

Update from the SEESA Board – May 2022

SEESA volunteers are essential to SEESA's programming and operations. You bring a wealth of knowledge, skills and a positive attitude to all that you do.

A special thanks to the 172 volunteers who donated 6,659 hours that resulted in a successful book sale and rummage sale. We recognize that for many, this was an additional service volunteer duty. We would also like to thank SEESA staff who volunteered their time throughout the weekend for this event. We will be updating you about revenues and expenses of this event once the board has reviewed this data.

We enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of you at our recent Volunteer Awareness Cake and Coffee event. The draw for prizes provided a fun way to learn more about you!

Our membership continues to grow and as of May 1 we have 733 members. We are taking opportunities to attend community events to recruit more members. We are also reaching out to past members.

As our personal lives have changed over the past 42 years, so have the requirements for funding to support seniors' programs and services. The funding process is more competitive – requiring the preparation of complex proposals with an increased number of diverse organizations competing for these resources.

As an organization, SEESA needs to meet the changing requirements of funding sources. Family and Community Support Services, a long-time funder of SEESA, identified priorities in its recent Program Guide 2023 for agencies applying for funding for the period 2023-25. In this application for funding, here are some of the criteria we needed to respond to:

“The overarching priority for Edmonton FCSS is to increase social inclusion and equity by funding preventive programs and services, community development initiatives, and social infrastructure. (Page 3)

“Social inclusion, a key element of social well-being, is the creation of an environment in which all individuals feel like they belong and are valued for their unique perspectives and skills.” (Page 3)

“While FCSS programs and services are available to all Edmontonians, FCSS-funded programs must be particularly mindful of intersectionality - considering the many identities of participants - when designing programs, so that they are inclusive of equity-seeking groups.” (Page 9)

“FCSS funding cannot be used for programs and services that are only focused on an individual's leisure or recreational needs.” (Page 12)

[Family and Community Support Services \(FCSS\) Program Guide 2023 \(revised April 4 2022\)](https://www.edmonton.ca/fcss-program-guide-2023)
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As a Board we remain committed to the growth and stability of SEESA. As SEESA volunteers we remain “dedicated to empowering and enhancing the quality of life of people in our community as we age.”