

2013 Community Facility Partner Capital Grants

2013 Grant Award Recommendations

Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the 2013 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program recommendations as outlined in Attachment 1 of the September 10, 2013, Community Services report CR_428, be approved.

Report Summary

This report recommends the awarding of the 2013 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant.

Report

The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program supports partnerships that enhance public use facilities so Edmontonians can thrive in an active and attractive city. Funding is allocated across the city to organizations with a primary mandate in at least one of the following key sectors:

- Arts and Heritage
- Multi-cultural
- Recreation/Amateur Sport
- Seniors
- Social Services/Community Development

The Grant Program provides \$1 million per year for eligible capital projects of the following types:

- Preserve (Capital Maintenance/Rehabilitation)
- Enhance (Expansion/Redevelopment)
- Build New (Construction of a New Facility)
- Project Planning (Funding Priority for 2013/2014)

Under this Grant Program, community non-profit organizations, other public sector service providers and the private sector with eligible partner projects, may apply for up to 25% of their total project costs and additionally, multi year funding options are considered for a period of up to three years.

Short History and Analysis:

The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant program was first introduced in 2011. Originally, the grant program was to be funded at \$5 million annually over a three year period, totalling \$15 million dollars.

Since 2011, the value of partner projects has significantly increased.

In 2011, 9 projects were considered for funding with a total project value of \$6.8 million, and Council approving 6 projects for \$708,000.

In 2012, the amount of applicants doubled to 18 with a total project value of \$23 million, and Council approving 8 projects for \$1.3 million.

In 2013, the amount of applicants reduced from the year before; however

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the value of projects continues to increase.

In 2013, a total of 14 organizations requested funding in the program with a total project value of \$54 million.

Over the last three years, the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program continues to gain popularity and interest in Edmonton.

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In 2012 and earlier this year, City Council approved funding for three groups:

- North Edmonton Gymnastics Club
- Radial Railway Society
- Westmount Fitness Centre

Attachment 1 provides additional information about these grants.

As a result of these funding commitments, the total funding available to allocate toward new projects amounted to \$388,300.

In 2013, 11 organizations applied for funding under the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.

Resulting from the grant review process four new organizations are being recommended for funding this year:

1. Fringe Theatre Adventures
\$12,000 (2013)
2. Punjab United Sports and Heritage Association \$328,125
(2013/2014)

3. Edmonton Seniors Slo Pitch Association \$220,000
(2013/2014)

4. Edmonton Chinese Garden Society \$73,250 (2013)

Administration will continue to work with the groups not being recommended for funding this year, and will encourage these groups to re-apply in the future.

Policy

Policy C562 - Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program

Policy C187A - Enhancing Community Facility Services through Partnerships

Corporate Outcomes

Improve Edmonton's Livability.

Budget/Financial Implications

- The total amount of grant awards for 2013 matches the approved 2013 budget of \$1,056,500.
- The proposed multi year funding commitments recommended in this report will impact the 2014 grant program by \$711,475, leaving \$288,525 to allocate to new projects in 2014 - based on the current \$1million grant budget.
- In response to the increased demand from partner organizations, a service package has been developed by Community Services for a \$2 million increase in funding for the 2014 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.
- A \$2 million increase to the grant budget would allow a larger number of partner projects to be completed and reduce the budget impacts that multi year funding commitments

have on allocating grant funding in future years.

Justification of Recommendation

1. The 2013 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant recommendations are in accordance with City Policy C562, Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.
2. In accordance with City Procedure 3.4 (f), under City Policy C562, Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program, multiple year funding approvals will be considered for a period of up to three years.

Attachments

1. 2013 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant - Grant Award Recommendations

Others Reviewing this Report

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