

Calgary



Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF) Expression of Interest Information Session

BCIF Information Sessions

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Connaught Open Street

Treaty 7 Land Acknowledgement

The Calgary area, where the Bow and Elbow rivers meet, is a place of confluence where the sharing of ideas and opportunities naturally come together.

Indigenous peoples have their own names for this area that have been in use long before settlers named this place Calgary. In the Blackfoot language, it is called Moh-kins-tsis (moh-GIN'-stis (a soft 'g')). The Îlethka Nakoda Wîcastabi (ee-YETH'-kah nah-COH'-dah WHISK'-ah-tah-bay) First Nations refer to this place as Wicispa Oyade (weh-CHIS'-spa oh-YAH'-day) and the people of the Tsuut'ina (Soot-tenna) nation call it Guts-ists-I (GOOT'-sis). The Métis call the Calgary area Otos-kwunee (oh-TUSS' - kwanee).

We appreciate and acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral and traditional territory of the Blackfoot Nations of the Siksika (Seeg-see-kah), Piikani (bee-Gun-nee) and Kainai (G-ai-nah) First Nations; the Îlethka Nakoda Wîcastabi (ee-YETH'-kah nah-COH'-dah WHISK'-ah-tah-bay) First Nations, comprised of the Chiniki (Chin-ick-ee), Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations; and the Tsuut'ina First Nation. The City of Calgary is also homeland to the historic Northwest Métis and to the Otipemisiwak (Oti-pe-MES-se-wa) Métis Government, Métis Nation Battle River Territory (Nose Hill Métis District 5 and Elbow Métis District 6).

We acknowledge and give gratitude to the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit who have lived in and cared for these lands for generations and call Calgary home.

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

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.



Beltline Urban Murals Project (BUMP Festival)

BCIF Expression of Interest (EOI) Submissions

- EOIs will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- Organizations interested in applying for BCIF funding can submit an EOI through [Microsoft Forms](#) and provide the information asked for.
- EOIs are accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis, however, the BCIF Committee reviews applications during scheduled intake periods and makes funding recommendations on applications received. For your application to be reviewed by the review periods, EOIs must be submitted by the deadline outlined in the schedule on www.calgary.ca/funding.
- Submitting your EOI prior to the timeline will allow more time for review and to complete the full application, if successful.

BCIF Expression of Interest

EOI Questions for Submission:

1. Organization name and project name.
2. Project lead's contact information.
3. Provide a high-level overview of your project.
4. What experience does your organization have delivering capital projects of a similar nature?
5. What demonstrated need(s) in the Beltline area will your project address?
6. What support and connections within the Beltline community have you built or reached out to in support of this project? (i.e., connecting with the Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), Community Associations, City of Calgary Business Units, or other relevant community groups?)
7. How will the project improve the public realm in the Beltline area?
8. How does the project align with principles of Calgary's Greater Downtown Strategy and the Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan? (Refer to the Guiding Principles summary document at the [BCIF resources webpage](#))
9. What is your project timeline (start, completion date, major milestones)?
10. What supports, approvals, permits or permissions do you need to receive before undertaking this project?
11. How do you plan to measure the impact of the project?
12. How much funding will you be requesting for this project? Is your organization contributing to the project? If so, how much? What other sources of funding are you receiving?

Funding Application Anticipated Timeline



Application Intake

Once EOI is accepted, the application process will begin.



Proposal Review Period

Quarterly deadlines for full application reviews can be found at www.calgary.ca/funding



Notification of Award

Once reviewed, notification of funding will be given and agreements signed.

Applicant Resources

Additional guiding documents, information, and helpful links are included below to assist your organization in developing a proposal.

- [BCIF webpages](#)
- [BCIF resources for organizations](#)

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

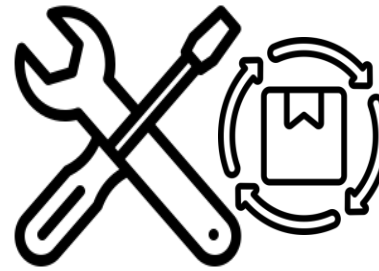
Committee members often consider:



Vendor/procurement processes (inclusive, diverse, equitable)



