

Canada Community- Building Fund BC | UBCM



Canada Community-Building Fund

- Originally called the Gas Tax Fund (GTF)
- National transfer of \$2.3 billion to all local governments in Canada
- The CCBF provides long-term predictable funding to local governments in BC
- BC receives approximately \$320 million CCBF funding annually
- \$4.9 billion allocated to programing since 2005

CCBF National Objectives

The CCBF is guided by three national objectives:

1. Productivity and Economic Growth
2. A Clean Environment
3. Strong Cities and Communities



Role of UBCM

UBCM administers the CCBF through a tri-partied Agreement with the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada



Program Timeline

- 2005:** Gas Tax Fund (GTF) Agreement signed in BC
- 2010:** Program extended and set at \$2B/year to 2014
- 2011:** Legislation to make GTF permanent
- 2014:** Signing of a 10-year renewed GTF Agreement
- 2019:** One time doubling of the GTF
- 2021:** One-time doubling of the GTF
- 2021:** Addition of Fire Hall Infrastructure
- 2021:** GTF renamed Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)
- 2024:** Program renewed with expansion of eligible activities

Changes to CCBF

- Expansion of eligible investment categories
- Additional reporting requirements
- Spending timelines for local governments

CCBF Program Delivery

Community Works Fund



- Available to all local governments
- Per capita funding formula with a funding floor delivered twice per year
- Local governments make local choices about which eligible projects to fund

Strategic Priorities Fund



- Available to all local governments outside Metro Vancouver
- Application-based fund
- Supports capital and capacity-building projects that are large in scale, regional in impact, innovative, or innovative and align with the CCBF's national objectives

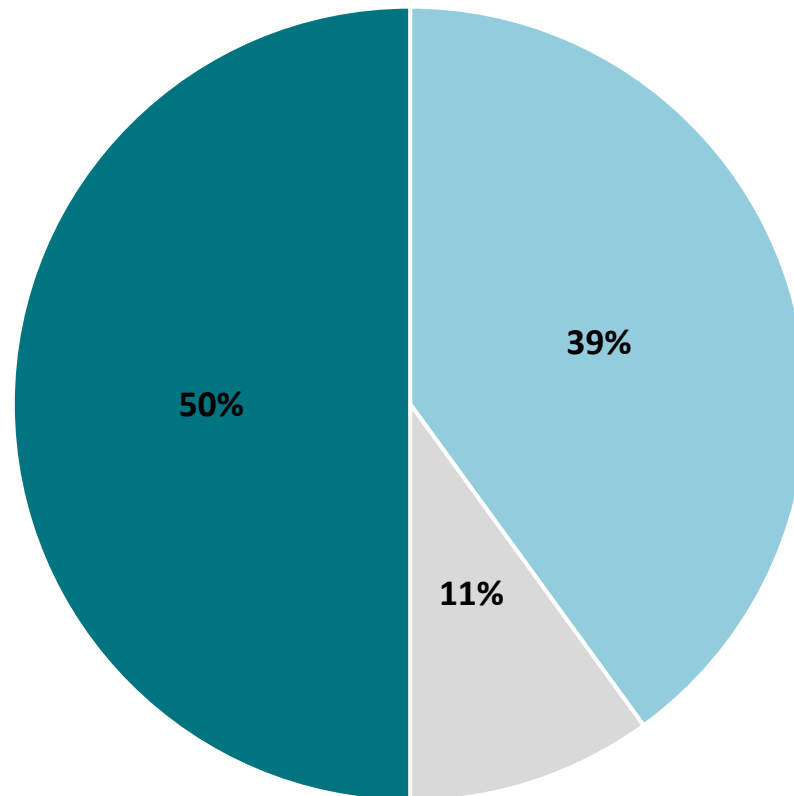
Metro Vancouver Regional Fund



- Projects are proposed by TransLink and approved by the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board
- Provides funding for regional transportation investments within Metro Vancouver

