

2021 Community Safety Investment Framework (CSIF)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When are applications due?

Applications are due on March 29, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Late applications will not be accepted.

2. When will applicants hear if an application has been successful? When will funds be received?

All applicants will be contacted in early May 2021. Successful applicants will receive funds after signing their funding agreement.

3. How long will the Community Safety Investment Framework be available for?

For programs under the <u>Strengthening Existing Crisis Supports</u> priority one area, successful applicants will receive funding for 12 months. Future funding opportunities will depends on funding availability at that time.

For research project under the <u>Transforming Calgary's Crisis Response System</u> priority two area, the deliverables must be completed by October 31, 2021.

4. Do organizations need to demonstrate outcomes in the two priority areas?

Applicants need to select one of the two priority areas. Applicants interested in submitting proposals for both priority areas must submit separate application forms.

5. How much is available for this Community Safety Investment Framework Call for Proposals in 2021?

Up to \$5.5 million funding is available for this CSIF Call for Proposals.

6. Is there a minimum or maximum amount for each application?

No, there is no minimum or maximum amount for each application. However, the requested amount should be proportionate to the type of proposed activities.

7. How do organizations apply?

Applications must be submitted through the <u>Funding Information Management System</u> (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 address prior to the deadline, we will receive your application in Word or PDF format through email during March 11, 2021 to March 29, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Please contact fundingproposals@calgary.ca for this alternative application submission option. Please note that a FIMS account will be required for successful applicants for payment and reporting purposes.

9. I have set up myID business account and have access to FIMS. Why I didn't 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. Can organizations submit more than one application?

Yes, more than one application may be submitted per organization, using a separate application form.

11. 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 the Community Safety Investment Framework, they will be posted at http://www.calgary.ca/fundingproposals.

12. 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.

13. Who reviews the applications received for CSIF funds?

All applications will be reviewed by multiple members of the CSIF Implementation Team, with final decisions made by the CSIF Executive Steering Team. External reviewers and subject matter experts will be engaged, as required.

14. How are successfully funded organizations held accountable?

Organizations will be required to sign a contract, and provide an audit for any investment of \$25,000 or more, and unaudited if less than \$25,000. In addition, progress and final reports are required of each successful applicant.

15. 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 <u>fundingproposals@calgary.ca</u> and feedback will be provided via email, phone call or virtual meeting.

16. Will capital expenses be eligible for the CSIF fund?

Please contact <u>fundingproposals@calgary.ca</u> for further discussion.

17. Will a research project for a particular population will be suitable for the CSIF Fund priority two, Transforming Calgary's Crisis Response System?

Research projects should examine the overall crisis response system in Calgary rather than for a particular population or a specific social issue.