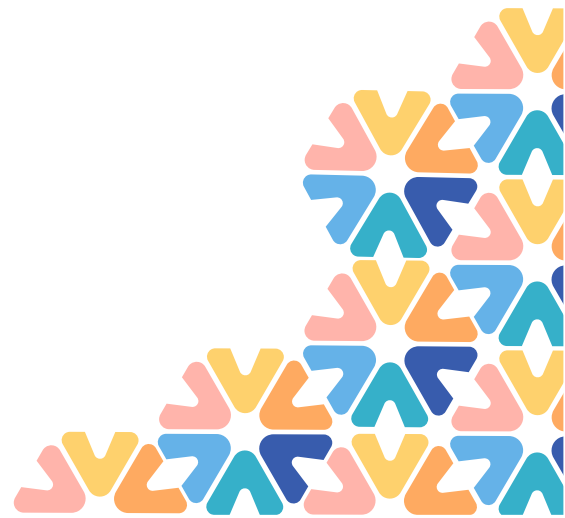
Each FCSS program that is a member of the FCSSAA is entitled to appoint two voting delegates for the AGM. Please ensure the appointments have been made before the conference. Voting delegates must register at the AGM registration table prior to the AGM. There is no charge to attend the AGM.

If you have questions regarding the attached resolutions or resolution procedures, please contact me at ismid@town.stpaul.ab.ca or Mellissa Kraft, FCSSAA Executive Director, director@fcssaa.org. I look forward to seeing you at the FCSSAA conference and AGM.

Sincerely,



Lynn Smid
Secretary
FCSS Association of Alberta



RESOLUTION 2024-01**SUBMITTED BY:** County of Grande Prairie Family and Community Support Services Advisory Board**TOPIC:** Commitment to Address Food Security in Alberta

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The FCSSAA advocates to the Government of Alberta to maintain its current commitment of funding to address food security through a range of strategies that ensure access to food while also tackling the root causes of food insecurity.

Background:

Food security is a fundamental human right and is essential for the health and well-being of all Albertans. The rate of food insecurity in Alberta is rising, affecting approximately 1 in 5 households, with low-income families, Indigenous communities, and seniors being particularly impacted. Recent economic challenges, inflation, and supply chain disruptions have exacerbated food insecurity, placing additional strain on food banks, community organizations, and vulnerable populations.

Food insecurity in Alberta is driven by several interconnected factors that impact the availability, accessibility, and affordability of nutritious food for residents. Economic disparities have created a significant gap between high- and low-income households, with many families struggling to afford healthy food amid rising living costs. The high cost of living, including increased housing, utility, and transportation costs consumes a large portion of household budgets, leaving less money available for food. For example, according to the Alberta Consumer Price Index, between January 2023 and January 2024, electricity costs rose by 119%, and rental accommodations increased by 10.6%. Food prices in Alberta have steadily risen, with average retail food prices increasing by 26.81% from January 2019 to January 2024. If these costs continue to climb, Alberta's social systems will face even greater strain, and more individuals will struggle to meet their basic needs.

Addressing food insecurity requires a comprehensive approach, including economic reforms, improved social services, support for local agriculture, and targeted policies to ensure all residents have reliable access to nutritious food. Between 2022 and 2024, the Government of Alberta dedicated \$20 million to address food security through food banks and food-serving organizations. This investment was essential in responding to the ongoing crisis of food insecurity. However, this assistance alone is insufficient to address the social safety nets and policies that fail to tackle the root causes of food insecurity. Programs providing financial assistance, affordable housing, and food subsidies are crucial components of a comprehensive approach to food insecurity. It is vital that the province continues to invest in supporting a broad spectrum of community programs that address poverty reduction and enhance food security.

Sources

Average Retail Food Prices Data Visualization Tool (statcan.gc.ca)

“Canada’s Food Price Report, 12 Edition 2022” . Dalhousie University. [Food Price Report - EN 2022.pdf \(dal.ca\)](#)

Canadian Income Survey, Centre for Income and Socioeconomic Well-being Statistics, Statistics Canada.

