



Civic Partner Operating Grant Program

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Developing a New Civic Partnership Program (EC2022-1378)

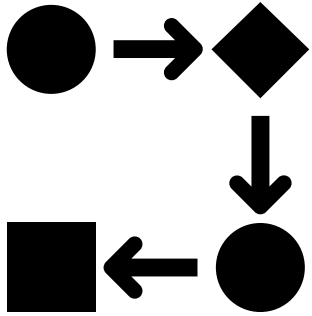
- Establish a Civic Partner Operating Grant Program that aligns with current & future Council directions.
- Return to Council for approval of the program's terms of reference & funding framework.
- Use the approved terms of reference & framework to adjust the allocation of grant funding from 2024 to 2026.
- Report back annually to Council through existing accountability reports & Civic Partner annual reports

Recommendations

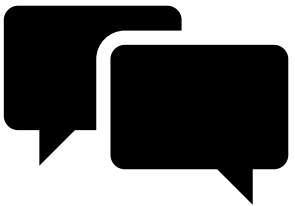
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Highlights



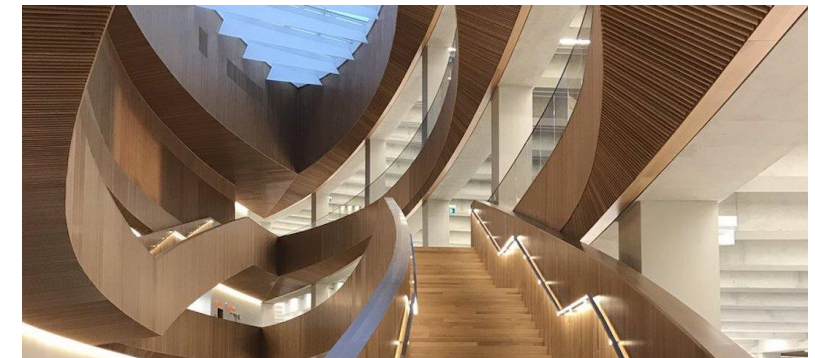
The Civic Partner Operating Grant Program Terms of Reference propose a structured, transparent & consistent approach for recommending operating grant funding investments for Civic Partners.



Program foundations & approaches are based on engagement with Civic Partners, members of Council & Administration & leading practices research.

Terms of Reference- Foundation & approaches

- Eligibility - Civic Partners as defined in the *Investing in Partnerships Policy*.
- Incorporate leading practices for grantmaking.
- Transparency, 2-way communication, mutual accountability & shared learning.
- Fund mutually exclusive programs, services & facilities.
- Align with Council priorities, City plans & policies.
- Focus on multi-year funding for Civic Partners' essential operating costs.

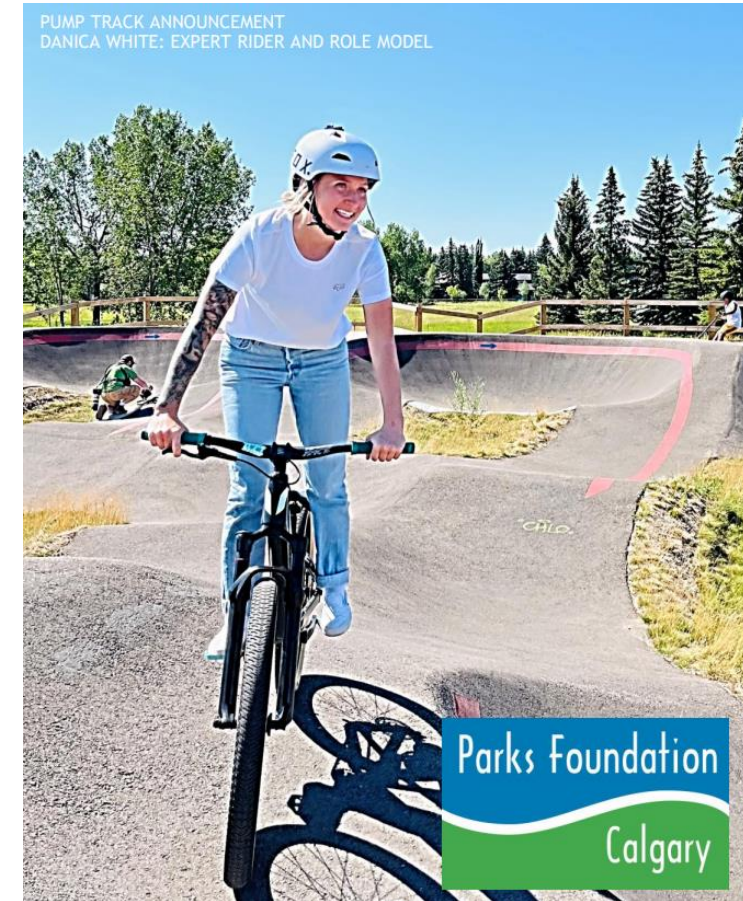


Terms of Reference

- Funding required to support program & service delivery or deliver a Council approved strategy may be considered.
- Program streams based on criteria including legal structure.
- Streamlined approach from grant application through to evaluation & recommendations.



- Grant Review Committee reviews applications and develops recommendations for Council approval.
- Program outcomes guide performance measures at the partner, collective & program levels.
- No lobbying related to a request while applications are being considered.
- Does not apply to capital funding.



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