

ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROVINCIAL GRANT FUNDING - CALGARY FIRE DEPARTMENT ABORIGINAL PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND LIFE SAFETY PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council support is requested for a provincial grant funding application to the Alberta Community Partnership Program for the Calgary Fire Department Aboriginal Pre-Employment and Life Safety Program. The managing partner in the application is the City of Calgary and the program partner is the RIEL Institute for Education and Learning.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community & Protective Services recommends that Council support the City of Calgary's application for grant funding from the Alberta Community Partnership program to fund the Calgary Fire Department Aboriginal Pre-Employment and Life Safety Program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

None.

BACKGROUND

The Province of Alberta recently launched the Alberta Community Partnership Program (ACP) with the objective "to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives".

Key program outcomes include:

- New or enhanced regional municipal services;
- Improved municipal capacity to respond to municipal and regional priorities; and
- Effective inter-municipal relations through joint and collaborative activities.

Alberta Municipal Affairs is responsible for administering the ACP. The Strategic Initiatives component of the program provides funding for initiatives that align with provincial priorities and address intermunicipal needs of strategic significance.

The City of Calgary will be leading the Calgary Fire Department Aboriginal Pre-Employment and Life Safety Program to improve the safety outcomes for aboriginal youth and encourage aboriginal participation in fire service careers. More information on the project can be found in the ACP application attached with this report. Applying to this grant program is an opportunity for The City of Calgary to leverage this funding source.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

A requirement to apply for the Alberta Community Partnership Strategic Initiatives grant is that all partner municipalities must pass Council resolutions in support of the project identified in the application.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

In preparation for the grant application, the Calgary Fire Department engaged the RIEL Institute for Education and Learning to formally partner on the Aboriginal Pre-Employment and Life Safety Program. Further stakeholder communication and engagement will occur as part of the pilot program.

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Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with the City's 2020 Sustainability Direction, and the following Council Priorities:

- A prosperous city; and
- A city of inspiring neighbourhoods.

Additionally, this report supports the following Community Services 2015-18 Action Plan strategic actions:

- "Promotion of public safety through education, prevention, and partnerships" and
- "Seek out partnerships with other government and community partners to achieve community well-being"

Further, this report aligns with the Calgary Fire Department's business plan priorities.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

There are no social, environmental or external economic implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

The support of this motion will enable the Calgary Fire Department to apply for grant funding of \$260,000 under the Alberta Community Partnership Program. Future operating costs would need to be considered following the completion of the pilot program.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

The pilot program has no associated capital costs.

Risk Assessment

The Alberta Community Partnership program does not fund ongoing operating costs. There is a risk that if the pilot program is successful, any future continuation of the program may rely on funding from the City of Calgary. Following the completion of the pilot program, the Calgary Fire Department will evaluate whether it was successful. The project may then be considered for future City of Calgary funding through Calgary Fire Department business plans or the ongoing Aboriginal Inclusion Initiative.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Alberta Municipal Affairs requires a resolution from Council confirming support for the pilot program as part of the grant application process.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Application to the Alberta Community Partnership Strategic Initiatives Program
2. Alexander Pilot Executive Summary
3. Additional Detail on Relevant Government of Alberta Priorities