Statistics Canada. [Table 13-10-0835-01 Food insecurity by selected demographic characteristics](#)

[Food security | Alberta.ca](#)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Proposed to the Annual General Meeting
of the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA)

Edmonton, November 15, 2024

BACKGROUND: The Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) has determined by deliberation and discussion of the Association Board and Members to amend its Bylaws, and the Association Board has determined that the following amendments are in order and in keeping with the good governance and administration of the organization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bylaw amendments proposed by Special Resolution to the Members on November 15, 2024 be approved.

Whereas, the FCSSAA Membership appoints a board based on the recommendations of the regions at the Annual Meeting;

Whereas, the current one (1) year term for the board members does not provide the continuity that may be achieved with a two (2) year term.

Whereas, the above proposal requires Bylaw Amendments to be approved by the Membership;

Therefore be it resolved that, the FCSSAA Bylaws be amended as to read as follows:

4.3 Election and Appointment of Board Members

4.3.1 The Full FCSSAA Members shall elect by nomination and a clear majority a President at the Annual Meeting by voting delegates.

The President shall be elected for a two (2) year term beginning in 2025 at the Annual Meeting. This term shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected, and shall, unless sooner vacated, terminate at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting two (2) years hence. The President position will have a cumulative term limit of six (6) years.

4.3.2 A call for nominations for the President position will be issued at minimum four (4) weeks prior to the nomination deadline.

Interested persons must submit a completed nomination package electronically to the Association at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The nomination must be endorsed by at least one FCSSAA Member in good standing.

The Membership will be informed of the nominees prior to the Annual Meeting.

4.3.3 If there are no nominations received prior to the nomination deadline for the President position, nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting will be accepted.

4.3.4 The Member who made the nomination has no more than two minutes to speak to the nomination. If the Member is not present, the written statement from the nomination package will be read.

4.3.5 Each candidate for the position of President has up to five minutes to speak in response to the nomination. The order of speaking is determined by a drawing of lots by the person presiding over the election.

4.3.6 If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, between Annual Meetings it shall be filled by the Vice President as selected by the Board, for an interim period until the next Annual Meeting, with the Vice President's consent. The Vice President who moves to the interim President position shall vacate their position as Vice President on the Board and a new Vice President will be selected by the Board.

4.3.7 Representatives from the Regions are elected or appointed at Regional meetings whenever held, at which those Members present from the particular region may nominate and vote on the election of representatives for their respective region.

4.3.8 The representatives of Directors' Network Committee shall be nominated prior to the Annual General Meeting. These nominations will be ratified by the Board of Directors at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

4.3.9 Members of the Association Board serve two (2) years, or until their successors are elected or appointed.

The Board of Directors is instructed to file the Special Resolution as adopted, with Alberta Corporate Registry in accordance with the Societies Act. RSA 2000 c. S-14

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October

YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Lisa Hannaford

TITLE: Assistant Manager

SUBMITTED BY: Amber Hennig

The fall brings learning opportunities for staff, at principal request, resumption of youth programs in schools and Interagency meetings. Interagency meetings in Grande Cache take place the last Tuesday of the month, except for July and August. These meetings provide networking opportunities in addition to agency information sharing, increasing administration's ability to make appropriate referrals and leveraging of resources to meet the needs of residents.

Learning opportunities for staff include training through Pace in Grande Prairie like Crisis Intervention and Communication Skills, First Responders to Sexual Assault, and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. The training enhances staff ability to support individuals who connect with the Community Resource Centre. Health and Safety training is also taken in the fall, training like Defensive Driving, Leadership in Safety Excellence (for supervisors), and First Aid.

Healthy Aging Alberta (transportation grant) and the Rural Development Network (homelessness prevention grant) have provided online training for reporting. Additionally Healthy Aging Alberta hosts community of practice online meetings for all funded agencies to connect and learn from one another. The first community of practice will take place on October 21.

The Outreach Coordinator has moved to the Adult Coordinator role. Onboarding of the new Outreach Coordinator begins October 7. There has been no disruption to service provision during this transition.

Currently 5 youth programs have been requested by schools. WiseGuyz (9 youth) and WiseGuyz Alumni (6 youth) will take place at the Grande Cache Community High School, both programs begin in October. Body Talk, the Empathy Program, and Kids Have Stress Too will take place at Susa Creek school starting in November.

