



Civic Partner Operating Grant Program

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Developing a New Civic Partnership Program (EC2022-1378)

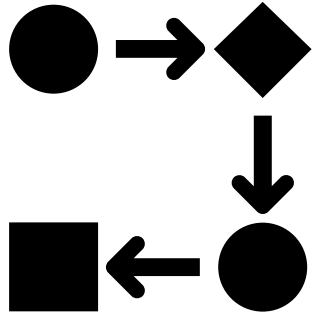
- Establish a Civic Partner Operating Grant Program that aligns with current & future Council directions.
- Return to Council for approval of the program's terms of reference & funding framework.
- Use the approved terms of reference & framework to adjust the allocation of grant funding from 2024 to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

Recommendations

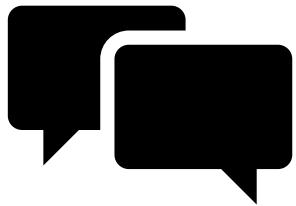
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Highlights



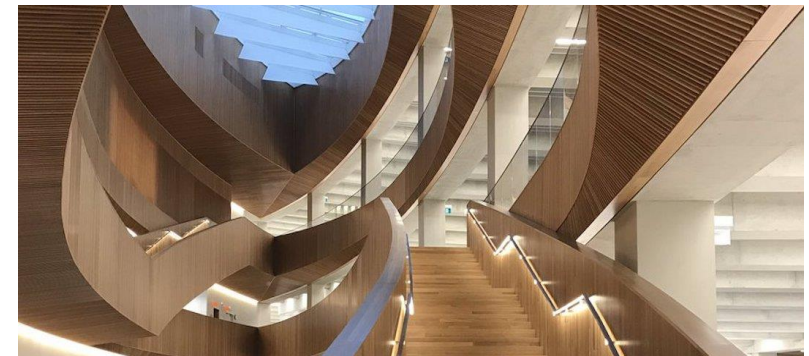
The Civic Partner Operating Grant Program provides a structured, transparent & consistent approach for operating grant funding recommendations for Civic Partners.



Terms of Reference are based on research into leading practices & engagement with Civic Partners, members of Council & Administration.

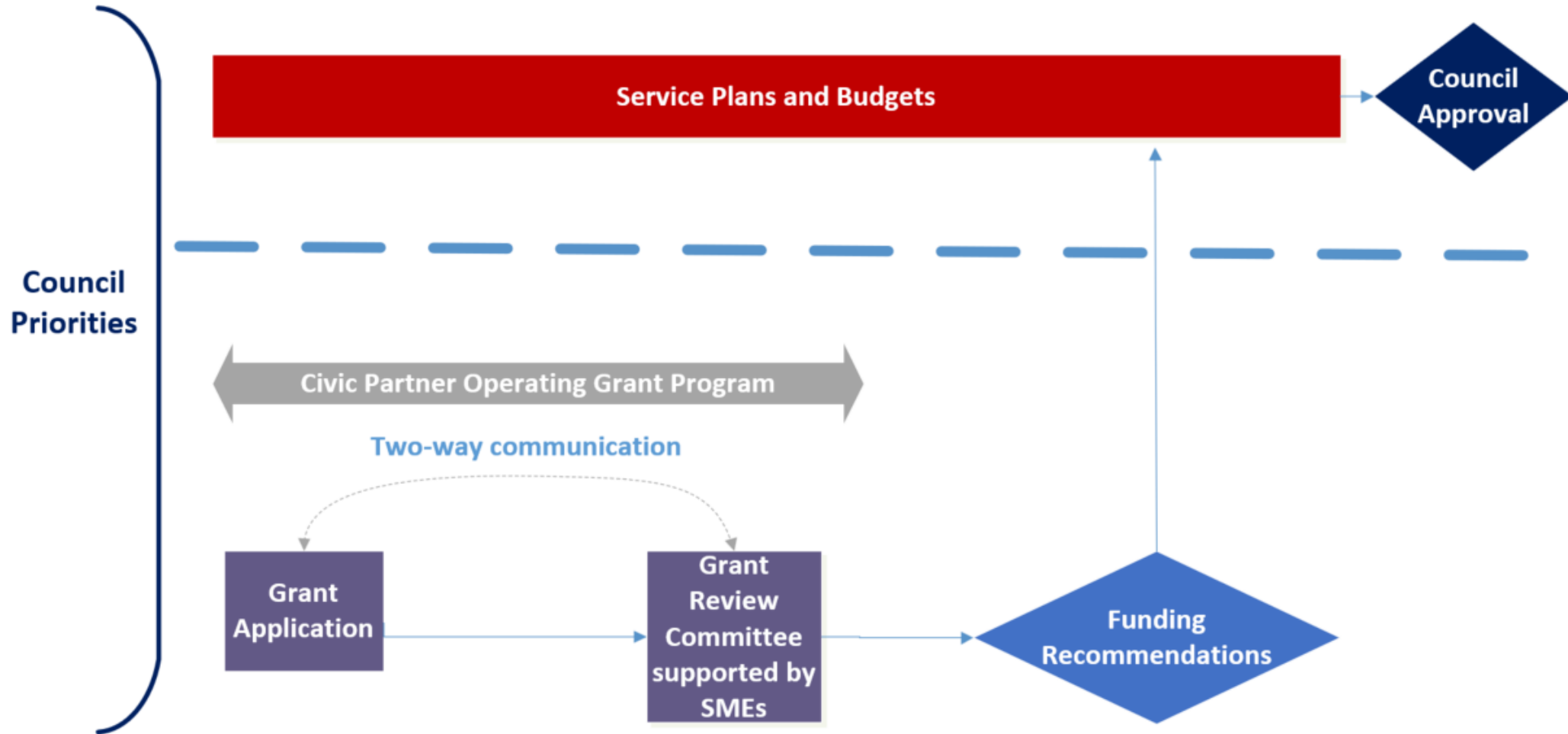
What we heard: The current process

- Lack of transparency, flexibility & feedback channels.
- Creates a sense of competition.
- Does not reflect complexity of Civic Partner operations.
- Limited opportunity to communicate impact.





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Program benefits

- Addresses challenges & concerns.
- Incorporates leading practices for grantmaking.
- Supports transparency and 2-way communication.
- Supports alignment with Council priorities.
- Effective use of organizational capacity.



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