

TOWN OF BONNYVILLE

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: February 20, 2025

Submitted By: Administration

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Bonnyville Child and Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative – Funding Request

BACKGROUND: During the February 11th, 2025, Council meeting, Kendra Krankowsky and Kallie Ellis from the Bonnyville Child and Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative provided an update to Council on the recent elimination of Provincial Funding for the Mental Health Collaborative Program effective March 31st, 2025. The annual funding contribution from the Province was \$67,700 which was used to fund the Mental Health Navigator Position. The Collaborative is requesting both the Town and MD consider additional funding for this program at a cost of \$25,000 each. The 2025 Interim Operating Budget includes a contribution of \$50,000 to this program; including the above request will increase the Town Contribution to \$75,000.

OTHER COMMENTS: The Mental Health Collaborative Program provides mental health support for youth aged 6-17 that are dealing with ADHD, anxiety and depression. Currently the program serves over 70 youth and their families with new referrals from schools, local physicians and providers who see unattached patients.

The reasoning behind the elimination of funding from Recovery Alberta is due to the determination that the program no longer aligns with the mandate as this program focuses on prevention and early intervention rather than addiction and recovery services.

The Collaborative has applied for a federal grant, but the status of the application is currently unknown.

REPORT/DOCUMENT: Attached Available NIL

1. Letter – Bonnyville Child & Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative
2. Presentation – Bonnyville Child & Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative

DESIRED OUTCOMES: That Council consider increasing the 2025 funding request for the Bonnyville Child and Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative Program to \$75,000.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the additional funding request in the amount of \$25,000 for a total of \$75,000 for 2025.
2. Do not approve the additional funding request.

RELEVANCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN:



**Communications
Strategy**



**Economic
Growth**



**Recreation &
Wellness**



**Service
Excellence**



**Value Added
Services**

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the additional funding request in the amount \$25,000 for the Bonnyville Child & Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative Program with funding to be allocated from Contingency.



Renee Stoyles
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