The Home Alone program and Babysitting Course delivered in the summer prompted requests from parents, who were out of town in the summer, to have both programs available in the fall. In September the Home Alone program ran with 10 youth in attendance and the Babysitting Course ran the first week of October with 9 youth in attendance. Both were delivered afterschool.

At the request of the Tawow Center the Relationship and Sexual Health Education program will be delivered October 17 and 18 at the Tawow Center. Individuals experiencing high risk environments or with FAS diagnosis will learn about contraceptives, consent, dealing with rejection, and healthy relationships.

Death Café will take place Thursday night 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm in October. Individuals gather to talk about mortality offering a space to create life-affirming and thought-provoking conversations.

Administration is preparing for the Purple Light Nights campaign, with promotion beginning October 15. The campaign asks businesses, agencies, classrooms (middle school and high school) and individuals to display a purple light in their window or on their porch in the month of November. The light raises awareness of domestic violence and honors individuals who have lost their lives because of domestic violence. Each bulb given out is accompanied with handouts the bulb receiver can share with others.

A Night to Lead Change which will take place November 20. This is the first year the evening will be available in Grande Cache.

UPCOMING

- Babysitting Course (afterschool, Oct 1-4)
- WiseGuyz (Oct 1 – Dec 5, weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- WiseGuyz Alumni (Oct 9 – May 14, first and third Wednesday of every month)
- Relationship and Sexual Health Education (RSE) at the Tawow Center (Oct 17 – 18)
- Purple Lights Nights (promotion begins Oct 15, bulbs distribution will take place last week of October)
- Death Café (Oct 3, 10, 17, 24)
- Healthy Aging Alberta Community of Practice (Oct 21)
- WiseGuyz Coaching Call (Oct 22)

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October

YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Amber Hennig

TITLE: Community Resource Centre Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: Crystel Redknap

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

Year End Report 2024 (In Office Visits)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Alberta Supports	9	6	9	12	13	10	13	10	10				92
AISH	12	9	4	10	15	0	4	1	6				61
Seniors Supports	8	6	18	21	18	4	12	10	1				98
Referrals	22	20	18	21	18	21	21	21	22				184
Other	223	246	381	294	219	220	136	241	239				2199
Total	274	287	430	358	283	255	186	283	278				2634
Residence Break Down:													
Grande Cache	217	214	290	237	221	217	133	229	215				1973
Cooperatives & Enterprises	48	38	80	75	34	25	42	36	40				418
Other	9	35	60	46	28	13	11	18	23				243
Program Break Down:													
Adult Coordinator (Referrals to)	11	4	7	10	18	10	0	11	88				159
Alberta Supports	9	6	9	12	13	10	13	10	10				92
AISH	12	9	4	10	15	0	4	1	6				61
Commissioner For Oaths	17	10	22	15	21	21	18	22	13				159
Community Activity Fee Funding Program (CAFFP)	13	5	6	2	3	2	2	11	12				56
Community Collaboration	15	11	8	3	7	0	1	3	2				50
Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)	17	30	187	91	21	16	11	12	3				388
Creative Grief & Loss (Referrals to)	3	3	6	2	1	1	0	0	0				16
Disconnect Boxes	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0				2

Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Eating for your Wellbeing (cookbooks)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Forms Assistance (General)	4	25	13	16	22	14	19	23	20				156
General Information	12	5	28	11	7	18	24	18	16				139
Home Support (Referrals to)	21	17	13	13	15	13	11	18	7				128
Hope Exists in Lots of Places (HELP)	5	2	2	4	2	2	1	0	0				18
Mountains to Meadows Homelessness	6	0	3	9	4	0	4	0	1				27
Other Questions/Inquiries	18	12	1	12	15	6	10	11	25				110
Outreach Coordinator (Referrals to)	73	108	67	87	71	87	22	100	3				618
Referrals to Other Organizations	22	20	18	21	18	21	21	21	22				184
Resource Library	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1				5
Seniors Benefits	8	6	18	21	18	4	12	10	1				98
Volunteering	0	1	6	9	0	0	0	0	0				16
Welcome Baskets	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2				6
Wheels For Meals	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	3				10
Youth Programming (Referrals)	6	13	10	6	8	28	11	10	43				135
	274	287	430	358	283	255	186	283	278				2634

Total Clients Using Phone	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2				7
Total Clients Faxing Documents	6	1	6	8	2	2	8	7	8				48

