



TOWN OF HIGH RIVER POLICY

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Policy Statement

The Town of High River believes that people build communities and that citizens are critical in contributing to the vitality and high quality of life in our community. Council is committed to providing the Community Vitality Fund for the purpose of empowering citizens to initiate, manage and implement projects, ensuring the success of community led initiatives.

The provision of the Community Vitality Fund ensures that the community has financial resources, while also building capacity within the local community to execute community projects that are a priority for residents. Thriving community led initiatives ensure the prosperous growth, vitality, and sustainability of High River.

Reason for Policy

The Community Vitality Fund seeks to encourage citizens to initiate, manage and implement initiatives which increase the beauty and integrity of the community, promote ongoing citizen engagement, enhance community pride, showcase High River as a vital community with opportunities for citizens to live, work, and play, while also ensuring openness, transparency, and accountability for the use of public funds.

Definitions

1. **Council**: means the Town of High River Municipal Council.
2. **Community Led Initiatives**: means projects, events or programs led by citizens or community groups that apply on an as needed basis for funds allocated for community improvement projects or events which help to make the community more attractive or safe, raise the level of community pride, showcase High River as a vital place to visit, live, or invest in, and/or improve the overall quality of life for citizens.
3. **Community Vitality Fund**: mean funds available for Community Led Initiatives, which demonstrate alignment with the community's priorities and Council's Strategic Priorities. Funds awarded are based on *equivalent contributions* of volunteer labour, other funding sources, and in-kind donations. The *Community Vitality Fund* is all about building community and strengthening connections right where people live...the process is just as important as the results!

Related Information

- Procedure PRO-08-108-00

Responsibilities


- The Director of Corporate Services is responsible to ensure that the criteria of this Policy are met

Exclusions


- Funding under this program may be eligible where funding is not available to the organization for Community Led Initiatives under other Town of High River programs (ie. FCSS and United Way Grants)
- For Profit Organizations

Approval

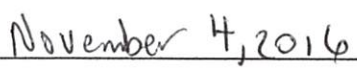
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