

Ward Community Event Fund Applications

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Services Committee:

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL SERVICES COMMITTEE, 2023 APRIL 17:

That Council direct Administration to review the guidelines of the Ward Community Event Fund to improve clarity for applying organizations and groups, with particular respect to amounts requested and information about other City of Calgary grants.

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 Ward Community Event Fund (“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 as 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.

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EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

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 Ward Community Event Fund Applications
2. Background and Previous Council Direction
3. WCEF Financial Update 2023 April

Department Circulation

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