Phone Calls	180	188	219	195	175	149	95	186	163				1550
Facebook Inquiries	6	3	3	0	2	9	4	5	7				39
Walk-Ins	88	96	208	163	106	97	87	92	108				1045

On September 23, the CRC Coordinator had a meeting with the Support Coordinator from Valleyview regarding Purple Light Nights 2024. During this meeting, a plan was set for distribution of lights, reviewing promotional materials, and the list of helpful phone numbers; a posting schedule for social media to begin on November 1, 2024, as well as what organizations and community spaces to reach out to. The CRC Coordinator in Valleyview was contacted and given the posting schedule. 99 purple light bulbs have been ordered and received for Valleyview, and another 99 for Grande Cache.

The CRC Coordinator participated in “Workplace Inspections” and “Investigations” training offered through the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association on September 25 and 26, 2024 in Grande Cache. This training proved essential to the confidence of the CRC Coordinator when doing quarterly inspections for the safety committee. The CRC Coordinator felt that this was beneficial training.

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program continued to see returns being filed in September. Two separate individuals who came in stated that they hadn’t realized that they did not file until they didn’t get their GST or Carbon Rebates. September saw a total of 16 tax returns completed with the following demographics:

- Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation – 8 returns
- Town of Valleyview – 8 returns

And:

- Low Income – 9 returns
- Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped – 6 returns
- Seniors – 1 return

September saw a total of \$91,651.29 brought back into the community, bringing the total for 2024 up to \$7,945,530.19.



MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Amber Hennig

TITLE: Adult Coordinator SUBMITTED BY: Raymond Harris

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

The outreach services were mainly accessed for transportation to dental appointments at the Grande Cache Dental Office, medication delivery, and forms assistance in the Green View FCSS office. There was an increase of forms assistance in the month of September, this is mainly due to one client accessing Alberta Supports – Income Supports. When assisting this client, the Adult Coordinator found additional government forms that were not completed, such as Alberta Health Care. Medication delivery for clients at the Cooperatives and Enterprises has continued on a bi-weekly basis, for one household in particular.

There were two active clients for Wheels for Meals for the month of September.

There are currently 39 active clients with the Home Support program in the Grande Cache area; 8 of those clients are in the Cooperatives and Enterprises, 31 in the Hamlet of Grande Cache. There were two new clients starting in September, one bi-weekly and another on a weekly basis. Additionally, there was one client who has paused services for the winter months and one client that has completed services due to being in palliative care.

Last minute or day of cancellations are continuing to be an issue with the Home Support program. Administration will be contacting the clients and informing them of the signed agreement, with a follow-up later, about cancelling services.

The Adult Coordinator has completed going to Home Support clients to be introduced as the contact person at Green View FCSS. Every client was thankful for the Home Support program and have really benefitted from the Home Support program.

The Adult Coordinator attended the Recreation Round Up at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre to provide information to provide a program overview for Green View FCSS. Conversations were held with attendees surrounding various programs such as Older Adult Information Day, Home Support, and Hope Exists in Lots of Places (HELP).

The Adult Coordinator attended training for Leadership in Safety Excellence and Tailgate Meetings, both of these training opportunities were held by Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association. The training was very beneficial for the Adult Coordinator for conducting investigations and hazard identification on a worksite.

With increasing positive cases of COVID services were paused with some clients until they are symptom free. The clients understood that that was the course moving forward and they were thanked for bringing the issue forwards to their worker and the Adult Coordinator.



MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Amber Hennig

TITLE: Youth Coordinator SUBMITTED BY: Alexandria Burge

Following delivery of the Home Alone Course this past summer, there were several requests made by parents to run the course again. Summer plans prevented parents from registering their children. The course ran September 24 to 25 afterschool, 10 youth participated.

Like Home Alone, parents who were unable to register their children for the Babysitting Course in the summer requested the course. With 6 youth registered the Babysitting Course will take place October 1 to 4 afterschool.

The WiseGuyz program starts October 1 and will run every Tuesday and Thursday at the Grande Cache Community High School during lunch hour. The anticipated finish date is early December, following Christmas break the new WiseGuyz will be provided an opportunity to participate in the WiseGuyz Alumni group for the rest of the school year.

