



CITY POLICY

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REFERENCE:

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City Council
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SUPERSEDES:

Policy C562

PREPARED BY: Citizen Services

DATE: March 13, 2017

TITLE: **Community Facility Partner Capital Grant**

Policy Statement:

The City encourages and supports partnership opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all ages through arts, heritage, Indigenous/Aboriginal, multicultural, social services, recreation, sport and leisure experiences in community facilities.

The Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program addresses an identified gap in providing support to partner groups for the conservation and development of public use facilities.

Funding will support capital projects of the types listed below

- Project Planning
- Life Cycle Replacement / Rehabilitation
- Enhance (Expansion / Redevelopment)
- Build New (Construction of a New Facility)

Funding will not support operating costs.

Funding will be for up to 33% of the total project costs. Funding for Planning Projects will be up to 50% of the total planning project costs.

Project proposals will be assessed in an open, transparent, fair and consistent process with established City business practices and criteria to determine overall benefit to the community and value to the citizens of Edmonton.

Partnerships may involve third party organizations including community non-profit organizations, other public sector service providers, and the private sector.

Funding will be allocated across the city to organizations with a primary mandate in at least one of the following key sectors:

- Arts & Heritage
- Indigenous/Aboriginal

This policy is subject to any specific provisions of the Municipal Government Act or other relevant legislation or Union Agreement.

- Multicultural
- Recreation/Amateur Sport
- Social Services

Community Leagues are not eligible for this grant program.

Ineligible projects include those facilities used for health care, provincial curriculum and post secondary education, religious activities, housing, child care, or other activities which are the mandate or responsibility of the Provincial or Federal governments.

Organizations with approved capital projects, including those receiving planning grants, shall be required to enter into appropriate agreements with the City of Edmonton and provide final accounting following the close of the projects.

City Council shall:

With respect to this policy:

- Allocate funding for the grant program through the annual budget process.
- Approve policy changes where amendments would appear appropriate to eliminate or mitigate problems in the application of this policy.
- Approve grant funding awards.

Administration Shall:

With respect to this policy:

- Administer this policy in accordance with the directions of City Council.
 - Provide a recommendation to City Council on grant awards.
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The purpose of this policy is to:

Enhance support for community facilities by providing funding for the capital development and conservation of sustainable, environmentally friendly public use facilities in Edmonton for which the beneficiaries and users are primarily Edmontonians; and that meet community need, benefit a significant number of Edmontonians, provide a public good, and meet the requirements of applicable City Policies for community capital projects.

Provide City Council with an objective, transparent and consistent method and framework to allocate funding for the conservation and development of public use facilities.

Encourage capital projects that extend beyond City of Edmonton planned service levels and those which maintain or improve public opportunities for arts, heritage, Indigenous/Aboriginal, multicultural, recreation and leisure, sport, the delivery of social services, and other community activities.

Preference will be given to projects within Edmonton municipal boundaries. Regional projects may be considered based on benefit to Edmontonians.