

Backgrounder: Change Can't Wait!

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Overview

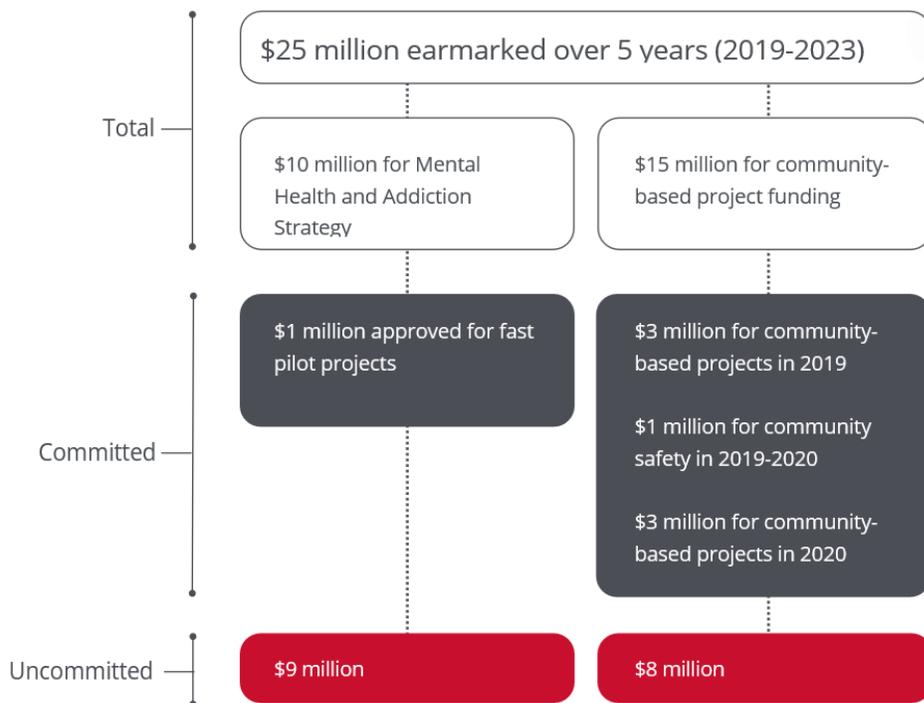
Change Can't Wait! is an investment opportunity meant to find new solutions to help Calgarians struggling with mental health and addictions challenges.

This investment opportunity is part of the [Community Action on Mental Health and Addiction](#). The City of Calgary has convened community partners to develop a mental health and addiction strategy over the next five years (2019 to 2023). Council has earmarked up to \$25 million for this priority. The funding for Change Can't Wait! comes from that source.

The results of the funded rapid-test ideas will inform the mental health and addiction strategy which will be presented to Council at the end of 2020.

Community Action on Mental Health and Addiction funding

[Funding from the \\$25 million](#) earmarked for this work is being portioned between work to advance the development of the strategy, and community-based projects that are making a difference now.



Community Partnership

The Community Action on Mental Health and Addiction (CAMHA) [Stewardship Group](#) has been established to advise on the development of the CAMHA Strategy. This group represents a broad spectrum of leaders from across disciplines and industries and have come together to provide diverse viewpoints and expertise to the development of the CAMHA Strategy. The Stewardship Group is co-chaired by Ms Karen Gosbee and Dr. Chris Eagle. They will further engage community, medical experts, concerned citizens, key stakeholders and other orders of government, as required to develop the strategy.

The Stewardship Group's responsibilities include:

- Advising on the strategic framework, principles, priorities and partnerships of the CAMHA Strategy;
- Advising on the overall engagement and consultation approach to strategy development;
- Endorsement of the overall CAMHA Strategy;
- Liaising with the collaboration circles to achieve alignment on strategic directions;
- Provide an initial review of fast pilot proposals;
- Liaising with the Strategy Development/Operations Collaboration Circle.

For more information

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