The WiseGuyz Alumni group consists of 6 previous WiseGuyz, this group of boys we referred to as Returners last year because they had asked to do the WiseGuyz program a second year. This, their third year will see them diving deeper on the concepts from the WiseGuyz program, specifically gender stereotypes, bystander behaviour and prevention of dating violence. They will also mentor the new WiseGuyz after Christmas break with the potential to earn high school credits for their work with the younger students.

Conversations have taken place with the Susa Creek school principal. The principal has requested the following programs, Body Talk (grade 4-8), the Empathy program (K – grade 3), and Kids Have Stress Too for all grades. Specific dates for program delivery will be confirmed in October.

OUTCOMES:

PROGRAM NAME: Home Alone	
<i>I feel more confident to stay home alone</i>	Agree= Strongly Agree=100%
<i>I feel comfortable preparing food for myself</i>	Agree= 70% Strongly Agree=30%
<i>I understand the importance of Online Safety</i>	Agree= Strongly Agree= 100%
<i>I know how to respond in emergencies</i>	Agree= 40% Strongly Agree=60%
PARTICIPANT QUOTES: <i>When the kids would come back the next day they would all share how they went home to talk to their mom and dad to talk about how they need to come up 2 fire escape plans and to make a first aid kit that is full.</i>	

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October

YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Lisa Hannaford

TITLE: Adult Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: Tracy Dennis

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

In September 2024, the Adult Coordinator assisted with employment resources, income supports, referrals, mental health, and various other community services for the Community Resource Centre.

The Adult Coordinator's duties include home assessments, expense claims, and time sheets. The Home Support program provides basic housekeeping, meal preparation, and transportation to essential services. Currently, there are 82 Home Support clients: 57 from the Municipal District of Greenview, and 25 in the Town of Valleyview. In September, 2 clients signed on, 1 client signed off, and 3 clients are on the waiting list for Valleyview.

The Home Support program provides transportation for essential services such as grocery shopping, medical appointments and banking. In September, the Home Support team provided transportation 6 times. The Home Support program is trying to accommodate this client need and be fiscally responsible in satisfying the current demand.

Other Adult Coordinator's duties include organizing, setting up, and registering people for the Balance Restorative Yoga program. Balance Restorative Yoga is a strength and core-building yoga designed to assist in fall prevention and injury or post-surgery recovery. September and October sessions will consist of 12 classes that will begin September 6th. There are 25 people registered for the Balance Restorative Yoga program.

On September 16th the Adult Coordinator joined a webinar through Collaborative Online Resources and Education Alberta, that provided an overview of online services for Seniors Financial Assistance programs in Alberta.

Date: September, 2024		Residence			81
Support Needs	MD	VV	SLCN	Explanation/ Example	
Transportation	1	0	0	Transport inquiry, request, information	
Advanced Planning	0	0	0	Personal Directives, Guardianship, Funeral Planning	
Advocacy/ Mediation	2	3	0	With anyone, Family, Businesses, Government	
Aging in Place	0	0	0	Utilizing resources, preplanning to remain	
Alberta Benefits	0	2	0	Alberta Supports, Blue Cross, Alberta Health, AISH	
Caregiver Supports	0	0	0	Info on programs, strategies, referrals to other	
Commissioner/ Notary	8	1	6	guarantor included	
CRA Inquiry	0	0	0	any Income Tax inquiries, not filing	

Elder Abuse	0	0	0	Queries and advise
Estate Planning/ Handling	0	0	0	Power of Attorney, Wills, Paperwork after a funeral
Federal Benefits	0	0	0	GST, Canada Child Tax Benefit, Guaranteed Income
Federal Pensions	0	0	0	CPP, CPP Disability, OAS
Home Support	13	10	0	Queries, home visits
Information	4	1	0	other misc. inquiries
Legal	7	1	2	Queries, Paperwork,
Maintenance Enforcement Prog	0	0	0	Queries, form assistance
Other FCSS Prog	2	6	0	Referral to another program or worker within FCSS
Referral to other Agency	0	1	1	
Supportive Listening	0	1	2	
Technology Assistance	1	0	0	cell phone, internet, CRA accounts, email- etc.
Monthly Total	38	26	11	75-September, 2024

UPCOMING:

