

# Background and Previous Council Direction

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The Council Innovation Fund (CIF) was established in 2011 to foster innovative projects aligned with Council's goals. In 2019, the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the CIF were refined and a new ToR for a Council Community Fund (CCF) was approved, creating a fund specifically designed to support community-based projects.

## Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2024 February 27	<a href="#">EC2024-0131</a>	<p>COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND REPORT BACK – HAWKWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION</p> <p>That the Executive Committee recommend that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Direct Administration to update the Terms of Reference for the Council Community Fund and the Council Innovation Fund to clarify administrative processes and return to Council through the Executive Committee no later than Q2 2024;</li> <li>2. Reconsider its decision with respect to Report PFC2021-1237, Recommendation 2; and:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Direct that Administration report back to the Executive Committee within 12 months of project completion; and,</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Reconsider its decision with respect to Report EC2022-0689, Recommendation 2; and:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Direct that Administration to report back to the Executive Committee within 12 months of project completion.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
2019 April 29	<a href="#">PFC2019-0381</a>	<p>PROPOSED APPROACH TO COUNCIL INNOVATION FUND UPDATE</p> <p>Council approved updates to the CIF Terms of Reference and introduced a new fund dedicated to community-driven projects called the Council Community Fund (CCF). The revised Terms of Reference for the Council Community Fund can be found on Attachment 2. The proposal for funding must demonstrate credibility, fiscal responsibility and good management which will be important considerations in the evaluation of applications.</p>