

Healthy Community Initiative Fund 2025 Annual Report

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Report Summary

This report provides information regarding the financial particulars of each Ward's Healthy Community Initiative Fund allocation for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, in accordance with By-law 2018-129.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Action Plans

This report refers to the City of Greater Sudbury's Strategic Plan objective 5.0 Create a Healthier and More Vibrant Community through the advancement of City-led goals from Population Health, A Call to Action 2018-2028, more specifically achieving Compassionate City Designation, implementing an Age-Friendly Strategy, building Resiliency, and creating Play Opportunities as well as Investing in Infrastructure to Support Community Recreation with a Focus on Quality of Life.

The information in this report has no relationship to the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background

By-law 2018-129 (HCI Fund Policy) requires Council be provided with semiannual reports identifying the financial particulars of the Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) Fund allocations by ward.

A guiding principle of the HCI Fund Policy is that HCI funds should be used primarily for funding city-owned capital projects (Capital) and only 25% of the annual ward allocation may be spent on eligible grant applications (Grant). To clarify the distinction, the HCI Fund Policy and reporting categorize funding into two streams: Capital Projects and Grants.

A total of \$600,000 was allocated to the HCI Fund in the 2025 Budget. There were no funds transferred from the 2025 allocation to the HCI Reserve Fund as it had achieved its maximum level of \$24,000.

The remaining funds were divided between the Capital stream and the Grant stream; 75% and 25%, respectively. A total of \$99,394 was deducted from the Capital stream and committed towards the Playground Revitalization initiative. The remaining Grant and Capital balances were then evenly distributed

between the 12 wards.

Any funds in a ward allocation not spent at the end of a calendar year may be carried forward for the benefit of the applicable ward; however, carry-forward balances may only be expended on eligible Capital projects. As a result, individual wards may carry different HCI capital balances from year to year

Attachment 1 - Healthy Community Initiative Fund – 2025 Annual Report details information relating to carryforward and year-to-date fund balances, fund allocations, donation revenues, as well as specifics of expenditures and of unexpended commitments for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025. Ward fund balances in this report may differ from those found in the routine HCI funding requests for Council approval reports presented throughout the year.

The legend within each of the ward specific reports reflects the eligible expenditure categories as well as the Population Health Priorities as outlined in the HCI Fund Policy.

2025 Fund Outcome Measures

Funds allocated through the capital stream support enhancements to City-owned assets, while funds allocated through the grant stream support community-led initiatives such as events and programs.

Capital Stream

A total of 22 HCI capital funding applications were approved in 2025 for a combined value of \$639,932. Funds were approved to assist recipients with soliciting community support and sponsorship toward approved [community-led projects](#).

Of the approved funds, five applicants are actively fundraising toward the full project budget. These projects will not proceed to construction until all other sources of funds are received by the City. Seven of the projects that received funding were completed or reached substantial completion in 2025.

Approved funds were allocated as follows:

- 27% - Outdoor rinks and courts
- 14% - Parks
- 14% - Benches
- 14% - Facility upgrades
- 9% - Playgrounds
- 9% - Town centre holiday decorations
- 5% - Community gardens
- 5% - Pickleball infrastructure

Grant Stream

A total of 51 HCI grant applications were approved in 2025 for a combined value of \$86,875. Funding was distributed across 38 community groups, with 37% of the total awarded to organizations that submitted multiple applications.

Approved funds were allocated as follows:

- 61% - Event support
- 18% - Programs and small-scale initiatives
- 14% - Volunteer appreciation
- 8% - Fundraising initiatives

Outstanding HCI Capital Applications

The following table summarizes the status of HCI Capital applications previously approved for community-led projects. Project status reflects information provided by staff as of December 31, 2025.

Status	Number of Projects
Third-party funding required	10
Initiated	4
Substantial completion	7
Not started/On hold	3
Total Outstanding Projects	24

Previously approved HCI Capital projects that have achieved full funding requirements and are beyond the 24-month period indicated in the HCI Fund Policy will be prioritized and incorporated with staff workplans. Projects are expected to be completed within original project budgets and contingencies. Some earlier HCI approvals are dependent on applicants securing additional third-party funding. These projects will only advance once applicants have secured all project funding required.

Next Steps

A 2026 semiannual report of ward specific HCI Fund financials will be presented for Council's information in fall 2026.

Resources Cited

Community-led Projects Guide

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/get-involved/planning-projects-and-events/community-led-construction-projects-guide/>

Healthy Community Initiative Fund Policy Revision June 2018, By-law 2018-129

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=24310.pdf>