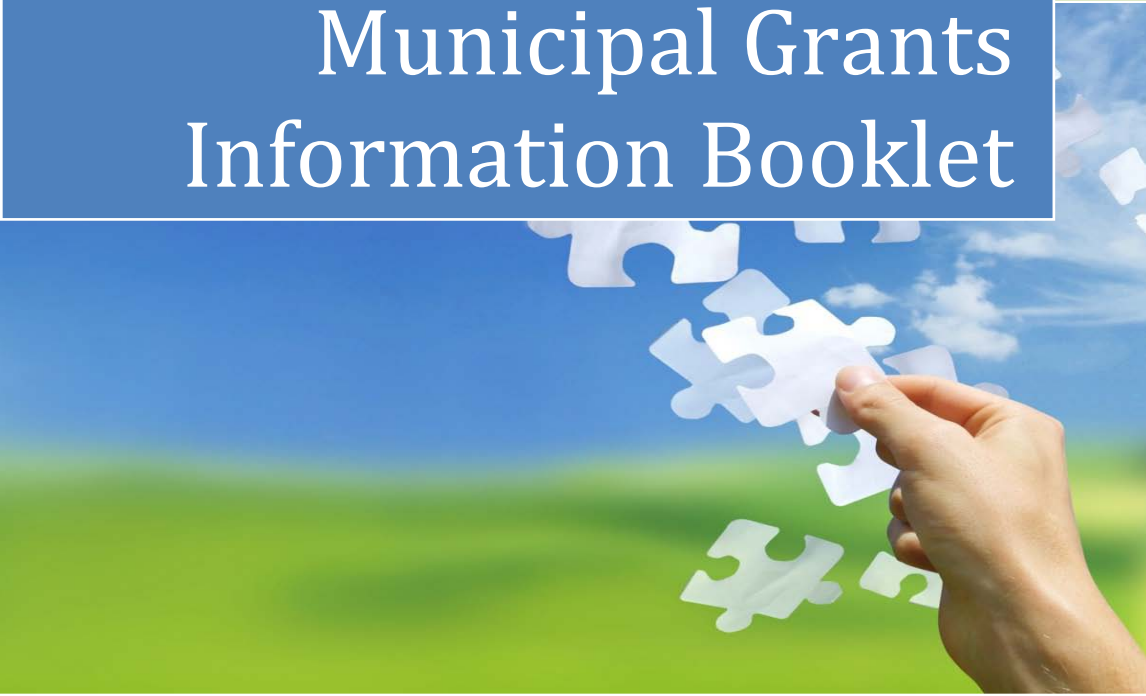


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# Municipal Grants Information Booklet



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## Re-Engineering Initiative Information

In 2009, Treasury Board mandated Municipal Affairs to lead a Government Re-Engineering Initiative on Municipal Grants to improve service effectiveness and efficiency, streamline operations, and find cost savings for provincially administered municipal grant programs.

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 18 provincial and four federal grant programs available to municipalities.

Local governments indicated the municipal grant application process needed to be more effective and efficient. As a result, local governments can expect to see increased consistency in grant application forms, program guidelines and compliance requirements.

## Municipal Grants Web Portal Information

The Municipal Grants Web Portal provides local governments with a way to find information on all provincially administered programs that provide grants to municipalities and Métis Settlements in Alberta in a single, "one-stop shop" location.

The Web Portal was developed in response to feedback from local government administrators regarding the processes involved in finding provincially administered grants, and in locating grant programs for specific types of projects.

The Web Portal includes tools to show what programs are available, keep track of key dates and deadlines, and timely updates on changes to grant programs.

The Web Portal can be accessed at: [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants.cfm)

## Agricultural Service Board Grant Program

This program supports Agricultural Service Boards in the development and delivery of environmental extension programming and administration of legislative requirements under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*.

Eligible projects include the hiring of qualified staff directed at environmental programming and implementation of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*.

For more information, please contact Agriculture and Rural Development at 780-644-4432.

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$12,200,000

Website: [www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca)

## 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 2011/12: \$257,560,000

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.

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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 2011/12: \$304,057,000

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

## **Building Canada – Communities Component**

This federal-provincial program supports the construction, renewal, expansion, upgrade, or material enhancement of municipal infrastructure across the province.

Examples of eligible projects include water/wastewater infrastructure, green energy initiatives (such as public transit projects), local road infrastructure, and culture and sport infrastructure.

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For more information, please contact Transportation at 780-422-1152.

This program is no longer accepting applications.

Website: [www.buildingcanadafundalberta-cc.ca](http://www.buildingcanadafundalberta-cc.ca)

## **Community Development Trust Fund**

This federally-funded initiative has two components. The Rural Community Adaptation Program supports the ability of rural communities and regions to address economic, environmental and social challenges by creating diverse economic opportunities. Rural Connections: Community Broadband Infrastructure Pilot Program supports community-led broadband infrastructure projects where rural Albertans have limited or no access to broadband connectivity.

