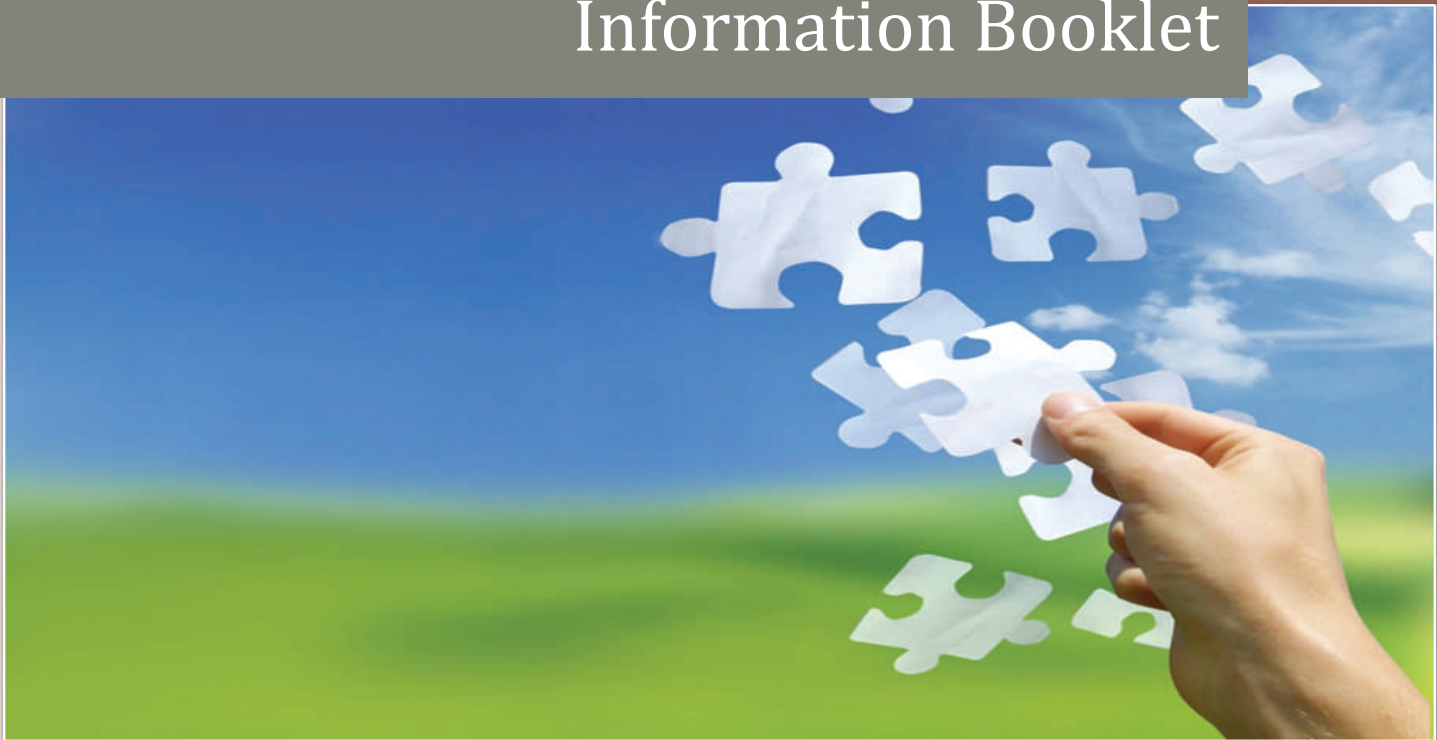


2012-13  
Municipal Grants  
Information Booklet



Alberta

## ***Municipal Grants in Alberta***

In the spring of 2010, municipal grant programs were consolidated to reduce duplication, increase efficiencies and reduce the administrative burden on local governments in accessing the variety of provincially administered programs while providing a more client-focused application process. There are now 20 provincial and three federal grant programs available to municipalities.

Several of these programs are not currently accepting applications, even though they are still providing funding for previously approved projects. These programs have not been included in this booklet. These include:

- Agricultural Service Board Grant Program;
- Building Canada – Communities Component;
- Safe Communities Innovation Fund; and
- Tank Site Remediation Program.

## ***For More Information***

Please contact Mr. JD Kliewer at 780-422-8118, toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000.

Or visit the Municipal Grants Web Portal at:

[www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants.cfm)

## ***Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program – Water for Life***

This program supports the construction of municipal water supply and treatment facilities and wastewater treatment and disposal facilities.

Examples of eligible projects include water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, regional water lines, and regional wastewater systems.

For more information, please contact the Transportation Regional Director in your area:

Central Region: 403-340-5166  
North-Central Region: 780-674-8221  
Peace Region: 780-624-6280  
Southern Region: 403-381-5426

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$170,000,000

Website:

[www.transportation.alberta.ca/2719.htm](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2719.htm)

## ***Basic Municipal Transportation Grant***

This program provides annual, allocation-based support to Alberta municipalities for their capital transportation infrastructure requirements.

Provincial capital grant funding is provided annually to municipalities for their eligible priority transportation infrastructure needs.

