

**Mayor's Office Report to  
Priorities and Finance Committee  
2018 October 02**

**ISC: UNRESTRICTED  
PFC2018-1133**

**Council Innovation Fund Application**

**Council Sponsor: Councillor Druh Farrell and Councillor Sean Chu**

**Internal Sponsor(s): Community Planning & Calgary Recreation**

**Name of Project: Chinatown Cultural Plan and Area Redevelopment Plan**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Councillor Farrell and Councillor Chu are sponsoring an application to the Council Innovation Fund ("CIF") with the cooperation and support of Community Planning and Calgary Recreation. This application is seeking \$250,000 to support the one-time creation of the Chinatown Cultural Plan and a culturally-based Local Area Plan. Through unanimous approval of the Chinatown Area Redevelopment Plan Phase 1 Report (PUD2018-0514) at the 2018 June 25 Regular Meeting of Council, Council directed Administration to proceed with developing a Chinatown Cultural Plan and a culturally-based Local Area Plan. Funds from the CIF would go towards the total estimated budget of \$600,000 and would be used for anticipated consulting costs, including city-wide consultation and engagement conducted in several languages. Item PFC2018-1107 on the 2018 October 2 PFC agenda is related to this application.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend Council approve this application for the CIF for the Chinatown Cultural Plan and Area Redevelopment Plan in the amount of \$250,000.
2. That the Priorities and Finance Committee direct Administration to report back to PFC indicating how the money was spent and outcomes of the projects no later than Q3 2019, as per the CIF Terms of Reference.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

**Council Innovation Fund:**

As part of the 2010 November deliberations on the 2011 budget, Council established the CIF and directed Administration to develop Terms of Reference for the fund and create criteria that would guide Council on withdrawals request from the CIF. The Terms of Reference (see attachment 2) were adopted in March 2011 and are based on the following:

- The project will contribute to Council's goals and has potential City-wide application;
- The project is innovative or a pilot project or experiment that proposes a new or different way of doing The City's work.

Successful applications must provide detailed documentation and address one of the following:

- a) One-time start up or "seed" funds for initiatives or programs which will support or contribute to Council's priorities.
- b) Pilot projects or experiments that have potential to change city-wide policies and procedures.

Any Council member(s) can submit an application to the Priorities and Finance Committee for review and consideration and ultimately for Council's consideration and approval. The proposal for funding must demonstrate credibility, fiscal responsibility and good management which will be important considerations in the evaluation of applications.

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#### **Chinatown Cultural Plan:**

Through unanimous approval of the Chinatown Area Redevelopment Plan Phase 1 Report (PUD2018-0514), Council directed Administration to proceed with developing a Chinatown Cultural Plan and a culturally-based Local Area Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Currently, there is \$740,449 remaining in the Council Innovation Fund.

#### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

See Attachment 1 for more details.

#### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

See Attachment 1 for more details.

#### **Strategic Alignment**

See Attachment 1 for more details.

#### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

See Attachment 1 for more details.

#### **Financial Capacity**

##### ***Current and Future Operating Budget:***

See Attachment 1 for more details.

##### ***Current and Future Capital Budget:***

This would draw down the Council Innovation Fund by \$250,000. Should Council approve this application, the remaining balance in the Council Innovation Fund would be \$490,449.

#### **Risk Assessment**

The Terms of Reference for the CIF have been developed to support a wide variety of candidate projects. Councillors retain the discretion to develop and support applications to the CIF and Council retains the discretion and final decision-making power over withdrawals from the fund.

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**REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

This application meets the Terms of Reference for the CIF. This project is a one-time funding request that has the potential to have a city-wide impact. The Chinatown Cultural Plan and culturally-based Local Area Plan advances the Citizen Priorities and Council Directives. In addition, Council has provided unanimous support for this project and funds from the CIF would help implement this direction.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Attachment 1 – Councillor Farrell and Councillor Chu's CIF Application: Chinatown Cultural Plan and Area Redevelopment Plan
2. Attachment 2 – City Manager Report – Council Innovation Fund Terms of Reference (Policy Interpretation) PAC2011-05 - 2011 March 01