**The City of Calgary
Emergency Resiliency Fund (ERF)
Terms of Reference**

Background

In 2015 December, Council approved the creation of a one-time $30 million Community Economic Resiliency Fund. Of this total amount, $5 million was directed to the establishment of an Emergency Resiliency Fund "to assist non-profit organizations and City business units experiencing excess demand as a result of the economic downturn and global events", to be administered by the Community Services department.

Purpose

The purpose of the Emergency Resiliency Fund is to enable non-profits and City of Calgary business units to continue to serve economically and socially vulnerable Calgarians during the current economic downturn and to ensure that adequate services are provided in response to the local impact of global events.

The Emergency Resiliency Fund provides funding to **four strategies:**

1. **Enhanced support** to programs and services of Calgary non-profits impacted by the current economic downturn and global events, thus enabling increased access for families and individuals and helping to prevent the further escalation of social problems. This strategy will take place through a general call for funding proposals.

2. **A targeted partnership** with the United Way of Calgary and Area around the provision of "basic needs" (and associated resources such as financial literacy training). Through a one-time investment of $575,000, The City of Calgary will be able to expedite a response and expand the reach of the United Way "basic needs" initiative for more individuals and families to access.

3. **A targeted partnership** with the Calgary Arts Development Authority (CADA) in which $1 million will be allocated to deal with the increase in demand for operating grants, helping Calgary's arts organizations cope with the impacts of the current economic downturn. This financial support will help ensure Calgarians continue to enjoy the benefits of, and have access to a strong local arts community.

4. **Targeted City business units** that may be experiencing unusually high demand for services resulting from the economic downturn and global events.

Eligibility Criteria for Enhanced Support (Call for Funding Proposals – Strategy Number One)

A call for funding proposals for non-profit organizations to apply for enhanced support to programs and services will open on 2016 April 04 and close on 2016 May 05. If there are

remaining funds available, new applications will be considered until funding has been fully allocated.

To be eligible for funding, the following criteria must be met:

- The applicant is registered as a non-profit organization under the Societies Act or the Companies Act of Alberta and operating within the Calgary city limits.

- The applicant has a track record for effective program or service delivery.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate all funding proposals (strategy number one):

- Demonstration of increased or new demand, or need to facilitate increased access for service associated with the current economic downturn or global events, and an inability to meet the demand with existing resources.

- Demonstration that proposed program/service will provide immediate support to individuals, families and communities in need.

- Demonstration of how this one-time funding will have a measurable impact on individuals and families through clearly stated objectives and an evaluation plan.

- Demonstration of the organization's capacity and competency to act/respond in a timely matter once funding is provided.

Funding Recommendations and Decisions

Applications received from the call for funding will be assessed by a review panel, comprised of staff from Calgary Neighbourhoods and community funding partners. Applications from the targeted strategies will be reviewed when received. Final funding recommendations will be made by Calgary Neighbourhoods and approved by appropriate signing authorities within City Administration.