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**RE: Innovation Fund Application - Walk21 Community Microgrants**

As we prepare for our annual international conference to be in Calgary this year, the team at Walk21 is already impressed with the local commitment and creativity for more walkable communities.

We are particularly pleased with the proposal to support the local community with Microgrants, as a great way to improve walkability and connectedness within and between the neighbourhoods and a great legacy of both Canada 150 and the Walk21 conference. We value this type of local legacy very highly, as the living, everyday outcomes of the event for the people of the host city.

The grants will be important to encourage citizen led solutions that help people walk, linger and connect better and more regularly within their outdoor realm. By engaging a diverse group of citizens the proposal can explore innovation, look at civic barriers to citizen-led projects and energize people, businesses and social organizations city-wide to perhaps engage in future community building projects after the microgrants wrap up.

We look forward to working with the team from The City of Calgary and the Federation of Calgary Communities on this exciting project and to see the real life results at the conference in September.

Yours sincerely

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Bronwen Thornton  
Director