



Ministry of  
Municipal Affairs  
and Housing

# Local Government Infrastructure and Finance

## Infrastructure Funding Programs September 2020

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# Community, Culture and Recreation Program

**Part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program**

*Infrastructure for public use and benefit that supports new, expanded or renewed community, culture and recreation facilities*



**Eligible Applicants:**

- Local governments, Indigenous communities, and Not-for-profit organizations.

**Funding for projects that:**

- Upgrade and build community, recreational, or cultural infrastructure for communities, including Indigenous peoples and vulnerable populations
- When included in new facilities, dedicated spaces for health and education that uphold the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action

Program Quick Facts	Project Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application based</li> <li>• Province of BC and Canada investing up to \$100.6 million for the second intake</li> <li>• Applicants must cost-share the project</li> <li>• Claims based</li> <li>• Business BCeID needed in advance to apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and playgrounds</li> <li>• Community centres</li> <li>• Arts, museum and cultural facilities</li> <li>• Friendship centres</li> <li>• Recreation facilities</li> <li>• Recreation trails</li> </ul>

**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: open – closing October 01, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> intake: approvals announced July 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: decisions anticipated summer 2021**

**Details available on the website:**

[www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program)

# Rural and Northern Communities Program

Part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

*Infrastructure for public use and benefit that addresses the unique challenges faced by rural and remote communities*



**Eligible Applicants:**

- Local governments, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit (and for selected outcomes for-profit) organizations; and
- Communities with populations of 25,000 or less, outside Metro Vancouver and the urban regions of the Capital Regional District.

**Supporting community infrastructure priorities, including:**

- Broadband connectivity
- Food security
- Efficient and reliable energy
- Indigenous health and educational facilities
- Cultural facilities
- Reliable road, air or marine access
- Improved local public transit
- Resilience to natural disasters
- Environmental quality
- Community and recreation

Program Quick Facts	Project Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application based</li> <li>• Province and Canada investing up to \$58.7 million toward a second intake</li> <li>• Applicants must cost-share the project</li> <li>• Claims based</li> <li>• Funding up to 100% for local governments of 5,000 people or less</li> <li>• Funding up to 90% for local governments of 5,000 to 25,000 people</li> <li>• Business BCeID needed in advance to apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional food innovation centres, community freezers and kitchens, community greenhouses, irrigation and food storage distribution</li> <li>• Road/dock/airport/helipad improvements where year-round access is not available</li> <li>• Community energy systems including micro-hydro, solar and wind</li> <li>• Health and educational facilities that uphold the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action</li> </ul>

**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: open - closing October 22, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> intake: approvals announced July 2020**

**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: decisions anticipated Summer 2021**

**Details available on the website:**

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## CleanBC Communities Fund (CCF)

Under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

*Infrastructure for public use and benefit that supports renewable and clean energy projects for greenhouse gas emissions reductions*



**Eligible applicants:**

- Local governments, Indigenous applicants (on or off-reserve), and Not-for-profit or For-profit organizations when partnered with Local government or Indigenous government

**Funding for projects that:**

- Support BC’s greenhouse gas reduction priorities and clean energy sector
- Improve the management of renewable energy, generation of clean energy, access to clean-energy transportation, and energy efficiency of buildings

Program Quick Facts	Project Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding from BC and Canada</li> <li>• Province and Canada investing up to \$47.4 million for a second intake</li> <li>• Application-based and requires a Business BCeID (in advance) to apply</li> <li>• Applicants must cost-share the project</li> <li>• Claims-based (funding is disbursed after expenses are incurred)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District energy systems from biomass, heat or resource recovery, geothermal</li> <li>• Generation of energy from low-carbon sources, such as solar, wind, biofuel, micro hydro, heat recovery</li> <li>• Level-2 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations</li> <li>• Energy efficiency upgrades to building mechanical equipment</li> </ul>

**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: open – closing November 12, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> intake: 11 approvals announced September 1, 2020. Further approvals pending.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: decisions anticipated summer 2021**

**Details available on the website:**

[www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program)

# Environmental Quality Program

**Part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program**

*Infrastructure to support environmental quality outcomes*



**Eligible Applicants:**

- Local governments and Indigenous communities where the project will result in services being delivered to land off-reserve.

**Funding for projects that:**

- Increase capacity to treat and/or manage wastewater or stormwater;
- Increase access to potable water; or
- Increase capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil and/or air pollutants.

Program Quick Facts	Project Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application based second intake opened October 30, 2019</li> <li>• Province of BC and Canada investing up to \$150 million toward second intake</li> <li>• Applicants must cost-share the project</li> <li>• Claims based</li> <li>• Business BCeID needed in advance to apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking water treatment system upgrades that result in regulatory compliance</li> <li>• Wastewater treatment facility improvements</li> <li>• Facilities that improve stormwater quality such as raingardens, and daylighting</li> <li>• Solid waste diversion, brownfield remediation</li> <li>• Resource Recovery</li> </ul>

**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: closed February 26, 2020**

**2<sup>nd</sup> intake: decisions anticipated spring 2021**

**Details available on the website:**

[www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program)

# Infrastructure Planning Grant Program

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*Direct support for local government efforts to plan for construction and replacement of infrastructure, focusing on planning, designing, and managing community infrastructure towards sustainable service delivery*



## Eligible Applicants:

- Local governments:
  - Municipality
  - Regional District
- Local governments can submit on behalf of improvement districts, registered utilities, or small water systems and include the letter of request from that organization

## Supporting a range of initiatives that promote sustainable infrastructure including, but not limited to:

- Assess feasibility, costs, location, technology and other factors to improve or develop water, sewer, drainage, and active transportation infrastructure
- Increase energy efficiency
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Asset Management

Program Quick Facts	Project Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application based through the Local Government Information System (LGIS)</li> <li>- Province of British Columbia funding up to \$10,000 per application</li> <li>- Two review periods with approvals in the Spring and Fall</li> <li>- Applications are eligible for up to two rounds of review without resubmission.</li> <li>- For long term infrastructure plans &amp; feasibility studies for local governments</li> <li>- Supports sustainable service delivery</li> <li>- Supports assessment of cost-effective and beneficial technologies for use in subsequent capital infrastructure projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feasibility Studies</li> <li>- Water Conservation Plans</li> <li>- Asset Management Plans &amp; Strategies</li> <li>- Innovative Pilot Projects and Capacity Building Programs</li> <li>- Liquid Waste Management Plans</li> <li>- Water Master Plans</li> <li>- Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse Studies; Integrated Resource Recovery</li> <li>- Infrastructure Condition Assessments</li> <li>- Integrated Stormwater Management Plans</li> <li>- Natural Assets</li> <li>- Water Audits and Development of Demand Management Strategies</li> </ul>

**Applications open year-round with review periods in January and July**

**Next regular processing deadline: January 13, 2021**

**Approvals made in the Spring and Fall**

**Next decisions: Spring 2021**

Details available on the website:

[Infrastructure Planning Grant Program - Province of British Columbia](#)