

# Addiction and Mental Health Grants

## Backgrounder

Early in the pandemic, Alberta's government allocated \$53 million to support Albertans experiencing addiction and mental health challenges during and after COVID-19. Of this funding, \$25 million was dedicated to the Mental Health and Addiction COVID-19 Community Funding Grant Program, which was ultimately allocated to more than 200 organizations throughout the province.

The Government of Alberta has allocated an additional \$5 million to extend certain grants that are having a meaningful impact in their community.

Organization	Additional funding	Previous funding	Purpose
Al Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly	\$100,000	\$20,121	To provide faith-based counselling to community members.
Barrhead Association for Community Living	\$321,259	\$129,000	Support for the Together All project, which provides virtual counselling, a walk-in clinic, drumming circles as well as grief and loss circles.
Burden Bearers Counselling Society	\$50,000	\$50,000	To provide virtual and telephone counselling for individuals and families.
Calgary Silver Linings Foundation	\$81,000	\$81,000	To support Albertans with eating disorders through a residential treatment facility.
Calgary YMCA	\$136,340	\$136,332	To provide early intervention mental health supports to youth who are experiencing symptoms of anxiety.
Catholic Social Services	\$145,592	\$145,592	To provide virtual family counselling.
DeenStrong Foundation	\$400,000	\$150,000	To expand mental health resources to additional schools and support parent workshops, group programs, individual counselling and mentorship.
Dene Tha' First Nation	\$250,000	\$250,000	To support a comprehensive mental health team and addiction counselling.
Family Ties	\$200,000	\$250,000	To provide online counseling to individuals, children and families impacted by COVID-19.
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre	\$140,000	\$150,000	To provide cultural mental wellness supports, including peer counselling and a virtual online community.
Grande Prairie Palliative Care	\$140,000	\$144,088	To support seniors' end-of-life mental health through mental health coordinators and specialized volunteers that assess, support and provide referrals and community connections.
Growing Families Society for East Rural Counties	\$100,000	\$100,000	To provide a dedicated Mental Health Resource Navigation line that provides a telephone or email assessment of an individual or family's needs and connects them to a variety of community resources.
Hinton Adult Learning Society	\$100,000	\$80,752	To support a grief recovery program, a Resilience Building in Children and Families Program, wellness groups and support for those struggling with addiction.
Impact Society	\$200,000	\$200,000	Support for the Heroes Program, which builds coping skills, mental well-being and resilience in youth.

Lloydminster Interval Home Society	<b>\$60,000</b>	\$59,211	To provide online mental health and addiction supports through the Lloydminster Community Youth Centre.
Metis Nation of Alberta	<b>\$78,741</b>	\$100,000	To create navigation infrastructure for each of the six Métis Nation regional offices in order to provide services to Métis Albertans impacted by COVID-19.
Nepalese Community Society of Calgary	<b>\$100,000</b>	\$120,000	To provide digital networking, cultural events, faith programs, meditation sessions, events and educational activities to ease social isolation among Nepalese seniors, unemployed youth and adults, temporary foreign workers and students.
Our Collective Journey	<b>\$725,000</b>	\$100,000	Support for peer support programs for Albertans who are experiencing addiction issues, domestic violence and suicidal ideation.
Oxford House Foundation of Canada	<b>\$200,000</b>	\$200,000	To support provide cultural supports and healing for Indigenous men and women in recovery, pre-treatment for those individuals waiting to be accepted into treatment and more.
Parents Empowering Parents Society	<b>\$500,000</b>	\$100,000	To support outreach efforts on the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program, in partnership with the Edmonton Fire Department. Funding will also support community engagement and an anti-stigma campaign.
Pastew Place	<b>\$200,000</b>	\$150,000	Support for the Pre-Treatment Program, which guides individuals through the preparation and action stages of change with the goal of admission into a residential treatment facility.
Saffron Centre	<b>\$58,088</b>	\$54,290	Support for the Healing and Beyond Program, which provides online, psycho-educational group sessions that empower clients who have completed counselling sessions to share healing skills, set goals and find closure from the counselling program.
Sagitawa Friendship Society	<b>\$70,000</b>	\$70,000	To provide youth programming designed to offer peer support, coping skills workshops and support groups.
Suicide Prevention Resource Centre	<b>\$130,000</b>	\$135,693	To provide online and public presentations on suicide prevention and mental health. The program is delivered in workplaces and youth groups/schools.
Town of Millet	<b>\$98,980</b>	\$98,980	To provide counselling services and mental health supports to community members who do not have access to counselling through employer benefits.
Terminator Foundation	<b>\$300,000</b>	\$150,000	To support Albertans experiencing or at-risk of addiction through a model that incorporates physical exercise, personal coaching, recovery and mental wellness support, peer support and community engagement.
University of Alberta – Community, Health, Empowerment & Wellness (CHEW) Project	<b>\$180,000</b>	\$180,637	Support for the CHEW Project, which provides intervention and outreach supports to vulnerable LGBTQ2S youth. Support may include crisis and suicide interventions, help to meet physical and safety needs, counselling referrals, and assistance to access community supports and resources.

Albertans in need of support can reach out to the organizations directly to learn more about what they offer.

Albertans throughout the province can also call Alberta 211 to find information on addiction and mental health supports, services and resources available in their community.