

Ward Community Event Fund Applications

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Council Services Committee:

1. Review the Ward Community Event Fund applications contained in Confidential Attachment 1; and
2. Direct that Confidential Attachment 1 and Closed Meeting discussions be kept confidential pursuant to Sections 17 (Disclosure harmful to personal information), 23 (Local public body confidences) and 24 (Advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*.

HIGHLIGHTS

- At its 2022 September 14 Combined Meeting, Council established the Council Services Committee (“CSC”), with a mandate including “funding decisions on the Ward Community Event Fund.”
- What does this mean to Calgarians? CSC review of WCEF applications provides oversight of WCEF grants.
- Why does this matter? The WCEF assists non-profit, not-for-profit associations, charitable or community-based groups to host events or undertake initiatives which enhance their community.
- Strategic Alignment to Council’s Guiding Principles: Strengthen Relationships with Calgarians
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included in Attachment 2.

DISCUSSION

WCEF Guidelines state that “applications are recommended for approval by an individual Councillor for events or initiatives in their wards. Funding is limited and shall be awarded equitably per ward, on a first-come, first-serve basis.”

WCEF applications are forwarded to the appropriate ward Councillor for consideration and may be recommended for approval or partial funding by the CSC, which has authority to make “funding decisions on the Ward Community Event Fund,” under section B.7(1) of the Procedure Bylaw. Only the WCEF applications recommended for approval or partial funding by the ward Councillor are presented by Administration to CSC.

The current balances of the WCEF are presented in Attachment 3.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
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IMPLICATIONS

Social

The funding of Ward Community Events supports the strengthening of relationships with Calgarians and strong community leadership.

Environmental

Not applicable

Economic

Not applicable

Service and Financial Implications

Existing operating funding - base

\$140,000

The total annual WCEF allocation is \$140,000, with \$10,000 being allocated per each ward (Attachment 2). The current funding requests are set out in Confidential Attachment 1.

RISK

In reviewing WCEF applications, consideration may be given to the possibility that other WCEF applications will come forward throughout the remainder of the year and whether there will be inadequate funds to address those requests.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. CONFIDENTIAL Attachment 1 – Ward Community Event Fund Applications
2. Background and Previous Council Direction
3. Ward Community Event Fund Summary, 2023 February

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Jill Floen, City Solicitor and General Counsel	Law, Legislative Services and Security	Approve
Kate Martin, City Clerk	Law, Legislative Services and Security	Approve