Examples of eligible capital projects include construction and rehabilitation of local and regional roads and streets, rehabilitation and construction of municipal bridges, and municipally owned infrastructure for transit systems including LRT lines and stations, bus terminals, transit passenger vehicles (buses, LRT), etc.

For more information, please contact the Transportation Regional Director in your area:

Central Region: 403-340-5166  
North-Central Region: 780-674-8221  
Peace Region: 780-624-6280  
Southern Region: 403-381-5426

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$333,900,000

Website:  
[www.transportation.alberta.ca/530.htm](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/530.htm)

### ***Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program***

This is a unique 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities or Métis Settlements. Funding supports communities in the design and delivery of preventive social programs that promote and enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities, and build capacity to prevent or deal with crisis situations should they arise.

Provincially, the FCSS Program receives its mandate from the *Family and Community Support Services Act* and Regulation. The Regulation sets out the service requirements that a municipality or Métis Settlement must meet to be eligible for funding.

Eligible services include: community development, volunteer development, information and referral services, mentoring programs, parenting and family life education and development programs, youth development and leadership services, and home support services (non-medical).

For more information, please contact Human Services at 780-415-8150.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$74,800,000

Website:  
[www.child.alberta.ca/home/1022.cfm](http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/1022.cfm)

### ***Federal Gas Tax Fund***

This federally-funded program provides support for capital municipal projects designed to maintain or enhance core municipal infrastructure.

Examples of eligible projects include the development of public transit systems, the development of water/wastewater and solid-waste projects, and the design and construction of local road networks.

For more information, please contact the Transportation Regional Director in your area:

Central Region: 403-340-5166  
North-Central Region: 780-674-8221  
Peace Region: 780-624-6280  
Southern Region: 403-381-5426

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$199,503,000

Website:  
[www.transportation.alberta.ca/2709.htm](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2709.htm)

## ***Festivals and Events Tourism Growth Program***

This program aims to increase tourism revenues and visitation in Alberta by investing in established festivals and events demonstrating tourism growth potential.

Organizations use the funding to work with a third-party consultant to evaluate their festival or event, identify tourism growth opportunities, and set clear steps to increase tourism revenues, visitation, and organizational capacity. The resulting Festival/Event Tourism Growth Plan assists organizations in realizing the full tourism potential of their festivals or events.

For more information, please contact a Tourism Development Officer at 780-638-3350.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$200,000

Website:  
[www.tpr.alberta.ca/tourism/festivals-events.aspx](http://www.tpr.alberta.ca/tourism/festivals-events.aspx)

## ***Fire Services and Emergency Preparedness Program***

This program supports expanding and enhancing regional fire services training and emergency management training in preparation, response and recovery, enabling effective municipal emergency management systems.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, fire services training, emergency management workshops, regional municipal emergency management exercises, incident command system training, disaster social services training, and training on municipal responsibilities within Alberta's system for managing emergencies.

For more information, please contact Municipal Affairs, Public Safety Division at 1-866-421-6929.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$650,000

Website:  
[www.ofc.alberta.ca](http://www.ofc.alberta.ca)

## ***Grants in Place of Taxes***

This program provides support to municipalities by assisting with the cost of providing municipal services to Crown properties.

Grants are based on the property taxes the Crown would pay if the property was not exempt from taxation.

For more information, please contact Municipal Affairs at 780-427-2225.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$56,443,000

Website:  
[www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc\\_municipal\\_grants.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc_municipal_grants.cfm)

### ***Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)***

This application-based program for capital funding supports new public transit projects in the province that will lead to reduced traffic congestion by reducing the number of vehicles on the roads, and thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Eligible initiatives include the development of local, regional and intercity public transit projects.

For more information, please contact Transportation at 780-415-2148.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$93,100,000

Website:  
[www.transportation.alberta.ca/530.htm](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/530.htm)

### ***Housing Capital Initiatives***

This program provides one-time capital funding assistance through a competitive request for proposals process to eligible organizations to address housing affordability issues for lower-income individuals and families, including seniors, persons with special needs and those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including those fleeing domestic violence.

Eligible projects include new construction, purchase and renovation of existing housing stock, conversion of non-residential property to residential use, development of secondary suites, or such other initiatives to address the housing needs of the community.

For more information, please contact Municipal Affairs at 780-422-0122.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
To be determined

Website:  
[www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/housing\\_capital\\_initiatives.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/housing_capital_initiatives.cfm)

### ***Joint Emergency Preparedness Program***

This program provides funds to communities that express interest in enhancing their capability to meet emergencies of all types. Funding is provided by Public Safety Canada and is administered through the Alberta Emergency Management Agency. This program provides grants to assist in funding the costs of projects aimed at enhancing the national emergency preparedness and response capability.

Eligibility includes projects that have the intent to enhance emergency preparedness within the community including emergency equipment, emergency planning and training.

For more information, please contact the Alberta Emergency Management Agency at 780-422-9000.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$210,000

Website:  
[www.aema.alberta.ca/ps\\_jepp.cfm#Eligible](http://www.aema.alberta.ca/ps_jepp.cfm#Eligible)

## ***Municipal Policing Assistance Grant***

This program supports urban municipalities with populations exceeding 5,000 which are responsible for their own municipal policing with the costs of providing policing services, policing oversight and implementation of provincial policing initiatives.

