

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

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.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIORITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, DATED 2018 OCTOBER 02:

The Administration Recommendations were lost at Committee.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee, Held 2018 October 02

Moved by Councillor Chu

That with respect to Report PFC2018-1133, the following be approved:

1. That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommends that Council approve this application for the Calgary Innovation Fund 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 Calgary Innovation Plan Terms of Reference.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

For: (3) Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Carra, and Councillor Chu

Against: (3) Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, and Councillor Gondek

MOTION DEFEATED

Pursuant to Section 134(a) of the Procedure Bylaw 35M2017, Councillor Chu requested that the lost motion be forwarded to Council for information.

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.

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.

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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.

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