OUT OF SCHOOL TIME COLLABORATIVE

2023 Final Report

REACH EDMONTON
Council for Safe Communities

The OST Funding Grant was able to provide

$125,000

to OST groups to provide programming to vulnerable children and youth during Summer 2023.

With the support of this grant, and other training and capacity building opportunities provided by the OST Collaborative, programming was provided to

773 children and youth.

Joint Use Summer Access Program

The Joint-Use Summer Access program provides community organizations with access to local school spaces during the summer months. Through this program, we were able to provide **16** groups with **34** program sites, and supported programming for

over 2000 vulnerable children and youth across the city.

The Child & Youth Services Map

The Child and Youth Services Map continues to be an incredible resource for families and our community partners. The map is updated five times per year, with information on various OST programs from across the city, collected together in a user friendly map that is available in English and French.

2023 OST CONFERENCE

The 2023 OST Conference was held on June 22. This was the first in-person conference since the pandemic. This year's conference offered a variety of learning opportunities including: supporting the mental health of children and youth, inclusive play and adapted physical activity, strategies and approaches to mindfulness activities, how to engage youth with reading, and more! The conference also gave attendees access to affordable, subsidized first aid training.

NATURAL SUPPORTS

In 2023, OST groups accessed natural supports such as the food bank, libraries, local businesses, schools, community centres and other organizations that enhanced the quality of their programs and the experience of the children and youth involved.

Here's what some of the community programming providers had to say:

"We were able to provide snacks for all the kids. Most of the kids come from low income homes and having the [food] support removed the financial burden from the parents to send kids with meals everyday."

"Natural supports helped in creating a diverse youth program that fit the needs of the participants. For example, our collaboration with EPL allowed youth to attend free cooking classes."

"Newcomer families are unaware of the existence of summer program activities, and if they are aware, they cannot afford the high cost. This program enables many students to return to school and share their connections, new knowledge, and friendships that blossomed within a month on the first day of class."

None of this would have been possible without the **3763 Volunteer Hours** that went into planning and providing these programs.

2023 Funding Grant Allocations

Organization	Grant Funding Awarded	Number of Participants
Horn Youth Services Foundation (Kulan)	$13,000.00	55
ALLIANCE JEUNESSE-FAMILLE DE L'ALBERTA SOCIETY	$11,000.00	69
BGCBigs Edmonton	$11,000.00	70
Towunmi Coker Literary Initiative (TCLI) Foundation	$10,500.00	45
Sinkunia Community Development Organization	$11,000.00	152
Riverbend ROCKS	$10,000.00	48
The Rock and Roll Society of Edmonton	$6,000.00	20
Sihle-Sizwe Vineyard Foundation	$7,500.00	63
Right 2 Succeed	$10,000.00	41
Alberta Immigrant Women & Children Centre	$19,000.00	111
Hope for Tomorrow's Shade Association	$4,000.00	29
Urji Women	$7,000.00	32
FOCAS Canada (Foundation for Oromian Culture, Education, and Art Services	$5,000.00	38

NOTE: OST GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE MULTIPLE SOURCES OF FUNDING. ALL GROUPS HAD AT LEAST ONE OTHER FUNDING SOURCE, IF NOT MORE. THE ABOVE NUMBERS REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING EACH GROUP RECEIVED FROM THE OST FUNDING GRANT BUT NOT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING THEY USED FOR THEIR SUMMER PROGRAM