

# Presentation to City Council

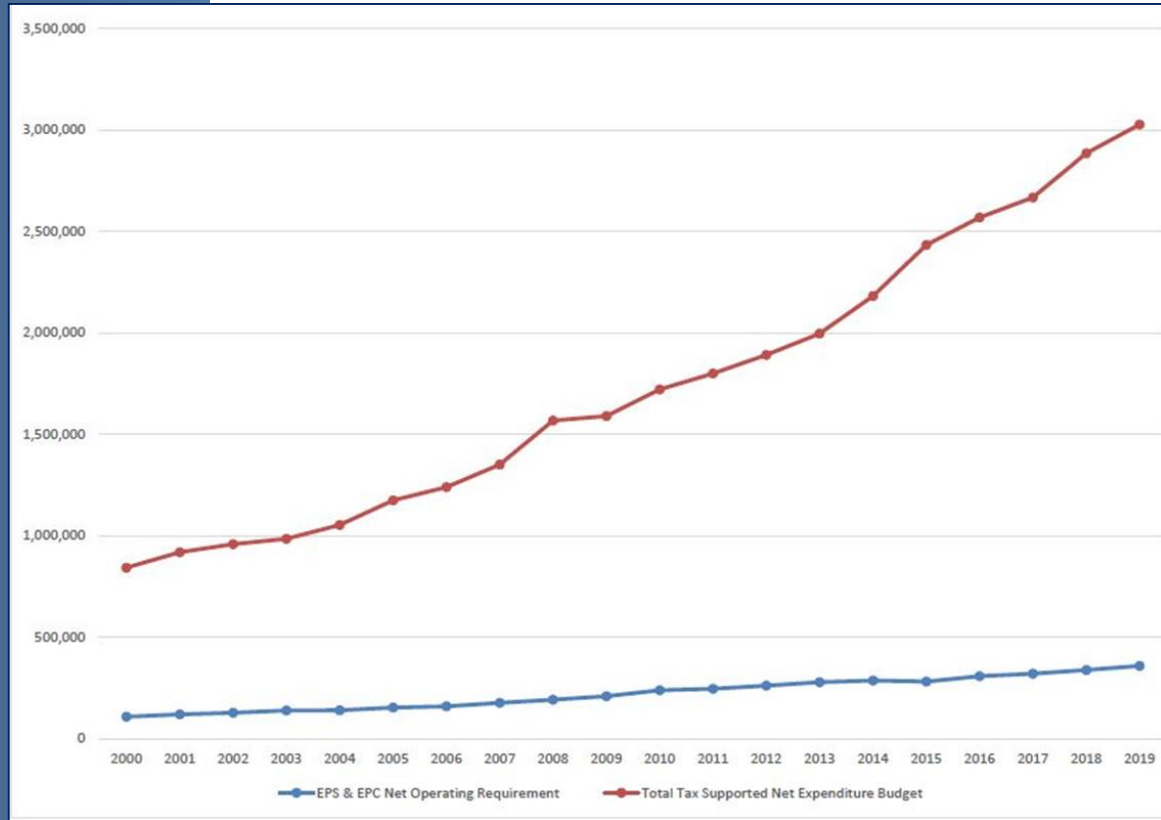
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*Guardian of Public Trust*

# City vs EPS Growth

- EPS has grown at a rate that represents 25% less than the City's growth rate.
- EPS also represents a lower impact on every tax dollar.
- 12.7% of every tax dollar in 2000 went to police.
- In 2019, 11.8% went to police.



# Calls for Service (CFS)

Overall volume of CFS city wide decreased **-7%** in the last 12 months (from 188,109 to 174,920).



However, this still equates to:

- **479** calls per day.
- **20** calls per hour.
- One call **every three minutes.**



# Violent Crime Rate and Crime on Edmonton Transit



Downtown Edmonton experienced a 16% increase in average crime severity over the last four years while the rest of the city experienced only a 2% increase.



The volume of assaults within Downtown Division increased by 14% over the last year and by 11% pre-pandemic.



50% of the top 10 occurrence types involving EPS that occurred at LRT/transit centres over the last year were violent.

## Citywide

### Occurrence Type

Family Disputes  
 Trouble With Person  
 Shoplifting \$5,000 or under  
 Theft from Automobile Under  
 Mischief  
 Check On Welfare  
 Mental Health Act  
 Remain At Scene - Hit & Run  
 General Complaints  
 Assault

### Total

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 8469  
 5965  
 5808  
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 4562  
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 3519  
 3160

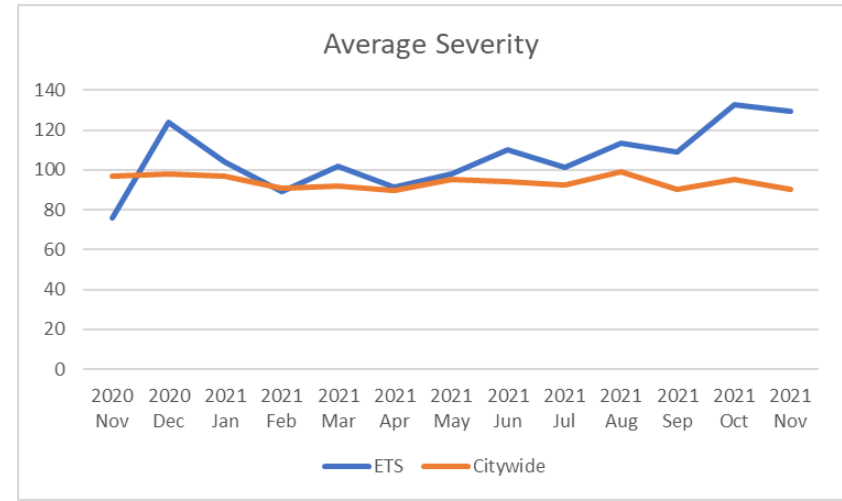
## ETS

### Occurrence Type

Trouble With Person  
 Assault  
 Assault - Bh/Weapon  
 Possession Of Weapons  
 Intoxications  
 Mischief  
 Mental Health Act  
 Theft Under  
 Robbery - Personal  
 Assault - Other Officer

