
Alberta Crime Prevention Grant

Criteria

Introduction

The Alberta Crime Prevention grant is funded from property forfeited under Alberta's [Civil Forfeiture Act](#). Civil forfeiture makes Alberta communities safer by taking away property linked to crime, such as cash, vehicles and real estate. The forfeited cash and the funds generated through the sale of forfeited property can be used by Alberta's government for specified purposes, including initiatives to prevent crime and benefit victims of crime. Importantly, civil forfeitures support initiatives that seek to prevent crime through community-based programming, including gang-reduction programs for at-risk communities.

Background

The Crime prevention can be broken down into three types of intervention:

- **Primary crime prevention** focuses on longer-term, multidisciplinary initiatives to address *social* and *situational* factors that influence an individual's likelihood of committing a crime. *Social factors* include unemployment and poverty, lack of educational and early childhood development opportunities, poor physical and/or mental health, and others. *Situational factors* include the built environment, such as the design of buildings, and/or the products we buy.
- **Secondary crime prevention** seeks to change people who are at high risk of becoming involved in social disorder and criminal activity. Secondary crime prevention focuses on early interventions, such as youth programs/services in high-risk neighbourhoods.
- **Tertiary crime prevention** focuses on shorter-term interventions within the criminal justice system with known offenders, generally after an offence has been committed, in an effort to prevent reoffending.

The most effective approach to enhancing community safety is by ensuring a balance of all three levels of crime prevention. Alberta's government offers several programs and services that focus on primary crime prevention, including early childhood development, education, financial supports for low-income Albertans, and others. The Government of Alberta also supports tertiary crime prevention through specialized courts and the Alberta Community Restorative Justice Grant.

Research and insights from past community crime prevention grant activities have highlighted a gap in secondary crime prevention initiatives, particularly with youth in Alberta, and make a strong case that investments in secondary crime prevention offers a high social return on investment. Research also highlights that more can be done with respect to tertiary crime prevention targeting Alberta's youth. Given the need to set priorities in light of limited available grant funds, the ACP grant 2025-2027 focuses on secondary and tertiary crime prevention targeting Alberta's youth, aged 12 to 24.

Program purpose

The ACP grant program provides time-limited grant funding that is available for a period of up to two years. The program supports secondary and tertiary crime prevention programs or services that target youth who are at high risk of becoming involved, or have been involved, in offending behaviours. These behaviours include social disorder, gang and/or criminal activity in Alberta communities with the highest need for services and the lowest capacity to respond to that need.

Program impact

Funded programs will contribute to the following *ultimate outcomes* and *immediate outcomes*, which are outlined in the Alberta Crime Prevention Logic Model, in Appendix A.

Ultimate outcome:

- Alberta communities are safer due to reduced crime and increased individual and community resilience.

Immediate outcomes:

- Increased access to, and participation in, individualized supports/interventions and/or pro-social activities for at-risk individuals (mandatory: individual-based outcome).
- Increased access to, and participation in, pro-social events and activities (community-based outcome).
- Increased community awareness about the risks of youth involvement in social disorder, gangs, and/or criminal activity (community-based outcome).

Program requirements

To be eligible for funding, all programs must focus on the direct delivery of crime prevention services and/or supports for youth ages 12 to 24. Programs must incorporate promising practices around prevention, intervention and diversion and build in **protective factors** that foster youth development in community, creativity, education and training, health and mental health, life skills and personal empowerment, relationships and/or the workplace.

Programs should address commonly known **risk factors**, primarily through referrals, including addictions and mental health, domestic/family violence, financial/economic disadvantage, houselessness, learning or cognitive disabilities/disorders, physical/emotional/mental/sexual abuse, and/or others.

Preference may be given to (in no particular order):

- Programs that have been evaluated and can demonstrate a high social return on investment;
- Applicants looking to expand, scale up or replicate their program(s) in a high need/low-capacity area of the province;
- Programs that currently exist and that, without further funding, would cease to exist;
- Programs that are filling, or will fill, a gap in a high-risk community; and
- Programs that can be delivered within one to three months of receiving funding.

