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Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing
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Comments in writing: In watching the departmental presentation for Community Services presented on Monday, March 11, I learned that this budget contains no funding for Community Connections at Millennium in 2025, 2026 and 2027. This makes no sense given Council's focus on improving downtown safety. The value provided by Community Connections is a bargain for only $614,000 a year.

True downtown revitalization begins with making it a safer and healthier place for people who already live there, and Community Connections is playing a vital role in doing just that: responding to need where it is.

I urge EPC and Council to treat Community Connections as the essential community service that it is, and fund it fully for the balance of the 4-year budget.
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Public engagement preference: No