



Community Standards Fund

2026 Guidelines

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1.0 Type of Fund

Community Standards work to promote communities where residents can live side-by-side safely and respectfully consider the needs and rights of others. We value education, voluntary bylaw compliance, and community-based solutions to local issues.

Calgarians work hard to keep their city clean and safe. To encourage this, we administer the Community Standards Fund. The funding is for communities to undertake projects that assist in ongoing compliance with the Community Standards Bylaw 32M2023. All projects must be beneficial to the community as a whole.

For the 2026 CSF grant cycle, The City will be accepting extension applications only from organizations that submitted 2025 applications and whose proposed 2026 project has similar outcomes benefitting the same Calgary community members (i.e. target population group) as contained in their respective 2025 CSF applications.

A 2026 project proposed in an CSF extension application must be either:

- (a) a duplication of the organization's previous year CSF project into the 2026 calendar year; or,
- (b) a complementary expansion or a secondary phasing in 2026 of your previous year project that provides a similar community benefit.

2026 CSF Extension Applications can be submitted from **December 16, 2025, to January 31, 2026 inclusive.**

2.0 Acceptance of these terms

By applying for and accepting funding from the Community Standards Fund, the applicant must accept the contents of this guideline document.

3.0 Eligible Projects

Community Standards Bylaw Compliance: The goal of the Community Standards Fund is to support a variety of community organization led projects that enhance adherence with the Community Standards Bylaw, including but not limited to graffiti prevention or removal, litter control, illegal dumping, or other initiatives that will deter Community Standards bylaw infractions in specific neighborhoods.

Funding priority will be directed to that can demonstrate both (a) a significant community-related issue that has created a need for the project, and (b) tangible impact or benefit from the project related to that same issue; which together are expected to result in increased Community Standards Bylaw compliance or awareness in the community. The fund is not intended to support long-term projects or fund staff positions.

4.0 Project Scope

The project will need to consider the criteria listed below.

- Applicants must consider the project's sustainability and outline any future maintenance, upkeep, and funding of associated costs.
- Capital projects must be on community-managed land.
- A letter of support from your City liaison must be completed with all applications for capital projects on city-owned community managed land.

The applicant's responsibility is to ensure that any necessary permits and permissions are in place and that City of Calgary business units impacted by the project have been consulted.

5.0 Administration and Use of Funds

The purpose of the Community Standards Fund is to assist with compliance of the Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004, and the following criteria should be considered for the allocation of Community Standards Funding

- Hiring staff or funding wages is not permitted under this fund. However, hiring short-term consultants and contractors for a specific project is permitted.
- Projects with matched funds, partnerships, in-kind community contributions (i.e., volunteer hours) or donations are encouraged.
- The applicant organization must be a not-for-profit organization or partner with a not-for-profit organization willing to manage project funds on the applicant's behalf.
- Monies must be spent or returned with the final report

6.0 Applicant Checklist

The following must be included with your application:

☐ **Certificate of Insurance**

The policy must cover property damage and bodily injury in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000 inclusive limit for any one occurrence and must include:

- The City of Calgary as an additional insured,
- A cross liability clause,
- Products and completed operations coverage; and
- An endorsement shows that the insurance will not be cancelled or materially altered without at least thirty (30) days written notice to the city.

☐ **Detailed budget**

This will include cost estimates from the vendor chosen; additional estimates may be requested. Make sure to include matched funds and community in-kind contributions such as volunteer hours.

The following need to be submitted ONLY if the application is for a capital or infrastructure project:

- ☐ **A letter of support** from your community's City liaison for any project on a community-managed property.

7.0 Reporting Requirements

All organizations that receive CSF funding must submit a year-end report. Reports must include:

- Project Summary
- Services provided to the community from the funding
- Alternate funding sources (grants, operating levies, in-kind contributions, matching funds) for the project
- Community benefits realized from the funding

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- Factors that were used to measure the success of the project
- Detailed accounting report of the project, outlining the amount and source of funding received, in-kind contributions, and actual expenses accrued. Ensure a copy of expenditure receipts is attached (retain originals for two years). Any surplus funds must be returned to Community Strategies by December 31, 2025.
- Statistics you may have or project activities (amount of graffiti removal, garbage/recycle pickup, etc.)

The year-end report is due January 31, 2027.