Grant details

Submission deadline	December 18, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.
Funding range	\$25,000 to a maximum of \$150,000 per year NOTE: Funding is limited. Not all applications will be funded, and others may be recommended for a lesser amount.
Grant term	Up to two years (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027)
Reporting	Two reports: interim report for year one; final report for year two
Eligible applicants	Applicants must be located in Alberta and be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registered not-for-profit organization (and in good standing)• Registered charity (and in good standing)• First Nation or Métis Settlement• Municipality / Community-focused police program or service• Community group with a designated fiscal agent

Ineligible applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals • Academic institutions • For-profit organizations • Crown corporations • Publicly funded institutions
Eligible expenses	<p>Funding is for direct program costs only and limited to the period of the proposed funding. Funding may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing salaries • Staff/volunteer travel (mileage, car rental) • Staff/volunteer accommodation • Honoraria (e.g. for Elders) • Training and professional development for staff (including police) and volunteers • Program administration not exceeding 10 per cent of the annual grant payment (e.g. supervision, operational costs, rent, internet/tech) • Program materials or equipment to support the delivery of the initiative (e.g. workbooks, pamphlets, tools, public safety equipment, etc.) • Office supplies
Ineligible expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital costs that include, but are not limited to, land or vehicle purchases, facility renovations, etc. • Legal costs • Debt repayment • Donations/subsidies to third parties • Financing charges and interest payments on loans • Lobbying activities • Housing for youth participants • Counselling or treatment programs • Sending grant monies to another organization for third party use (e.g. flow-through funding; setting up grants and loans) • Retroactive expenses incurred prior to the commencement of the grant agreement term date

Supporting documents required when applying

1. Certificate of Incorporation from Alberta Corporate Registry, if applicable, or proof of registered charity status from Canada Revenue Agency, if applicable; and
2. Three (3) letters documenting support and/or partnership. At least one letter should come from a supporter in the criminal justice system. Examples of partnership/support letters include (other letters may be considered):
 - Local police service
 - Chief Crown prosecutor
 - Victim serving organization
 - Other criminal justice agencies
 - Community groups or other not-for-profit agencies as appropriate
 - Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
 - Municipal/Regional/Indigenous leadership
 - Elected community official familiar with your initiative

Before applying

- Refer to the Alberta Crime Prevention (ACP) Grant Criteria for eligibility requirements
- Complete the ACP Application Form and Budget Request Template
- Obtain your supporting documents

NOTE: Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. Please contact our office if you need help completing the application.

Contact

For questions regarding application or program details:

- Email: cis@gov.ab.ca
- Phone: 780-415-1819

Please keep a copy of your application for your records.

Reporting

- Successful applicants will be required to submit an interim report following the completion of year-one grant activities, and a final report following the completion of year-two grant activities. Templates and reporting tools will be provided.
- A standardized logic model has been included in Appendix A to assist applicants to track the outcomes/goals of their program or initiative, and for ease of reporting at the end of each year of activities.
- At the end of each year, applicants will be asked to describe what actually happened, initiative successes and challenges, and provide logic model results.

Financial reporting

- A report accounting for actual expenditures incurred is required upon the completion of each year of grant activities (template will be provided).
- Note that any transfers of approved budget line expenditure items over 10 per cent must receive prior department approval by contacting our office.
- ACP grant money that is not spent on the approved program/initiative in excess of \$200 must be returned.

Appendix A: Alberta Crime Prevention Grant Logic Model

Ultimate outcome: Alberta communities are safer due to reduced crime and increased individual and community resilience.			
Individual-based			
Immediate expected outcomes	Allowable activities	Performance measurement / indicators	Reporting frequency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased access to, and participation in, individualized supports / interventions and/or pro-social activities for at-risk individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct client services and programs (in an individual or group setting) Client referrals Family outreach and support services Other (as approved in application) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of hours the participants engage with the program # of clients supported with goal setting # of clients formally assessed # of clients counselled in-house # of clients who participated in group activities # of clients referred to one or more program(s) or service(s) # of clients who met one or more goals because of the client's participation in the program % of clients seeking employment who got a job as a result of the program % of clients seeking education/training who returned to school or accessed education/training % of clients reporting improved pro-social relationships % of clients seeking mental health/addiction treatments reporting improvements % of unhoused clients who secured housing # of clients whose family members accessed supports/services of the initiative Other (as approved in application) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual
Community-based			
Immediate expected outcomes	Allowable activities	Performance measurement/indicators	Reporting frequency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased access to, and participation in, pro-social events and activities Increased community awareness about the risks of youth involvement in social disorder, gangs and/or criminal activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement/events (e.g. public/community outreach and support services) Advertising and outreach Other (as approved in application) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of community engagements/events # of total hours of community engagement/event # of individuals who attended community engagement/events # of advertising/social media campaigns % of surveyed community members who said they were more aware about the risks of youth involvement in social disorder, gangs and /or criminal activity as a result of the program's advertising and outreach activities Other (as approved in application) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual