



PFC2017-0289
Walk21 Community Microgrants

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Walk21 Conference (2017 September)

- Calgary will welcome over 400 international delegates:
 - academia, policy-makers, urban planners, healthcare professionals, and local leaders
- Walk21 Calgary will focus on how cities can pivot towards more walkable futures and become more resilient and sustainable
- Opportunity to discuss new ideas about how walking can connect people and communities



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- Technical sessions & workshops throughout Calgary
- Projects that strengthen local partnerships and draw attention to walking:
 - 4 Avenue Flyover
 - Ronald McDonald House
 - Walk21 Community Microgrants



- Offer small grants to 150 community groups
- Empower community initiated ideas that reflect local priorities and values
- Collect lessons learned to create nimble processes for residents as a conference legacy



Community initiated ideas



- Improve engineered walkways
- Walking school bus
- Edgemont bus loop revitalization
- Wayfinding in Bankview
- Draw attention to crosswalks at Auburn Bay school
- Pop up patio during construction

Alignment

Step Forward Pedestrian Strategy:

- Action 17: Create a tactical urbanism program.
- Action 40: Put forward at least three innovative pedestrian projects for Council's Innovation Fund.
- Action 43: Organize and host pre-conference events for international Walk21 Conferences.
- Action 46: Teach City leadership and staff about pedestrian and accessibility needs.

City-wide: This is My Neighbourhood, Calgary Cultural Plan,

#getmovingYYC, community traffic program, Calgary Innovation Lab

Why now: Partners

- Partners are working together to deliver Walk21
 - Alberta Health Services
 - University of Calgary
 - Federation of Calgary Communities
- City Team is meeting to create nimble processes to be more responsive to community ideas
 - City of Calgary Tiger Team



Why now: Calgary Communities

- Neighbour day street permits doubled between 2015 and 2016
- Over 200 traffic calming 311 requests each year
- Pedestrian Strategy engagement



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How: Partners

- Federation of Calgary Communities: promote and support applicants
- Walk21 Community Advisory Committee: provide guidance and judging
- Administration:
 - buddy up to support success
 - assemble the experiences
 - recommend process changes

150 ideas will guarantee participation in all parts of Calgary



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Timeline

Finalize
process
(2017)

Promote
(2017)

Receive
and
support
ideas
(2017 –
2019)

Walk21
(Sept
2017)

Celebrate
and learn
(2018)



Budget

Microgrants	\$112,500	Federation
Program administration	\$40,000	Federation
Communications & Promotion	\$5,000	City of Calgary & Federation
Process Review	\$15,000	City of Calgary
Total	\$172,500	

Measuring Success

Measure	Target
Projects completed & feedback provided	150
Number of community projects per Ward	Minimum 8 per ward
Number of people impacted	6,000
Surveyed residents feel safer walking in their communities	Majority of respondents
Simpler processes to support community-led initiatives	-Lessons learned report -Recommendations in Q4 2019

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Outcomes

1. Empowering communities to invest in their neighbourhoods while keeping citizens and our infrastructure safe
2. Building resiliency by re-connecting neighbours
3. Supporting local businesses
4. Improving our processes to be more responsive and aligned with community priorities



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Questions



