

Grant Research

The following summarizes the grant programs researched by the Administration.

Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Funding

In this option Federal funding equal to 80% of eligible costs are received through a successful application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program. To be competitive for the GICB grant, the scope of work needed to achieve at least 25% energy savings and include accessibility and inclusivity improvements. The GICB scoring criteria is very similar to the City of Saskatoon 's (City) Triple Bottom Line (TBL) evaluation process. To be competitive the scope was increased beyond essential capital renewal and the total grant application was approximately \$8.1M, of which the City would need to contribute approximately \$1.6M if successful. The City's contributions could come from sources such as the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE) and/or reallocation funds. An extensive multi-Departmental effort, and engagement with the ACC Management Committee, was undertaken to apply by the July 6, 2021 deadline. The Administration anticipates feedback on the application in fall 2021.

Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation:

In this option the Administration pursues the Provincially funded Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation grant for designated Saskatchewan Heritage buildings. Applications are received twice a year by this program on March 1 and October 1. The maximum contribution from the program is 50%, and their 2019-2020 annual report states that in that year they received \$392,446 in requests for funding and they were able to award \$188,800 to 15 projects. The maximum award that year was \$50,000. The City successfully received \$25,000 from this program in 2021 for repairs to the Marr Residence roof. This grant is equivalent to a 6.2% of the replacement value of the Marr Residence. If the Administration is able to submit a successful application to the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation their funding contribution is expected to be small compared to the overall capital renewal need for Albert Community Centre (ACC). A \$50,000 grant for ACC is equivalent to 0.4% of the building's replacement value.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

In this option Administration pursues a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) grant for capital funding for a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) impact retrofit project. This grant program aims to reduce GHG emissions in a local recreational or cultural facility. This program provides a up to 25% funding as a grant and the remainder as a loan. The maximum combined grant and loan is 80% of eligible costs. To be eligible the retrofit must reduce GHG emissions by at least 30%. The modelled GHG reductions for the scope of work in the GICB grant were approximately 25%, which does not meet the minimum criteria for the FCM grant. Additional GHG saving measures would therefore be needed, increasing the energy efficiency and renewable energy components of the scope of work. Installing a material amount of renewable energy at ACC may not be viable due to structural loading limitations. Many of the necessary capital renewal items are also not

expected to qualify for this grant. Further work is needed to determine if an application for FCM funding should be submitted.

Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund

The Government of Canada's Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) provides funding to improve physical conditions for professional arts and heritage related collaboration, creation, presentation, preservation, and exhibition, and to increase and improve access to arts and culture. It supports renovation of arts and/or heritage facilities, including creative hubs. The maximum contribution payable for an individual construction or renovation project is \$15,000,000 or 50% of total eligible project costs, whichever is less. Projects that are historic building renovations or restorations that are not directly linked to professional arts or heritage programming, or are projects related to regular or routine maintenance of a building, are not eligible. The CCSF website states that the program is highly competitive and requests for funding typically exceed available resources. The Administration does not believe that the routine capital renewal projects at ACC would be a competitive application for this program.

Other

Other grants researched by Administration include the Government of Canada's Legacy Fund and the National Cost Sharing Program for Heritage Places. The Administration believes that the capital renewal work at ACC would either not qualify or would not be competitive for these programs. The Canada Legacy Fund may at some point be a potential source of funding for ACC, as it provides up to 50% funding to a maximum of \$50,000 per project (\$500,000 cumulative over multiple years for multiple projects). Only projects related to a commemoration are eligible. The project must be community led and involve the restoration, renovation, or transformation of an existing building and/or exterior space intended for community use. Example projects include works of art, monuments, sculptures, and public murals.