

# 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant

## 2012 Grant Award Recommendations

### Recommendation:

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant award recommendations as outlined in Attachment 1 of the October 9, 2012, Community Services report 2012CSW028, be approved.
2. That under the 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program, multi-year funding for the North Edmonton Gymnastics Club (2013 and 2014) and the Edmonton Radial Railway Society (2013), be approved.
3. That a funding agreement in an amount up to \$1,347,630 with the North Edmonton Gymnastics Club, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the October 9, 2012, Community Services report 2012CSW028, be approved, and that the agreement be acceptable, in form and content, to the City Manager.

### Report Summary

This report recommends the awarding of the 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant to organizations submitting applications to the April 30, 2012, deadline.

The North Edmonton Gymnastics Club Funding Agreement, if

approved, will exceed the City Manager's authority, as set out in the City Administration Bylaw 12005, and requires Committee or Council approval.

### Report

- At the July 6, 2011, City Council meeting, City Council passed a motion to approve City Policy C562 - Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.
- 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 in Edmonton.
- This grant program provides City Council with an objective, transparent and consistent method and framework to allocate funding.
- Funding under this grant program is intended for capital purposes which could be for a City-owned and partner-operated facility or, alternately, for capital work in a partner-owned facility. Funding will not support operating costs.
- 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. Grant Awards will typically be awarded to projects with a total project cost of at least \$200,000.
- According to City Procedure 3.4, (f) under City Policy C562 – Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program, multi-year funding approvals will be considered for a period of up to three years.
- Funding under this program is allocated across the city to organizations with a primary

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mandate in at least one of the following key sectors:

Arts and Heritage

- Multi-cultural
- Recreation/Amateur Sport
- Seniors
- Social Services/Community Development
- Funding will support capital projects of the following types:
  - Preserve (Priority 1 2011 & 2012)
  - Enhance (Priority 2)
  - Build New (Priority 2)
  - Project Planning (Priority 2)

### 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program and Recommendation

- The total budget for the 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant program is \$1,317,980 – this includes the approved amount of \$1,026,500 and the 2011 approved carried forward amount of \$291,480.
- In 2012, a total of 18 Edmonton based non-profit organizations applied to the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.
- Grant applications were assessed by an open, transparent, fair and consistent process with established City business practices to determine overall benefit to the community and value to the citizens of Edmonton.
- All grant submissions included a detailed business case and were reviewed and evaluated by an Administrative Committee comprised of Community Services and Financial Services representatives.
- Eight organizations are being recommended for funding in 2012.
- The eight organizations recommended for funding have met

the eligibility criteria set out in City Policy C562, and met the program objectives in the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Guidelines.

- Ten organizations are not being recommended for funding and will be encouraged to work with the City of Edmonton to further develop their business cases. All are eligible to re-apply in 2013.
- The 8 organizations recommended for 2012 funding are proposing \$10.5 million in total project development.
- In order to receive a 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant award, recipients will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the City of Edmonton.

### Multiple Year Funding Recommendation

- The North Edmonton Gymnastics Club and the Edmonton Radial Railway Society funding requests are above the total amount available in the 2012 Partner Capital Grant Program.
- Administration is recommending multi-year funding for three years (2012-2014) to the North Edmonton Gymnastics Club for a total of \$1,347,630, and multi-year funding to the Edmonton Radial Railway Society for two years (2012-2013) for a total of \$293,900.
- Both organizations will require multi-year funding agreements with the City of Edmonton to advance their partner projects under the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.

City Policy C562 and City Procedure Review to Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program

- Administration completed a Policy/Procedure review once the 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program Grant Cycle was completed.
- As a result of the review, a number of key observations were identified as follows:
  1. Potential expansion of grant to faith based, health or educational organizations.
  2. Current grant budget for program is limited.
  3. The Project Planning total project cost threshold of \$200,000 may be set too high and may limit groups from applying for planning dollars.
  4. Some organizations struggle with developing sound business cases for this grant program.
- Addressing the key observations identified from the review, Administration will carry out the following:
  1. City of Edmonton accepts grant requests from organizations that may have more than one aspect of their primary mandate; and as long as one aspect of their mandate and project targets at least one of the five key sectors of this grant program, a group and project could be eligible.
  2. Community Services has developed a service package requesting an increase of \$1.1 million to the current \$1,026,500 approved budget for the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.

3. Administration proposes lowering the total project cost threshold of \$200,000 to \$50,000 for Project Planning which may allow groups to apply to this program for costs associated with developing a business case.

- The adjustments listed above do not require City Policy C562 to be updated at this time; however lowering the total project cost threshold for Project Planning type projects will require the City Managers approval.
- After the 2013 grant cycle, Administration will review once again City Policy C562 and City Procedure governing this grant program to ensure the concerns identified in 2012 are being addressed and the program remains consistent with City Council's intentions regarding the City's Livability Plan.

