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\$3.6 million in funding benefits 95 projects to prevent family violence and bullying

Edmonton... The Government of Alberta is providing \$3.6 million in grants for 95 projects across the province that will help prevent family violence and bullying through community collaboration.

The Community Incentive Fund was created to support local initiatives that increase awareness of family violence and bullying and help communities address more specific topics, such as preventing abusive relationships, anger management, and stopping elder abuse, to name a few. Funded projects range from a summer camp that provides support and education for children who have experienced family violence and bullying to developing a resource library on family violence.

“Albertans have clearly demonstrated their desire to shatter the silence on family violence and bullying,” said Children’s Services Minister, Heather Forsyth. “Preventing family violence and bullying is a responsibility we all share, government, communities, businesses and individuals alike. This fund encourages communities to work together at a grass-roots level, and we are thrilled by the tremendous response.”

This is the second year government has provided communities with Community Incentive Fund grants. Applications for third year grants will become available to community groups in fall 2006 on the Children Service’s website (www.child.gov.ab.ca). Children’s Services has dedicated \$32 million this year to preventing family violence and bullying.

For a complete list of the projects receiving funding, visit www.child.gov.ab.ca/PFVB.

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Backgrounder: further information on Community Incentive Fund is attached.

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Community Incentive Fund

- The Community Incentive Fund was created to help communities work co-operatively to prevent family violence and bullying.
- The need for this program was identified in *Finding Solutions Together*, the report from the Alberta Roundtable on Family Violence and Bullying. The report indicated that a community incentive program was needed to help communities take local action on family violence and bullying.
- Through the fund, communities work with local partners to determine the best way to help individuals and families who are dealing with family violence and bullying.
- Two types of grants were available: up to \$10,000 and up to \$75,000 depending on the number of partners.
 1. Funding up to \$10,000 is for projects with at least two community partners and may include a business partner.
 2. Projects receiving grants of up to \$75,000 must have at least four community partners, one of which must be a business sector partner.
- Funds were approved based on several criteria, including:
 - assessment of community priorities;
 - how action on family violence will be taken in a coordinated, collaborative manner; and
 - how knowledge will be increased or how the impact of family violence and/or bullying will be reduced.
- Grants will be considered on an annual basis pending available funds.
- Application forms for next year's grants will be available on the Children's Services website (www.child.gov.ab.ca) in fall 2006.

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