Funds provided by the program are allocated annually; no applications are required.

For more information, please contact Justice and Solicitor General at 780-427-6887.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$50,200,000

Website:  
[www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs\\_and\\_services/public\\_security/law\\_enforcement\\_oversight/Pages/municipal\\_policing\\_assistance\\_grant\\_program.aspx](http://www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs_and_services/public_security/law_enforcement_oversight/Pages/municipal_policing_assistance_grant_program.aspx)

## ***Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Grant***

This program provides funding towards the ongoing operation of recreation facilities throughout the province with an emphasis on the development of basic outdoor recreation facilities.

Eligible projects include municipal park maintenance and improvements to park amenities.

For more information, please contact Tourism, Parks and Recreation at 780-427-6549.

Only projects that were funded under the Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Capital Grant Program are eligible for ongoing maintenance funding. This program is no longer accepting new applications.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$1,493,000

Website:  
[www.tpr.alberta.ca](http://www.tpr.alberta.ca)

## ***Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Capital Funding***

This program supports qualifying projects that result in the purchase, construction, development, betterment, rehabilitation or non-routine maintenance of infrastructure that enhances long-term municipal sustainability.

Eligible projects include municipal roads, bridges, public transit, water, wastewater, and storm sewer systems; emergency services facilities and equipment; solid waste management facilities and equipment; regional and community airport facilities and equipment; equipment used to maintain capital assets; and other municipal buildings and facilities such as recreational and sports facilities, libraries, public works buildings, and cultural/community centres.

For more information, please contact Municipal Affairs at 780-427-2225.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$846,000,000

Website:  
[www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MSI.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MSI.cfm)

## ***Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Operating Funding***

This program supports qualifying operating expenses relating to planning activities, capacity building, municipal services, and support to non-profit organizations.

Eligible projects include the development of community sustainability plans and municipal statutory or land use plans; infrastructure planning and management systems; support for shared service arrangements with other municipalities; operational support for municipal services such as emergency preparedness or recreation services; the acquisition or construction of small capital assets; upgrading municipal buildings; and, purchasing attachments for heavy-duty road maintenance equipment.

For more information, please contact Municipal Affairs at 780-427-2225.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$50,000,000

Website:  
[www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MSI.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MSI.cfm)

## ***New Police Officers Grant Program***

This program supports the province's commitment made in Budget 2008 to add 300 municipal police officers over three years.

Operating funds provided by the program are allocated annually to eligible municipalities; no applications are required.

For more information, please contact Justice and Solicitor General at 780-427-6887.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$30,000,000

Website:  
[www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs\\_and\\_services/public\\_security/law\\_enforcement\\_oversight/Pages/NewPoliceOfficersGrant.aspx](http://www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs_and_services/public_security/law_enforcement_oversight/Pages/NewPoliceOfficersGrant.aspx)

## ***Rat Control Program***

This program assists municipalities in the rat control zone with the costs of inspections for rat infestations.

Program eligibility covers the costs of hiring qualified pest control inspectors under the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation to inspect premises in the zone and supervise or conduct the elimination of rat infestations.

For more information, please contact Agriculture and Rural Development, Regulatory Services Division at 1-866-252-6403.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$326,000

Website:  
[www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/All/agdex3441](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/All/agdex3441)

## ***Regional Collaboration Program***

This program supports strategic activities that improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities through regional collaboration and capacity building.

Eligible projects include the development of intermunicipal partnerships through shared administration and integrated growth management plans; transitional costs associated with the shared delivery of municipal services; and internship program costs.

For more information, please contact Municipal Affairs at 780-427-2225.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$9,039,000

Website:  
[www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MC\\_regionalcollaborationprogram.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MC_regionalcollaborationprogram.cfm)

## ***Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program***

This program provides investment for key strategic municipal capital transportation infrastructure projects.

Project-specific capital grant funding is provided for strategic or major municipal transportation projects, based on highest project ranking.

Examples of eligible capital projects include the construction and rehabilitation of major local and regional roads; construction/reconstruction of local rural road bridges and culvert structures; key roadway links and bridges that are adversely impacted by resource or industry related truck traffic; and community airports.

For more information, please contact the Transportation Regional Director in your area:

Central Region: 403-340-5166  
North-Central Region: 780-674-8221  
Peace Region: 780-624-6280  
Southern Region: 403-381-5426

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$85,140,000

Website:  
[www.transportation.alberta.ca/530.htm](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/530.htm)

## ***Summer Temporary Employment Program***

This program encourages the hiring of secondary and post-secondary students across Alberta from May to August. Municipalities are encouraged to create positions for students that provide skill development opportunities and allow participants to provide unique contributions to their organizations.

Eligible projects include the creation of new and/or additional career-related positions for students.

For more information, please contact Human Services at 780-422-5082.

Budget allocation for 2012/13:  
\$1,800,000

Website: [www.employment.alberta.ca/CES/3158.html](http://www.employment.alberta.ca/CES/3158.html)