- On October 16, 2024, the Adult Coordinator will be joining a webinar called “Supporting Newcomers in our Community.” The Program Manager, with the Valleyview Community Learning Council, will be a guest speaker at the upcoming Older Adult Information Day. The topic will be how community members, and older adults can volunteer and assist in supporting newcomers in our community.
- On October 17, 2024, Green View FCSS and the Greenview Multiplex will be hosting an Older Adult Information Day. This is an annual event that will focus on programs and services available to the senior and older adult population. Guest speakers will provide various information as to needs and interests pertaining to seniors and the older adult population. The guest speakers will cover topics on dementia, wills, personal directives, power of attorneys, scams, supporting newcomers in our community, and senior benefits.

HIGHLIGHTS: A highlight for the Adult Coordinator was connecting with a client that initially inquired about the Home Support program. During the home visit, he disclosed that he was paying a very high monthly cost for his medications. Together we reached out to Alberta Supports to inquire about this situation. He was not aware that you can submit a patient expense report for the prior 12 months for a portion of reimbursement. Administration then collected the report from the pharmacy, with his permission, and I faxed it off to Alberta Supports. He was very appreciative.

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Lisa Hannaford

TITLE: Community Resource Centre Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: Corinne D'Onofrio

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

There were 390 client visits to the Community Resource Centre in the month of September. 78 were from the MD of Greenview, 82 were from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, and 230 were from the Town of Valleyview.

There was a slight decrease in clients in the Community Resource Centre in September which also affected the employment support client numbers. In September, 50 client visits were regarding accessing employment supports such as creating and updating resumes and cover letters, faxes and emails to potential employers, phone use, viewing the job board and employment resources, and utilizing client computers for online job applications and job search.

The number of clients accessing Income Support increased from August (27) to 41 client visits in September. Clients received support to complete monthly reporting, file new online applications, and submit supporting documentation to their workers by fax or email. Along with Income Support applications come many referrals to other services such as housing, food bank, AISH, and occasionally Employment Insurance.

Clients continue to need support with Service Canada Employment Insurance applications. 17 clients accessed the Resource Centre to ask questions about filing for Employment Insurance and the types of benefits available, to begin new applications, and to complete bi-weekly reports.

Other needs seen at the Resource Centre in August included Food Bank (9), AISH support (27), Housing (9), CPP/ CPP Disability (4), OAS and GIS applications (7), AB Seniors (11), program inquiries (21) and legal in nature assistance (34).

During client visits to the Community Resource Centre, 89 received support with technology. This included support with online applications, use of the computers and phones for various purposes, assistance on personal devices to respond to emails and the use of attachments, assistance with documents requiring electronic signatures, and assistance with emailing, faxing and photocopying. Clients also needed support with online accounts and creation of emails for various online needs.

A breakdown of services provided to clients based on their residence can be seen below in the following three charts.

Town of Valleyview:

Year End Report 2024	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Income Support clients	22	36	22	18	33	11	27	12	32				213
Employment Supports	32	43	19	20	28	28	33	29	33				265
Other Clients	249	250	381	332	226	177	180	187	165				2147
Total Clients Visits	303	329	422	370	267	216	240	228	230				2605
Residence Break Down:													
Town of Valleyview	303	329	422	370	267	216	240	228	230				2605
New	2	13	8	5	5	10	3	8	6				60
Returning	301	316	414	365	262	206	235	220	224				2543
Total Clients Visits	303	329	422	370	267	216	240	228	230				2605
Information and Referral Indicators													
As a result of Green View FCSS Information and Referral program, I know more about how to access the													
YES	303	327	422	370	267	216	240	228	230				2603
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Community Social Issues Identified													
CFS	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	1				12
Food Bank	37	23	9	17	19	8	18	6	7				144
Mental Health	8	4	9	8	6	3	7	6	2				53
Canadian Child Tax Benefits	0	3	1	2	3	0	1	0	3				13
AISH	12	21	9	12	12	15	12	6	14				113
Income Support	22	36	22	18	33	11	27	12	32				213
Alberta Adult/Child Health Benefit	5	7	0	2	0	0	6	1	3				24
Housing/ Heart River Housing	5	10	8	5	4	19	13	7	7				78
Alberta ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0				2
Service Canada	4	11	11	9	2	5	6	1	11				60
CPP/ CPP Disability	2	8	9	8	3	10	8	7	3				58
OAS and GIS	2	6	2	4	6	7	5	9	2				43
Sr. Special Needs/ AB Seniors	10	5	9	11	9	10	10	9	7				80
Seniors Information	16	12	6	0	3	3	6	6	15				67
CVITP related	4	45	256	146	58	7	9	14	6				545
Canada Revenue Agency	12	9	8	15	7	14	12	8	4				89
Employment Supports	32	43	19	20	28	28	33	29	33				265
WCB(Workers Compensation Board)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1				2
Technology Assistance	58	69	49	60	46	60	59	71	56				528
Childcare subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
program inquires	31	23	8	11	6	16	14	23	13				145
Legal (faxes, forms, calls)	22	24	6	10	17	9	7	14	11				120
Other questions/inquires	20	16	2	14	22	10	12	22	13				131
Mountains to Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0

Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation:

Year End Report 2024	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Income Support clients	2	3	5	3	6	0	3	4	0				26
Employment Supports	16	16	13	12	9	11	18	25	8				128
Other Clients	154	265	204	91	73	86	90	74					1037
Total Clients Visits	209	173	283	219	106	84	107	119	82				1382
Residence Break Down:													
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation	209	173	283	219	106	84	107	119	82				1382
New	1	8	5	4	0	1	2	3	1				25
Returning	208	165	278	215	106	83	105	116	81				1357
Total Clients Visits	209	173	283	219	106	84	107	119	82				1382
Information and Referral Indicators													
As a result of Green View FCSS Information and Referral program, I know more about how to access the community resources I need.													
YES	209	173	283	219	106	84	107	119	82				1382
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Community Social Issues Identified													
CFS	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2				8
Food Bank	10	1	2	6	2	0	3	1	2				27
Mental Health	1	4	4	2	0	2	0	0	0				13
Canadian Child Tax Benefits	3	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	1				12
AISH	10	9	8	3	2	6	7	6	10				61
Income Support	2	3	5	3	6	0	3	4	0				26
Alberta Adult/Child Health Benefit	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1				8
Housing/ Heart River Housing	2	3	0	4	0	0	2	5	1				17
Alberta Id	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0				3
Service Canada	9	3	6	2	0	4	11	6	3				44
CPP/ CPP Disability	0	3	6	3	1	7	2	1	0				23
OAS and GIS	3	5	7	1	0	10	0	6	5				37
Sr. Special Needs/ AB Seniors	2	2	3	1	2	1	3	1	1				16
Seniors Information	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0				3
CVITP related	8	34	188	125	19	13	16	11	7				421
Canada Revenue Agency	8	6	2	8	3	4	11	10	9				61
Employment Supports	16	15	13	12	9	11	18	25	8				127
WCB(Workers Compensation Board)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Technology Assistance	46	27	18	33	34	0	36	45	18				257
Childcare subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
program inquires	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1				5
Legal (faxes, forms, calls)	56	11	3	10	11	8	5	12	15				131
Other questions/inquires	15	5	4	10	12	10	1	5	7				69
Mountains to Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0

HIGHLIGHTS:

The CRC Coordinator attended a webinar called “Embracing Change- The Power of Possibility” by David Irvine and completed Defensive Driving through Fleet Safety International in September. The CRC Coordinator also attended a meeting with the Green View FCSS Manager and Labor Market Coordinators from WORKforce-Lifemark Vocational Services from Grande Prairie to discuss services available to Green View FCSS employment clients and ways in which we can collaborate.

The CRC Coordinator also attended the Community Information Night at the Memorial Hall on September 12th representing Green View FCSS. This event was well attended, and the coordinator was able to share valuable information about programs and services with residents that inquired.

The CRC Coordinator travelled to Grande Cache mid month in the role of Recording Secretary for the Green View FCSS Board and attended the September 18th meeting in Grande Cache. After the meeting, the

Recording Secretary and members of the Board, toured the current Green View FCSS office in Grande Cache and discussed possible office location changes.