Sustainability



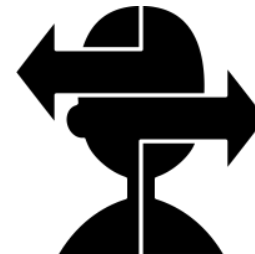
Maintenance and project lifecycle plans



Detailed budgets



Safety considerations

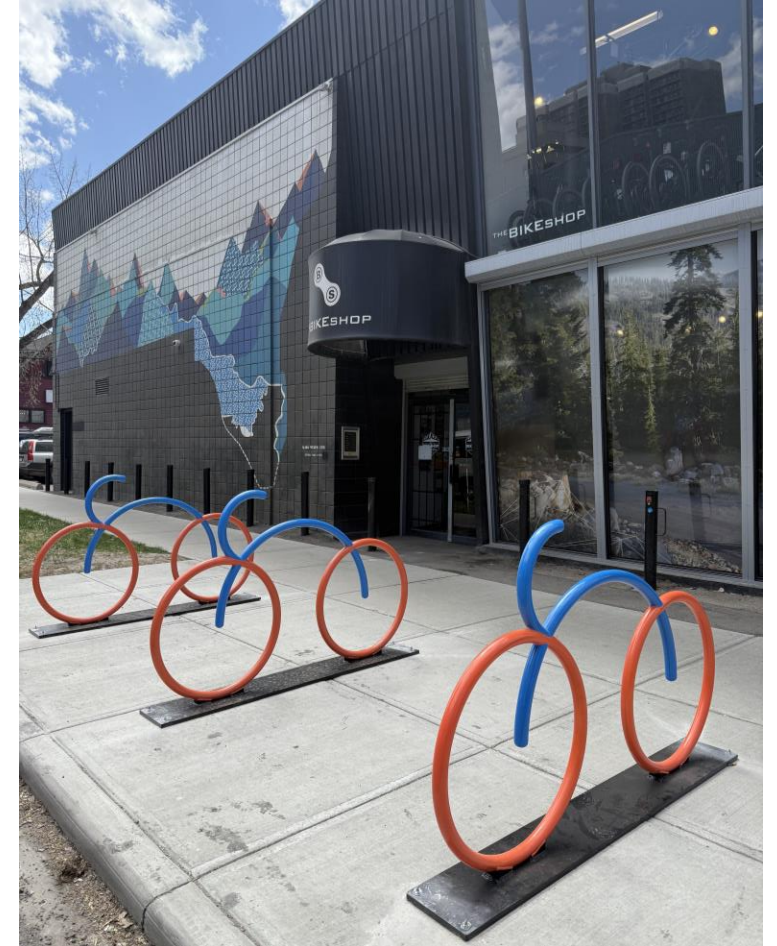


Conflict of interest

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



Better Bike Racks – Beltline Community Enhancement

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

Future Considerations

As you begin this EOI process, please keep the following eligibility requirements in mind. If you are invited to submit a full application, you will need to provide the following:

- **Organizational eligibility:**
 - Demonstrate your organization's operational capacity, including sound governance, financial outlook and the use of evidence-informed practices.
 - Demonstrate your organization's ability to have the necessary infrastructure to support the project including securing a physical location for the project in the Beltline area.
- **Program eligibility:**
 - Proposed operational project plan demonstrates the following:
 - Your ability to manage and deliver the project in the allocated time (up to 24 months from the time funding is received).
 - Include who the project is aimed at (priority population groups), what will be done, where and how it will be completed, and when the project will take place.
 - Show how you plan to evaluate and measure the project impact.
 - Demonstrate your plan for maintenance and lifecycle of the project.

Future Considerations

Organizations may be asked to submit additional documents or answer questions to support the review and decision process.

Successful organizations will need to provide proof of Commercial General Liability (CGL) in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 inclusive, with The City of Calgary as an additional insured.

Note: You do NOT need to address these requirements now at the EOI stage. Relevant documents pertaining to these eligibility requirements may be required later in the full application process.

Funding Information Management System (FIMS)

FIMS & myID

- All eligible organizations must submit the full application through the Funding Information Management System (FIMS). Details are mentioned in the Application Guide.
- Email fundingproposals@calgary.ca or FIMS@calgary.ca with questions or support needs.
- If myID related, call 311 or email myIDSupport@calgary.ca to work with the myID team directly.
- If the issue persists, the organization should email fundingproposals@Calgary.ca or notify Funding Strategist.
- If needed, we can escalate issue with the myID team.



QUESTIONS?