

COMMUNITY-LED PLANNING PUTS POWER BACK IN NEIGHBOURHOODS.

Residents and community leaders are calling for the City to fund community-led planning focused on goals:

- 1.Reducing displacement, and
- 2.Building local economies that work for everyone



BRING POWER BACK TO NEIGHBOURHOODS

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Coalition for Responsible Community Development

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Here are some of the questions we are asked most often about how funding Community-led Planning should work



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are other cities funding community-led planning?

Yes. There are great examples in Montreal, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Glasgow, and Caracas.

What role would City staff play?

City staff would support community coordination across city divisions.

Why not have the fund's distribution decided by the City?

The City currently only provides communities with about \$5,000 in project grants. City councillors would still retain authority over the City's roughly \$82 billion budget. The Community-led Planning Fund would create a dedicated \$45 million citywide fund focused specifically on reducing displacement and advancing inclusive economic development — with residents being in control, having meaningful power over how those resources are used in their own neighbourhoods.

What stops the loudest voices — or NIMBY groups — from taking over?

Community-led does not mean whoever speaks loudest gets control. Coalitions would need to demonstrate broad resident participation, shared decision-making and alignment with the Fund's public-interest goals of reducing displacement and advancing inclusive economic development.

Funding could not simply be used to stop housing or exclude new residents.

Does CRCD — or one citywide coalition — decide who gets the money?

No. For every neighbourhood receiving funding, there would be a local call for applications from coalitions interested in serving that neighbourhood. Residents connected to that neighbourhood would determine which coalition receives the funding to serve their neighbourhood.

To ensure the effective governance of the fund used to fund community-led planning - we propose a separate 12 person body or committee would be established, made up of half of the members being residents part of community led planning, and the other half being equal parts government and philanthropy.

Who decides what happens after a coalition receives funding?

Residents continue to have a role. The funded coalition would work with neighbourhood residents to identify priorities and guide how approved resources are used to reduce displacement and build an inclusive local economy. Coalitions would also report back to the neighbourhood, demonstrate results and remain accountable to residents. Funding comes in 3-year terms. Continued funding requires review and community approval.

READY TO MOVE THIS FORWARD?

You do not need to be a policy expert to help. Candidates need to hear that residents want communities to have the resources and decision-making power to act on local priorities.



CREATE AN ENDORSEMENT CARD

Show publicly that you support funding community-led planning. Your card helps demonstrate that residents, community organizations, civic leaders and other Torontonians want meaningful neighbourhood power.

OR



ASK YOUR COUNCIL CANDIDATES TO SIGN

Email the candidates running to represent your ward and ask them to fully sign all five commitments in the Community-led Planning Champion Pledge.

A simple question is enough:

"Will you stand on the side of community?"

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COMMUNITIES DESERVE RESOURCES TO MEET THEIR NEEDS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

CRCD is a coalition of residents, tenant leaders, community organizations, and planning experts working to advance community-led planning - proven solution for equitable development, and neighbourhood-level accountability.

What we believe:

- Sustained funding is needed for community-led planning to scale solutions to displacement and ensure inclusive economic development at the neighbourhood level.
- Priority funding of up to \$500K/yr for neighbourhoods facing high levels of displacement and unmet social needs.
- Investing in communities reduces need to invest in emergency policing or health services.

PUT COMMUNITY FIRST



NOV 2025

The City's Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee formally recommended to Mayor Olivia Chow: fund community-led planning at up to \$500,000 per neighbourhood per year.

APR 2026

Councillor Alejandra Bravo, Chair of the Economic & Community Development Committee, directed City staff to consider the recommendation as part of the 2027 budget process. **Your leadership is needed to commit the City to allocate funding.**

THE 5 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

- 1 Direct City staff to meaningfully collaborate with community members
- 2 Fund community-led planning in 15 neighbourhoods in the 2027 budget
- 3 Scale investment to all 158 neighbourhoods by 2030
- 4 Ensure community-led funds governed through participatory budgeting and neighbourhood-level resident leadership
- 5 Co-design the program model with community through an Advisory Table



THE CALL IS ALREADY ON THE TABLE

2026 Approved Police Budget Increase

\$93.8 million

2027 Funding first 15 neighbourhoods

\$9.25 million

2030 Funding All 158 neighbourhoods

\$45 million/year

The public understands that funding community-led planning is within the City's power. Standing with community costs less than half of the permanent police budget increase in 2026.

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