UPCOMING:

The CRC Coordinator will be participating in a webinar called "Supporting Newcomers in our Community" mid October and will be preparing for the next Green View FCSS Board meeting on October 16th, 2024 as Recording Secretary by compiling the Agenda Package, updating the website and sending to current Board Members in advance of the meeting. The CRC Coordinator will also be assisting with the Purple Lights campaign by making regular Facebook posts to the Green View FCSS Facebook page, throughout the month of October and November that educate the public about the Purple Lights campaign and Domestic Violence.

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October **YEAR:** 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Lisa Hannaford

TITLE: Support Coordinator **SUBMITTED BY** Kristine Gavin

LAST MONTHS' ACTIVITIES:

During the month of September, the Support Coordinator continued to prepare for November's Purple Light Nights campaign for domestic violence awareness month in Valleyview. The Purple Light Nights initiative encourages residents and businesses to shine purple lights outside their home as a sign of unity and support against domestic violence. The purple light bulbs have arrived and will be advertised to pick up starting the week of October 14th with advertisements posted throughout Valleyview, on FCSS Facebook, MD of Greenview website and Town of Valleyview electronic sign. An early advertisement was done at the Green View FCSS table at the Community Information Night in Valleyview on September 12th and will also be advertised at the Older Adult Information Day on October 17th, and at the Men's Wellness Expo on October 18th. Domestic violence information and resources will also be available at Green View FCSS.

The Support Coordinator attended the Inter-Agency meeting on September 10th. Information about the upcoming Valleyview Purple Light Nights campaign was presented.

The Support Coordinator viewed the online webinar "Government of Alberta – Seniors Programs Resource Guide" on September 16th. The Seniors Division with Seniors, Community and Social Services (SCSS) hosted the webinar through CORE Alberta to provide an overview of online services for Seniors Financial Assistance programs in Alberta. The Support Coordinator viewed the online webinar: "Real Talk: Break the Cycle of Domestic Abuse", on September 10th. The webinar reviewed how to recognize domestic abuse, understand its impact, and how to develop comfort in responding to domestic abuse disclosures. The Support Coordinator also viewed the online webinar: "Brainstory: Resilience Scale Orientation with AgNow.

In the Community Resource Center, assistance was given with employment resources, income supports, referrals, mental health, Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, seniors benefits and various other community services that are accounted for on the Community Resource Coordinator's report.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Purple Light Nights campaign lightbulbs are currently available for pickup upon request.

UPCOMING:

The Purple Light Nights Campaign in Valleyview begins November 1, 2024. Distribution of purple light bulbs and campaign posters will be distributed in October. A preview to "A Night to Lead Change" event information occurring on November 21st will also begin to be distributed.

Online webinar October 16, 2024: "Supporting Newcomers in Our Community" through Norquest College.

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MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2024

SUBMITTED TO: Lisa Hannaford

TITLE: Youth Coordinator SUBMITTED BY: Amanda Roy

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

WiseGuyz began on September 18 with nine registered youths. There have been three more boys registered with a total of 12 youth attending. Module One – Healthy Relationships consists of lessons on values and empathy building, emotions, stress and self-care, conflict resolution, communication, and boundaries. WiseGuyz promotes mental health, and healthy relationships, and helps prevent adolescent dating violence. The Youth Coordinator facilitates WiseGuyz at Hillside Jr/Sr High School on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:19.

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a youth-led program that allows youth a safe place to meet and form new friendships with like-minded peers. This program runs every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 at the Valleyview Municipal Library. The GSA held its first meet on September 4th with 5 youth attending. GSA has had two new members join since then. The group varies between 6 and 10 youth participating. September had the youth creating pieces of art and working through the stresses of their lives.

The Youth Coordinator attended a virtual webinar on Adolescent Brain Development – Myths and Truths. Valuable information was provided on neurobiology and development of the adolescent brain as well as the subsequent effects on cognition, emotions, physiology, relationships and behaviour.

Walking With Families held their meeting on September 17. The Youth Coordinator presented information on current FCSS programs running and the upcoming WiseGuyz programs beginning at Hillside High Jr/Sr School.

The Youth Coordinator completed Defensive Driving: 3 Demerit Reduction Program in the month of September.

UPCOMING:

- Relationship and Sexual Education will begin at St. Stephens School and Hillside High School in October.
 - Youth Coordinator will present a short overview of WiseGuyz at the Men's Expo in October.
 - Death Café in October or November, in partnership with the Valleyview Municipal Library.
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