



Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF) Letter of Intent Information Session

Agenda

BCIF Information Session

- 1) Land acknowledgement
- 2) BCIF Background Orientation
- 3) Funding Call Process
- 4) Timelines
- 5) Questions and Answers





What is a land acknowledgement?

- A **Land Acknowledgement** is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.
- A land acknowledgement is an **Indigenous protocol** that has dated back centuries for Indigenous people, but for many non-Indigenous Canadians, officially recognizing the territory or lands we stand on is a fairly new concept.
- Since the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)** on residential schools released its **94 calls to action in 2015**, the land acknowledgement is a significant step of our path towards concrete steps towards reconciliation between Indigenous people and non-indigenous people in Canada.

Treaty 7 Land Acknowledgement

We meet today in this place they call Moh'kin sstis. It is important that we acknowledge that we are gathered in traditional Blackfoot territory, and that we give proper recognition and honour to the original people of this area.

We want to acknowledge Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes:

the Siksika, the Piikuni, the Kainai, the Tsuut'ina and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations of Chiniki, Bearspaw and Good Stoney. The city of Calgary is also homeland to Metis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.

Treaty 7 was made between Indigenous people and the Crown so that newcomers could settle peacefully and continue to thrive in this place. We are all treaty people and our common future is one of opportunity for all.



BCIF Background

Context

- Since 2006, The City has been accepting contributions from developers to the Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF).
- Developer-financed fund, creates incentive for developers to redevelop established communities, while providing public realm improvements.
- BCIF allows developers to build greater density within the Beltline and allows The City and other organizations to access funds to improve public spaces without using tax dollars.



The Fund

The funds are used for public realm improvements in the Beltline.

Funds can be used for things like:

- improved sidewalks and lighting
- park and open space redevelopment and improvements
- street trees
- street furniture (benches, bike racks, garbage/recycling containers)
- public art
- the purchasing of land for the development of new parks and green spaces

BCIF Committee



Mandate and Authority

- Invest the BCIF Fund in projects within the Beltline Area to support public realm infrastructure for current and future residents, and visitors with a quality public environment.
- Mandate is provided for in the Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan that directs the establishment of the Committee, Terms of Reference are approved by Council.
- Authority to approve individual project grants of up to \$200,000.

Applicant Resources

- www.calgary.ca/BCIF
- Terms of Reference and Funding Framework
- Guiding documents and overview



Funding Criteria and Eligibility

Capital project in one of these categories

- Public open space design
- Redevelopment or enhancement
- Streetscape design and enhancements
- Mobility improvements
- Public realm projects enhancing City-owned building projects
- Implementation of urban design strategies and public art on public land
- Public open space acquisition

Baseline criteria

- Physically located within the defined Beltline area
- Located on public lands or within public rights-of-way
- Meet a demonstrated need in the Beltline community
- Demonstrate support and connections with the Beltline community
- Aligns with key City plans and policies that apply to the Beltline area including the Downtown Strategy, and the local area redevelopment plan
- Meets all required City approvals for construction or fabrication before funding is released

Funding Criteria and Eligibility

Additional Criteria



A single project will only be considered for funding for two consecutive years



Projects that propose planning for capital projects may be considered eligible



Be managed by a non-profit, society or other incorporated organization with a proven track record of delivering projects of a similar nature





Ineligible Projects

Operating costs not related to a capital project



Anything a developer is already required to undertake as part of a development permit

Projects that benefit only private interests



Projects already funded for two consecutive years through the BCIF



Letter of Intent Checklist

1. Organization name and project lead's contact information.
2. Provide a high-level overview of your project.
3. What experience does your organization have delivering capital projects of a similar nature?
4. What demonstrated need in the Beltline area will your project address?
5. How will you demonstrate support and connections with the Beltline community? (for example, connecting with Business Improvement Areas, Community Associations, or other relevant community groups)
6. How will the project improve the public realm in the Beltline area?
7. How does the project align with principles of Calgary's Greater Downtown Strategy and the Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan? (please refer to the Guiding Principles summary document at the BCIF resources webpage)
8. How soon can you implement the project and how long will it take to complete?
9. What supports, approvals, permits or permissions do you need to receive before undertaking this project?
10. How do you plan to measure the impact of the project?
11. How much funding will you be requesting for this project?



Anticipated Timeline



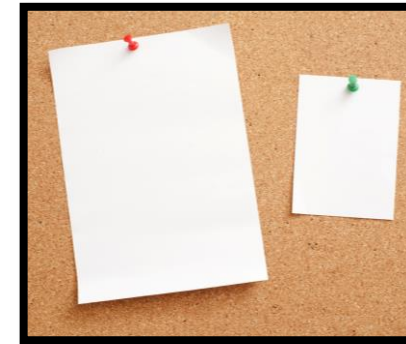
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Proposal
Intake



**March – April
2023**

Proposal
Review
Period



May 2023

Notification of
Award

QUESTIONS?