

Council Community Fund Application Varsity Community Association (VCA)

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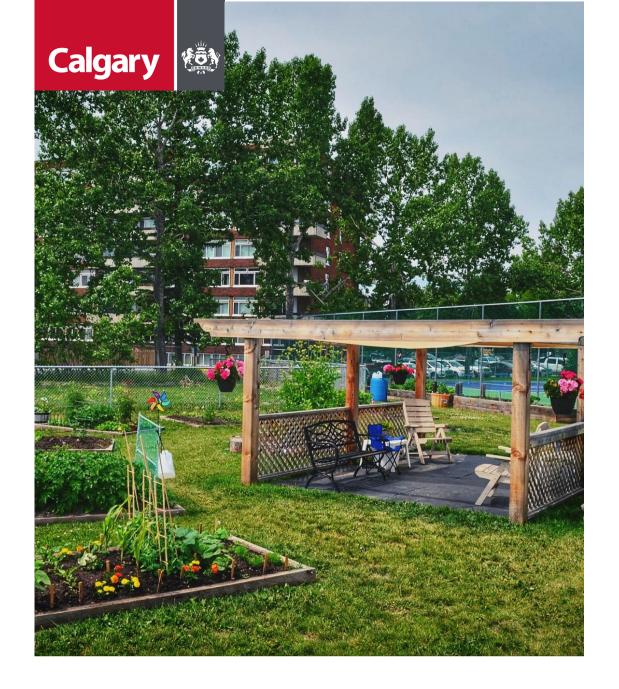
Previous Council Direction

- In 2019, Council introduced a new fund dedicated to community-driven projects called the Council Community Fund.
- The Terms of Reference were updated in 2024.

Calgary Recommendations

That the Executive Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Approve the Council Community Fund application for the Varsity Community Association's Outdoor Spaces Improvement Project as a one-time funding request in the amount of \$300,000; and
- Direct Administration to report back to the Executive Committee within 12 months of project completion.



Highlights

- Applying for \$300,000 for the Outdoor Spaces Improvement Project
- Aligns with the Terms of Reference for the Council Community Fund
- The Project will create an updated, multi-use, free space for Calgarians
- The application is sponsored by Councillor Sharp
- With increased density in the neighbourhood, inclusive public spaces will be important

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Outdoor Spaces Improvement Project includes:

- A structure next to the outdoor rink including a gathering space with fire pit
- Expanded space for a family pleasure rink
- An outdoor classroom/ amphitheatre and natural play features
- Naturalized gathering spaces in two locations
- Promenade with planting beds and benches along the tennis/pickleball court

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Impact of the Outdoor Spaces Improvement Project

- Enhance existing amenities
- Create a destination space for Calgarians where families can learn and play
- Encourage people to spend time connecting with their neighbours
- Maintain an active lifestyle
- Revitalize the greenspace and add to the tree canopy

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