

<b>COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT</b> Department: Community Services  TITLE: FCSS Community Services Committee		
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	FCSS Community Services Committee Report	

**PURPOSE:**

For Council to review 2025 FCSS grant application approvals made by the FCSS Community Services Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

Family Community Support Services (FCSS) is a unique 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities. Contributions are made through the provincially funded program whereby the Province of Alberta provides 80% of the budget, and that Foothills County is required to match the grant by providing at least 20% of the funding toward support of qualified programs. The FCSS Program receives its mandate from the FCSS Act and Regulation.

Under FCSS, communities design and deliver social programs that are preventative in nature to promote and enhance well-being among individuals, families, and communities. The programs developed are intended to help individuals within their communities to adopt healthy lifestyles, thereby improving the quality of life and building the capacity to prevent and/or deal with crisis situations should they arise. Programs depend on community resources, often involving volunteers in management and delivery.

The FCSS Community Services Committee meets to review all applications submitted to Foothills County FCSS and provides a report to Council.

**SUMMARY OF APPROVALS:**

**Ann & Sandy Cross  
Conservation Area:**

Moved by Barb Castell that Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area be granted \$5,000 for the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area received \$5,000 for their Volunteer Appreciation in 2024.

CARRIED

**Sheep River Health  
Trust:**

Moved by Barb Castell that the Sheep River Health Trust be granted \$12,000 for Memory Workshops. Sheep River Health Trust did not submit an application in 2024.

CARRIED

**Davisburg Community  
Association:**

Moved by Rob Siewert that Davisburg Community Association be granted \$4,200 for the Community Awareness and Volunteer Programs. Davisburg Community Association received \$3,000 for the Community Awareness Program in 2024.

CARRIED

**Friends of the Bar U  
Historic Ranch  
Association:**

Moved by Rob Siewert that Friends of the Bar U Historic Ranch Association be granted \$5,000 for the Volunteer Engagement & Retention Program. Friends of the Bar U Historic Ranch Association received \$5,000 for the Volunteer Engagement & Retention Program in 2024.

CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accept the FCSS Community Services Committee grant report as presented.