

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

The Ward Community Event Fund (“WCEF”) was created in 2012 with the splitting of the Council Strategic Initiatives Fund. Shortly thereafter, the Aldermanic Office Coordinating Committee (“AOCC”) created the first WCEF Guidelines. Over the intervening years, the AOCC and subsequently the Coordinating Committee of the Councillors Office (“CCCO”) amended the guidelines. The latest guidelines were approved by the CCCO in 2020.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2012 May 17	AOC 12-18	Transfer of CSIF from AOCC to the Culture Division - Recreation The Council Strategic Initiatives Fund was split and the AOCC was left with responsibility for the new Ward Community Event Fund with an annual budget of \$140,000.
2017 Mar 23	CCC17-45	Ward Community Event Fund Guidelines CCCO amended WCEF guidelines. Among the changes was a requirement to apply any returned grant funds to the recommending ward office for use during the current grant year.
2020 July		Ward Community Event Fund Guidelines Current WCEF Guidelines were approved by CCCO.
2022 September 13	C2022-0975	Establishment of a Council Services Committee Council established the Council Services Committee (“CSC”) through amendments to the Procedure Bylaw which included a mandate for CSC that includes “funding decisions on the Ward Community Event Fund.”

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Procedure Bylaw

Section B.7(1)(b) of the Procedure Bylaw provides that the mandate of the CSC includes “funding decisions on the Ward Community Event Fund.”

WCEF Guidelines

The latest version was approved by CCCO in July 2020.