

Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Investment Framework

FAQs

1. I thought Council earmarked \$25 million. Where are the other funds going?

Council earmarked up to \$25 million, to be spent over 5 years, to support the development and implementation of Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Strategy and Action Plan. Eleven million dollars has been allocated for program funding through the Prevention Investment Framework and Change Can't Wait!. The remaining \$14 million will support initiatives resulting from the strategy through [Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Investment Framework](#).

2. Is it possible for someone to submit more than one idea?

Yes, you may submit more than one idea, using a separate application form for each distinct program.

3. When will applicants know if they are approved for funding?

For Change Can't Wait! applicants will be notified of decisions by at the end of June, 2021. For Connect the Dots, applicants will be notified of decisions by end of September, 2021.

4. How will projects be selected?

Projects will be reviewed and selected by members of the Community Investment Table and subject matter experts, as needed. Projects are assessed based on eligibility and alignment to the objectives of the funding

5. How long will the Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Investment Framework be available for?

For programs funded through Change can't Wait!, successful applicants will receive funding for 6 months. Future funding opportunities depend on funding availability at that time.

Enhanced programs and services successful under Connect the Dots will receive funding beginning in January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

6. Do organizations need to demonstrate outcomes in the theme areas?

Applicants need to select one of the two theme areas for Connect the Dots or three theme areas for Change Can't Wait!. Applicants interested in submitting proposals for both priority areas must submit separate application forms.

7. How do organizations apply?

Applications must be submitted through the Funding Information Management System (FIMS). Once you are logged into FIMS, you will see the application form under the 'Available Funding' section. There will be alternative options to submit application during the Call for Proposals period if organizations have challenges accessing FIMS.

8. What does alternative option means?

If your organization has challenges accessing FIMS, support will be provided to address the challenges. However, if the challenges cannot be addressed prior to the deadline, we will

receive your application in Word or PDF format through email during by the corresponding deadline. Please contact fundingproposals@calgary.ca for this alternative application submission option. Please note that a FIMS account will be required for all successful applicants for payment and reporting purposes.

9. I have set up myID business account and have access to FIMS. Why don't I see the application form?

If you are an organization recently registered to have access to FIMS, you may not see the application. Please contact fundingproposals@calgary.ca to enable the application form for you.

10. Is there an opportunity for long-term funding?

Funding available through this call is for one time only. Should there be future funding opportunities through Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Investment Framework, they will be posted at [here](#) .

11. Can organizations provide letters of reference or additional attachments to support the application?

No. Letters of reference or additional attachments are not part of the application and should not be submitted. Organizations will be contacted if additional information is required.

12. How are successfully funded organizations held accountable?

Organizations that receive funding through Connect the Dots or Change Can't Wait will be required to sign a contract. For Connect the Dots funding, organizations are required to provide audited financials. Organizations are encouraged to include the costs associated with audited financial statements for the programs in the application's budget section.

For Change Can't Wait!, organizations must provide a financial summary meaning an unaudited statement of revenue and expenses signed by two authorized. No receipts are to be submitted. In addition, progress and final reports are required of each successful applicant.

13. If an organization is not successful with a funding application, is there an opportunity to meet afterwards to discuss why the application was not successful and what could be done differently in the future?

Yes, request for feedback can be sent via email at fundingproposals@calgary.ca and feedback will be provided via email, phone call or virtual meeting.

14. Will capital expenses be eligible for the Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Investment framework fund?

Please contact fundingproposals@calgary.ca for further discussion.

Change Can't Wait!

15. What is a fast pilot?

Fast pilot projects are innovative, people-centered, data-driven projects that aim to solve complex, multi-dimensional problems. They use an iterative process to continually test,

implement and adjust a proposed solution. They are an efficient way to deliver new solutions, as implementation can start with limited resources, with a view to scale up once there is enough evidence. The objective of fast pilots is to foster learning about the nature of the problems to be solved.

16. When can I start testing my ideas?

You can start testing your idea as soon as you sign the agreement. Please note that funds will not be received until the funding agreement has been fully executed.

17. What will be done with learnings from the fast pilots?

Learning from the fast pilots will be shared with the Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction leadership group for consideration as they implement the associated strategy.

18. Can I apply if I am an individual?

Applications cannot be submitted by individuals. If you are an individual with a great idea you will be required to find an organizational partner to submit the application. The organization must create a profile in [Funding Information Management System \(FIMS\)](#) if they do not already have one. Organizations must be registered to operate in Alberta.

19. Do I need experience delivering services to submit my idea to Change Can't Wait?

No, anyone with a good idea is encouraged to apply.

20. Why are we limiting the testing period to 6 months?

Change Can't Wait! and we want to test innovative ideas. Fast pilots are projects that can be tested over short periods of time. This approach complements other longer term projects funded by Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Investment Framework.