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For more information, please contact Agriculture and Rural Development at 780-427-2409

This program is no longer accepting applications.

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

## **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 Children and Youth Services at 780-415-8150.

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$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.

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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 2011/12: \$199,503,000

Website:

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

### **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 the Alberta Emergency Management Agency at 780-422-9000.

Budget Allocation for 2011/12: \$650,000

Website: [www.aema.alberta.ca](http://www.aema.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.

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

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$47,337,000

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.

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

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$120,000,000

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, such as 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 as address the housing needs of the community.

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For more information, please contact Housing and Urban Affairs at 780-422-0122.

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$100,000,000

Website: [www.housing.alberta.ca/533.cfm](http://www.housing.alberta.ca/533.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, providing 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.

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

Budget Allocation for 2011/12: \$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. The program does not fund capital projects.

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

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$49,800,000

Website:

[https://www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs\\_and\\_services/public\\_security/law\\_enforcement\\_oversight/Pages/municipal\\_policing\\_assistance\\_grant\\_program.aspx](https://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.

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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 2011/12: \$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, or rehabilitation of infrastructure that enhances long-term municipal sustainability.

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

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

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$836,000,000

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 support for shared service arrangements with other municipalities.

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

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$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. The program does not fund capital projects.

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

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$30,000,000

Website:

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

## **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.

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

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$8,939,000

Website:

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

## Safe Communities Innovation Fund

Since 2008, this program has provided \$20 million to support innovative community based projects and community-police partnership plans designed to prevent or reduce crime.

The program provided project funding for evidence based and community collaborative partnership pilot projects and plans. Eligible projects included pilot projects, as well as the development of a regional or municipal crime prevention and reduction.

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For more information, please contact Justice and Attorney General at 780-644-5719.

This program is no longer accepting applications.

Website:

[www.justice.alberta.ca/programs\\_services/safe/Pages/safe\\_communities\\_innovation\\_fund.aspx](http://www.justice.alberta.ca/programs_services/safe/Pages/safe_communities_innovation_fund.aspx)

## 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.

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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 2011/12: \$86,820,000

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.

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For more information, please contact Employment and Immigration at 780-422-5082.

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$1,512,000

Website:

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

## Tank Site Remediation Program

This program provides funding assistance to municipalities and owners of eligible current or former retail gas station sites accepted into the program prior to April 1, 2009. The funding helps with the cost of remediating their sites into compliance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

Eligible project costs include the completion of site investigations, removal and disposal of old tanks and piping, remediation of contamination, and related engineering costs.

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For more information, please contact Municipal Affairs at 780-415-8666.

This program is no longer accepting applications.

Budget allocation for 2011/12: \$2,000,000

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

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I know what funding is available?

On the Municipal Grant Web Portal, you will see a general description of all provincially administered grant programs that are available to local governments. You will be able to review a brief outline of the program, and if you believe a program may fit with a project you are working on or considering, you can follow a link that will take you to a more in-depth explanation of the program.

Also contained on the Web Portal are the direct links to each grant program's applications, guidelines, and any reporting documents that you may require. If you already know which program you want to apply for, you can simply use the Web Portal to access these documents.

### How can I match my project to a grant, rather than making projects fit with available funding?

The Web Portal has a search feature to help you more easily identify the grant programs that may provide funding for your project. This search feature is easy to use, and will allow you to search by the type of project. By entering a project you are considering undertaking into the search feature, such as "fire hall," the system will return potential matches for grant programs which fund that type of project.

### How can I better manage the various deadlines associated with each program?

Another key feature of the Web Portal is a calendar that can help you keep track of deadlines related to each grant program. You can also set reminders in your electronic calendar for program application and reporting deadlines by downloading a program-specific iCalendar entry. This useful tool will allow you to specify which program reminders you want to receive.

### How can I be better informed of changes to each grant program?

A "What's New" section is available on the Municipal Grants Web Portal that will allow you to see any updates that may have occurred, as well as upcoming deadlines for various grants. You may want to sign up for electronic notifications on these updates, which can be accessed with an RSS reader.

## What's New?

A key dates calendar has been developed that highlights application and reporting deadlines for each grant program. This calendar is available on the Municipal Grants Web Portal.

The Web Portal has also been updated to reflect current information for each municipal grant program.

Municipal grant funding summaries are now available on the Web Portal for each municipality, Métis Settlement, regional services commission, and constituency. This information will be updated as information becomes available.

## For More Information

For more information please access the Municipal Grants Web Portal, or contact Mr. JD Kliewer at 780-422-8118, toll free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000.

Municipal Grants Web Portal: [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants.cfm)