**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 recommended to eight groups in 2012 matches the approved 2012 budget of \$1,317,980.
- Support for multi-year funding, under the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program for the North Edmonton Gymnastics Club in 2013 and 2014 and the Edmonton Radial Railway Society in 2013 impacts the

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grant program budget in 2013 and 2014.

- The 2013 Grant program will have \$356,100 to allocate.
- The 2014 Grant program will have \$533,600 to allocate.
- A service package has been developed by the Community Services Department for an increase of funding to the Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program.
- The additional funding would allow a larger number of partner projects to be completed as the program grows and becomes more popular.

### **Justification of Recommendation**

1. The 2012 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.
3. This will allow the execution of the required funding agreement to the North Edmonton Gymnastics Club and the City of Edmonton.

### **Attachments**

1. 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant – Summary of Grant Award Recommendations.

### **Others Reviewing this Report**

L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant – Summary of Grant Award Recommendations

2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program - Budget: \$1,317,980

2012 Recommended Grant Award Amount (Pending Approval) \$1,317,980

#	Name of Organization	Project Name / Description	Project Type /Priority Level	Sector	Total Project Costs (Min Threshold \$200K)	Eligible Requested / COE Maximum (25% of Project cost)	Grant Request	Rec'd for funding.	2012 Rec'd Grant Award	Proposed 2013 Commitment	Proposed 2014 Commitment	Proposed Multi Year Funding (2012-2014) for 2 Applicants
1	Kinsmen Club of Edmonton (City Land)	Kinsmen Arena (Dressing Room Bathroom/ Shower redesign, General arena improvements)	Preserve (Priority 1)	Recreation /Amateur Sport	\$250,000.00	\$62,500.00	\$62,500	Rec'd for funding.	\$62,500			
2	North Edmonton Gymnastics Club (Private Land)	NEFC New Facility Development Project (purchase, relocate and retrofit)	Replacement Building - Build New (Priority 2)	Recreation /Amateur Sport	\$5,390,574.00	\$1,347,643.50	\$1,347,644	Rec'd for funding.	\$381,230	\$500,000	\$466,400	\$1,347,630
3	Mill Woods Cultural and Recreational Facilities Association (MCARFA) (City Land)	Picnic Shelters and Furniture at Jackie Parker Park	Enhance (Priority 2)	Recreation /Amateur Sport	\$305,025.21	\$76,256.30	\$76,256	Rec'd for funding.	\$76,250			
4	Edmonton Nordic Ski Club (City Land)	ENSC Snowmaking Project (snow making/water infrastructure and lights upgrades)	Enhance (Priority 2)	Recreation /Amateur Sport	\$1,478,173.00	\$369,543.25	\$369,543	Rec'd for funding.	\$369,500			

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5	Edmonton Radial Railway Society <i>(City Land &amp; Provincial Land)</i>	High Level Bridge Streetcar Line Extension	Enhance (Priority 2)	Arts & Heritage	\$1,175,497.00	\$293,874.25	\$293,874	Rec'd for funding.	\$150,000	\$143,900		\$293,900
6	Edmonton Speed Skating Association <i>(City Land)</i>	Victoria Park Pavilion Building – City and Club joint facility project	Replacement Building - Build New (Priority 2)	Recreation/ Amateur Sport	\$274,000.00	\$68,500.00	\$68,500	Rec'd for funding.	\$68,500			
7	Millwoods Minor Football Association <i>(City Land)</i>	Millwoods Park Pavilion Building – City and Club joint facility project	Replacement Building - Build New (Priority 2)	Recreation/ Amateur Sport	\$240,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000	Rec'd for funding.	\$60,000			
8	Edmonton Opera Association <i>(Private Land)</i>	Edmonton Opera (Props/Sets/ Costumes) Storage and Production Facility	Enhance (Priority 2)	Arts & Heritage	\$1,400,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$150,000	Rec'd for funding.	\$150,000			
					\$10,513,269.21	\$2,628,317.30	\$2,428,317.25	8 Groups Rec'd	\$1,317,980	\$643,900	\$466,400	\$1,641,530

2012 Remaining Budget (Pending Approval): \$0

**2012 - Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Overview:**

- 2012 Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Budget = \$1,317,980.
- 18 organizations applied by April 30, 2012 deadline.
- Total grant requests of the initial 18 organizations = \$4.7 million.
- Total project costs of the initial 18 organizations = \$23 million.
- Sectors represented by initial 18 applicants: 10 Recreation/Amateur Sport, 2 Arts & Heritage, 2 Multi-cultural, 1 Seniors, 3 Social Services.
- 8 Recommended for funding: Total Project costs = \$10.5 million, Total Grant Request of the 8 recommended for funding = \$2.4 million.
- 10 Not Recommended for funding: Total Project costs = \$12.5 million, Total Grant request of the 10 not recommended for funding = \$2.3 million.