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Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2026 May 05

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Strengthening Support for Community-Based Organizations in Calgary

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillor Raj Dhaliwal

WHEREAS community-based groups formed at the grassroots level and led by those directly affected by local challenges, play a critical role in delivering responsive services, strengthening social cohesion, and reducing long-term demand on municipal and social systems;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary supports community-based groups through project funding, funding pilots, and supports navigating the municipal funding environment, alongside a broader ecosystem of community funders that provide grants, capacity-building, and leadership development;

AND WHEREAS many community-based groups continue to face barriers to accessing funding, including complex application and reporting requirements, limited awareness of available resources, and insufficient coordination among funders, resulting in potential duplication, service gaps, and constrained capacity;

AND WHEREAS Administration has identified opportunities to improve access, coordination, and effectiveness of funding supports for community-based groups through a phased, evidence-based approach beginning with assessment and engagement activities achievable within existing resources;

AND WHEREAS simplifying administrative requirements, while supporting fiscal responsibility, and advocating for enhanced coordination among funders, would increase the impact of existing investments and allow community-based groups to focus capacity on direct service delivery;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee forward this Notice of Motion to the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council for consideration; and further,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

1. **Conduct a scan** of existing City and community supports for community-based groups and a jurisdictional scan of municipal funding models focused on these types of groups (Phase 1);
2. **Undertake targeted engagement** with community-based groups and established community funders to identify barriers, coordination opportunities, and partnership or peer learning models (Phase 1);
3. **Explore and develop options** to mitigate identified barriers for community-based groups in accessing City funding (Phase 1);
4. **Report back** to the Community Development Committee no later than September 2026 with Phase 1 findings, and options for implementation of a funding approach for community-based groups for consideration within the 2027–2030 budget cycle (Phase 2).

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of Motion Checklist