

Community Facility Partner Capital Grant

2016 Grant Award Recommendations

Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the 2016 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program recommendations, as set out in Attachment 1 of the July 4, 2016, Citizen Services report CR_3755, be approved.

Report Summary

This report recommends the awarding of the 2016 Community Facility Partner Capital Grants.

Report

Background

- The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program Policy (C562) was approved in July 2011, with a budget of \$1 million which was increased to \$2 million in 2014 and to \$5 million in 2015.
- The City encourages and supports partnership opportunities that enhance quality of life. The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program addresses an identified gap in providing support to partner groups for the conservation and development of public use facilities that benefit the community and are of value to Edmontonians. Community leagues are ineligible to apply as there is a separate infrastructure grant program for leagues.
- The purpose, as outlined in the policy, is to:
 - Enhance support for community facilities by providing funding for the capital development and conservation of public use facilities in Edmonton.
 - Provide City Council with an objective, transparent and consistent method and framework to allocate funding for the conservation and development of public use facilities.
 - Encourage capital projects that extend beyond City of Edmonton planned service levels and those which maintain or improve public opportunities for recreation and leisure.
- The policy indicates City Council is to allocate funding for the program annually, approve grant awards, and approve policy changes. Administration administers the policy and provides a recommendation to City Council on grant awards.
- Under the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program community non-profit organizations, other public sector service providers, and private sector entities may apply for up to 25 percent of a project's cost. Additionally, multi-year funding options are considered for a period of up to three years.
- The program targets applicants from the following key sectors:

- Arts and Heritage
 - Multi-cultural
 - Recreation/Amateur Sport
 - Seniors
 - Social Services/Community Development
- The program provides funding for capital projects of the following types:
 - Project Planning
 - Preserve (Capital Maintenance/Rehabilitation)
 - Enhance (Expansion/Redevelopment)
 - Build New (Construction of a New Facility)
- Project planning phase funding enables recipients to have a more detailed understanding of the project requirements to reduce the risk of proceeding with projects beyond their capacity. If applicants apply for funding for a later phase of the project, the application will be evaluated along with other requests that year and the City of Edmonton will base its funding recommendation on the most current information.

2016 Funding Recommendations

- The 2016 budget is \$6,858,865 which includes a carry-forward from 2015. The unexpended portion of the 2015 budget was carried forward to 2016 in anticipation of the \$3 million approved for the Francis Winspear Centre for Music for 2016.
- On April 28, 2015, Council approved \$9.25 million for the Francis Winspear Centre for Music and directed the 2016-2018 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant be a funding source for the Francis Winspear Centre For Music's expansion (see Attachment 1). Administration was directed to provide options for an alternate funding source and did include this priority for consideration for funding with spring 2016 capital budget adjustment. Administration is recommending the 2016 allotment be allocated from this program.
- The recommendations for grant funding in 2016 fall into two categories:
 - 2016 allotments for multi-year funded projects approved in previous years including component one of the Francis Winspear Centre for Music building expansion
 - grant funding to new applicants.
- A list of the grant recommendations is provided in Attachment 1.
- City Council previously approved multi-year funding for the following groups which are among those being recommended for 2016 funding:
 - North West Edmonton Seniors Society (in 2014 and 2015); and
 - Punjab United Sports & Heritage Association (2013 agreement amended in 2014 so that funding would be recommended in 2015 and 2016).
- As a result of these prior funding commitments, the total amount available for new applicants in 2016 is \$3,306,302.
- In 2016, 11 new applications were received, of which two did not meet the eligibility criteria and one did not demonstrate readiness for funding in 2016. These applicants have been notified. All eight of the remaining requests are

- being recommended for single-year funding including two being recommended for project planning grants.
- The recommended awards in 2016 total \$4,927,733 as follows:
 - \$3,552,563 for projects previously approved for multi-year funding with allotments recommended for 2016; and
 - \$1,375,170 for new projects submitted in 2016.
 - Any remaining budget could be made available to support other project funding that fits within the program purpose.
 - One such project is Aurora Place which is a partnership between the Prince Rupert Community League, Terra Centre for Teen Parents, and the Alberta Thai Association to build a shared facility on the former Prince Rupert School site. This project received planning grant funding in 2014. The partners submitted a request for detailed design and construction funding this year but the project has not progressed to the stage of concept approval and is thus ineligible at this time. Administration sees this project as a good example of shared space and partnership, and continues to work with the organizations to meet required conditions to help move the project forward. A report will be presented to Council recommending funding once these requirements are met.

Policy

Policy C562 - Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program

Policy C187A - Enhancing Community Facility Services Through Partnerships

Corporate Outcomes

The City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure.

- Through capital grant programs the City of Edmonton supports not-for-profit organizations to develop facilities that are available for all citizens to use and that are well-maintained through further investments to ensure future sustainability. The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program evaluates design concepts and project plans to ensure that the facilities are designed to meet or exceed environmental standards, are accessible, economically viable, and sustainable over the long term. The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program recognizes that many not-for-profit facilities are aging and in need of renovation or repair. It also recognizes the need for investment in new facilities in part due to Edmonton's continuing growth and expansion.

Edmontonians use facilities and services that promote healthy living.

- Investment via the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program in infrastructure creates a broad range of public recreation, leisure and cultural facilities. These facilities are key to supporting active and healthy living as well as creating vibrant neighbourhoods and communities. Partnering with and among community organizations capitalizes on community resources and expertise. Through the program, community-led projects have restored and renovated

- existing facilities and built new ones providing opportunities for needed and desired activities and programs.
- Through the program facilities that are accessible and contribute to quality of life by providing opportunities to improve physical and mental wellbeing are funded. Types of services and programs provided in these facilities include:
 - arts and heritage including various performing arts facilities;
 - recreation and amateur sport including both indoor and outdoor facilities some of which are used seasonally and others throughout the year;
 - multicultural including facilities that allow single and multiple community groups to gather in shared, inclusive spaces;
 - seniors including facilities that provide places and opportunities targeted for older adults;
 - social services/community development including facilities that serve some of Edmonton's more vulnerable populations and assist people to increase their capacity and quality of life.

Budget/Financial Implications

The total amount of grant recommendations at this time for 2016 is \$4,927,733 of the \$6,858,865 budget. Other community facility infrastructure support may be recommended from the balance of the 2016 budget. Any unallocated funding will be requested for carry-forward to 2017 in anticipation of the 2017 allotment for the Francis Winspear Centre For Music.

Justification of Recommendation

The 2016 recommendations are in accordance with City Policy C562 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program. In accordance with City Procedure 3.4 (f) under City Policy C562, multiple year funding approvals will be considered for a period of up to three years.

Attachments

1. 2016 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Funding Recommendations

Others Reviewing this Report

- T. Burge, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- A. Laughlin, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services