



Background

- My Great Neighbourhood Grants launched in 2016 to support community-driven projects in the public realm
- \$120,000 annual budget
- 22 projects were approved and are in progress or complete



Fort Street Mural (2016)



Post 2016 Review

- Program was reviewed for improvements
- Revised program:
 - ✓ Simpler application
 - ✓ Clarity for arts projects
 - ✓ More neighbourhood team support for applicants
 - ✓ Emphasis on lifecycle support for projects
 - ✓ New category for activities (\$1,000)



Irving Park Garden (2016)



2017 Grants Application Period

- Neighbourhood Ideas Fair held in April with presentations from staff and external resource groups
- 6 weeks application period
- Requisite preliminary meetings to help application process



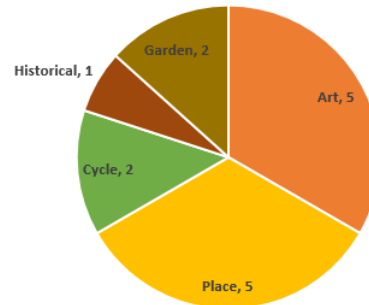
2017 Grant Applications

- 21 applications received
- Applications from 8 of 11 neighbourhoods
- 7 Activity, 14 Placemaking

ACTIVITY



PLACEMAKING



2017 Grant Applications

Although:

- Grant criteria broad
- Communication expanded
- Process simpler
- Prospective applicants encouraged and coached...

**21 applications representing
58% of available funding...**



2017 Grant Applications

Fall Grant Intake Changes

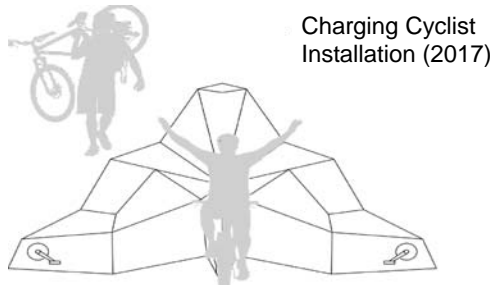
1. Communicate *directly* to schools and neighbourhood organizations
2. Develop *facilitated* placemaking projects (e.g. picnic tables, little libraries, birdhouses)
3. Work *collaboratively* with applicants on an activity (e.g. block connectors, block level emergency program, neighbourhood action plan)



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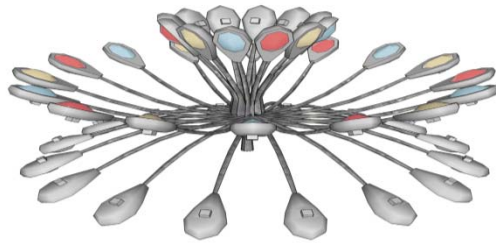
Future Changes

- Develop a micro-grant option with simpler application (e.g. no sponsorship required, \$500 maximum)



Recommendation

- That Council approve the 21 applications received for Spring intake of the 2017 My Great Neighbourhood Grant program.



Interactive Light Bloom (2017)

