

# The Citadel Theatre Roof Repair Funding Support

## Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to Council:

1. That additional funding of \$91,000 for the Citadel Theatre's roof repair, resulting in the City's support to be one-third of the total project cost, be approved.
2. That the \$91,000 be allocated as a one time exception to the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.

## Report Summary

**This report recommends awarding funding to complete the budget requirements for the Citadel Theatre roof repair. If approved, the City will fund one third of the total repair cost.**

## Report

- The Citadel Theatre has indicated an urgent need to repair the roof of its facility due to extensive leaking. This property is leased from the City of Edmonton.
- The organization applied for funding through the 2016 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program which can provide up to 25 percent of the cost of a project. This amount (\$272,750) is recommended in the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program 2016 Grant Award Recommendations report CR\_3755.
- A request has been made by the Citadel for the City of Edmonton to fund one-third of the anticipated \$1,091,000 project cost which would be \$363,667. This amount is \$90,917 more than allowed through the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program. The Citadel Theatre is planning to cover the balance of the roof repair costs through funding from the Provincial Community Facility Enhancement Program and other fundraising planned or in progress.
- The additional \$91,000, bringing the City funding up to one-third of the total cost of the project, recognizes that the funding for such facility infrastructure projects is generally shared among the City of Edmonton, the Province of Alberta, and the community group's own fundraising. The federal government has seldom participated in the funding formula originally anticipated when the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program was established in 2011.

## 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 to ensure future sustainability. The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program recognizes that many not-for-profit facilities are aging and in need of renovation or repair. The Citadel Theatre is one of the not-for-profit arts organizations that has applied to the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program for support for its aging facility needs. It was approved for funding in 2014 and recommended again in 2016. The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program funding assists The Citadel to ensure its facility remains viable and sustainable over the long term. In 2016, the leaking roof is in urgent need of repair to avoid further deterioration to the building.

Edmontonians use facilities and services that promote healthy living.

- Community-led initiatives with City of Edmonton investments in infrastructure through the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program have created a broad range of public recreation, leisure and cultural facilities and opportunities. These facilities are key to supporting active and healthy living as well as creating vibrant neighbourhoods and communities. The Citadel Theatre is a flagship arts organization in Edmonton that plays a significant role in Edmonton's vibrant arts and culture community. Edmontonians benefit from the healthy living outcomes of participating in an active arts community through the work of The Citadel Theatre.

### Budget/Financial Implications

The recommended additional \$91,000 would bring City funding for The Citadel Theatre's roof repair up to one-third of the anticipated project cost. The Citadel Theatre requested \$363,667 from the City of Edmonton. The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program 2016 recommendations include \$272,750 for the project. In light of potential funding sources, Administration recommends that a one time exception be made to the assignment of grant awards in the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program by assigning the outstanding \$91,000 to that funding source.

### Justification of Recommendation

1. The recommendation for additional funding recognizes the Citadel Theatre as an important community partner as well as addressing the urgency of the infrastructure work to avoid further facility deterioration.
2. There is available funding remaining in the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant program in 2016 and as such an exception can be made without impact to other eligible organizations.

### Others Reviewing this Report

- T. Burge, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager of Financial and Corporate Services
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