

**Mayor's Office Report to  
Priorities and Finance Committee  
2019 March 5**

**ISC: UNRESTRICTED  
PFC2019-0282**

**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 Local Area Plan**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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.

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. Funds from the CIF would go towards the total estimated budget of \$500,000 and would be used for consulting costs to deliver the Council-directed Chinatown work.

Community Planning and Calgary Recreation will jointly manage the project. The budget split between these two business units is not yet determined. The recommended approach would be for all funds from the Council Innovation Fund to be administered by Community Planning. Recreation will recover their costs from Community Planning by means of a Letter of Agreement. A summary of key findings and an update on the project work will be provided to Council through PFC no later than Q3 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend Council approve this application for Council Innovation Fund for the Chinatown Cultural Plan and Area Redevelopment Plan in the amount of \$250,000; and
2. That the Priorities and Finance Committee direct Administration to report back to PFC with a project update and how the funds were utilized no later than Q3 2020.

**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;

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- 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. Council directed Administration to report back to Council, through the Standing Policy Committee on Planning & Urban Development, with a detailed scope of work by no later than 2019 July. It is expected that the project scope will be finalized in early Q3 2019.

A previous application for this project was submitted to the Council Innovation Fund (PFC2018-1107) and discussed at the 2018 October 2 Priorities and Finance Committee meeting, where the motion was defeated and forwarded to the 2018 October 15 Regular Meeting of Council. Council directed report PFC2018-1133 be referred to Administration to return to Council no later than Q1 2019 during Confirmation of Agenda. Administration has responded to Council's last direction and an updated report on the Chinatown Cultural Plan and culturally-based Local Area Plan has been prepared, see report PFC2019-0294.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In November 2018, Council approved the transfer of \$5 million to the Council Innovation Fund. At present date, the balance of the Fund is \$5,427,028. 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 \$5,177,028.

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

See Attachment 1 for more details.

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**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:***

See Attachment 1 for more details.

**Risk Assessment**

See Attachment 1 for more details.

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

This application meets the existing 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 Local Area Plan
2. Attachment 2 – City Manager Report – Council Innovation Fund Terms of Reference (Policy Interpretation) PAC2011-05 - 2011 March 01