

# Municipal Affairs

## Addendum to 2014 MSI Capital Program Guidelines

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### **MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (MSI) CAPITAL – MARCH 2015 ALLOCATIONS**

Through a third quarter 2014/15 supplementary estimate an additional \$398.9 million in MSI Capital funding is being provided to Alberta's municipalities to support local infrastructure needs and priorities.

The March 2015 funding is allocated 48 per cent on a per capita basis; 48 per cent based on education property tax requisitions, and four per cent based on kilometres of local roads, using the same data that will be used to calculate the 2015 budget allocations. The base funding and sustainable investment funding amounts were provided under the initial 2014 MSI funding allocation and are not included in the March 2015 allocation.

The March 2015 allocations are available on the MSI website.

Due to the release of the March 2015 allocations late in the fiscal year, the funding will be treated as part of municipalities' 2015 MSI Capital allocations for program delivery and reporting purposes. Additional 2015 MSI Capital funding allocations will be determined as part of Budget 2015.

#### **1) Minimum MSI Amount for Projects**

For all project applications submitted in the 2015 program year (i.e., submitted between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015), the total MSI-funded amount must be at least five per cent of the municipality's combined 2015 MSI Capital funding allocation (March 2015 allocation + 2015 MSI Capital amount (that includes the former BMTG amount), as determined in Budget 2015) or \$1 million, whichever is less.

#### **2) Payment of March 2015 Funds**

The March 2015 funding allocation will be combined with the 2015 MSI Capital funding budget allocation and paid through the same process and timelines.

The municipality must submit sufficient project applications that commit their entire combined 2015 MSI Capital funding allocation (March 2015 allocation + 2015 MSI Capital amount (that includes the former BMTG amount), as determined in Budget 2015) to receive a full payment, in addition to meeting standard reporting requirements. A payment of half of the municipality's allocation will be made based on submission of project applications that commit at least half of the combined funding allocation.

Payment of 2014 MSI Capital funding will not be affected by the March 2015 allocation.

**3) Time Period to Use Allocated Funds**

Due to the late release of the March 2015 MSI Capital allocations, municipalities will have one additional year to expend these funds. This means that the March 2015 MSI Capital funding must be expended on an accepted project before December 31, 2020.

**4) Statement of Funding and Expenditures (SFEs)**

To simplify the reporting process, municipalities should add the March 2015 MSI Capital funding allocation to the 2015 MSI Capital funding allocation, as determined in Budget 2015, when completing their 2015 SFEs.

**5) Authorization of March 2015 Allocations**

This funding is subject to the Alberta Legislature approval of supplementary estimates.

The March 2015 MSI Capital funding is subject to all other program requirements that will be outlined in the *2015 MSI Program Guidelines*, and all conditions of the long-term MSI Memorandum of Agreement.

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