### Total

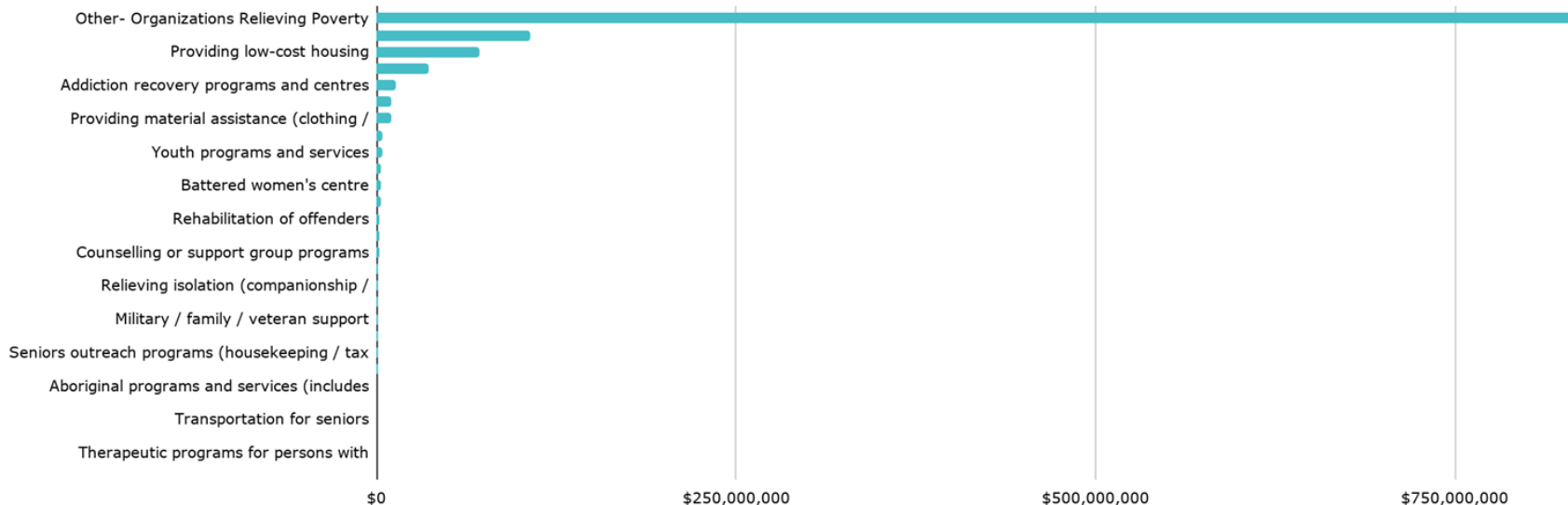
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# What are we funding?

In 2018, \$1.1B went to charities that support work to intervene/ prevent social issues related to homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental health excluding public institutions responsible for health (hospitals).

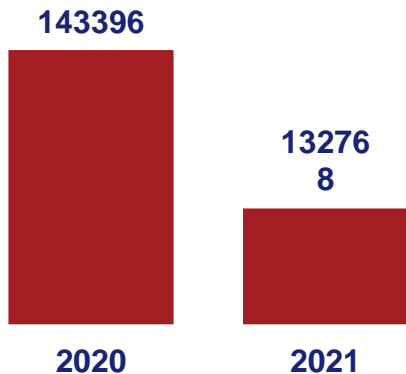
2018 Edmonton Charity Revenues w/ Relevance to Homelessness, Mental Health, Addictions - excluding public health



# HELP's Impact



## EPS' calls for service YTD (Sept 30, 2021)



### Event types with the largest decreases:

- Trouble w/Person -12% (-1882)
- Trouble w/Intoxicated Person -20% (-1461)
- Theft under \$5000 -17% (-905)
- Suspicious Persons -24% (-851)
- Trouble Not Known -9% (-603)



As of June 30, 2021, HELP documented **572 requests**.



82% of referrals originated from an EPS **patrol division**; 30% were from Downtown Division alone.



Persons referred to HELP generated **3294 police-reported occurrences** and **1533 disorder indicator violations** during the 9 months prior to referral.

# Financial Impacts

Not only have we had an \$11 million reduction, we've had to afford:



Transforming data for best use through a Records management system modernization  
**= \$700,000**



In-car video, promised as a result of the Task Force  
**= \$1.5 million**



Impacts from provincial government changes (Traffic Safety Act revenue and biological testing)  
**= ~\$5 million**

**One-Time Costs**

**Annual Costs**



Enterprise Commons capital project is the best use of technology, but at an unexpected cost  
**= \$2.2 million**



Lost 100,000+ operational hours due to COVID-19  
**= \$7.5 million**



Truth and Reconciliation Day STAT time. It's the right thing to do, but comes at a cost  
**= \$1 million**



Decision by EPSB to terminate SROs in Public Schools  
**= \$1.3 million**