CCBF Program Delivery

- Community Works Fund
\$127 million
- Strategic Priorities Fund
\$35.8 million
- Metro Vancouver
Regional Fund
\$162.4 million



CWF Agreements: Next Steps

For local governments to receive their first CWF transfer in 2024, they must meet the following requirements:

- Submit their 2023 CCBF Annual Expenditure Report to UBCM (deadline was June 1, 2024)
- Submit their Audited Financial Statement to the Province
- Be in compliance with the 2014-2024 Community Works Fund Agreement
- Enter in to a 2024-2034 Community Works Fund Agreement with UBCM

Community Works Fund

- \$1.7 billion delivered to local governments since 2005
- \$649 million over next 5-years
- Delivered twice annually
- Based on a per capita allocation (2021 census) with a funding floor
 - Regional district populations include First Nations populations and Electoral Area populations
- Benefits include flexible project selection and spending timelines and ease of reporting

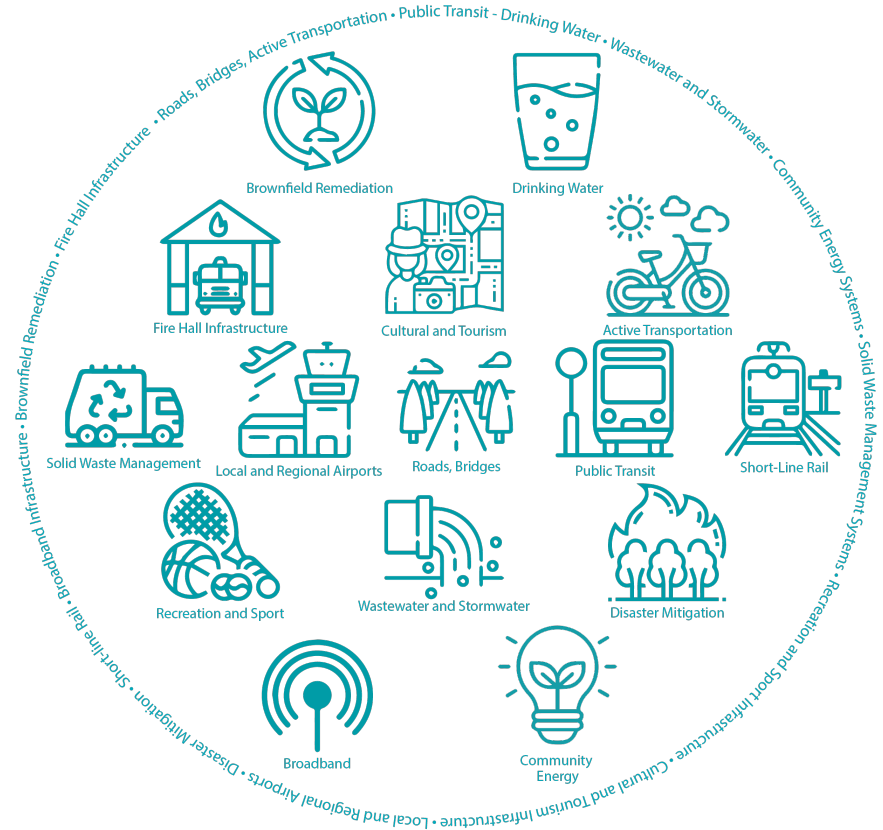
Allocation Formula

Years 1 -3, 2024/25 – 2026/27

Local Government Type	Base Funding Amount	Per Capita Amount
Metro Vancouver	\$63,411	\$3.23 / person
Outside Metro Vancouver	\$63,411	\$45.50 / person

Capital Infrastructure Categories

- Local Roads and Bridges
- Active Transportation
- Recreation and Sport Infrastructure
- Wastewater and Stormwater
- Solid Waste Management
- Community Energy Systems
- Public Transit
- Drinking Water
- Resilience
- Culture and Tourism
- Fire Halls and Trucks
- Brownfield Remediation
- Broadband Infrastructure
- Local and Regional Airports
- Short-line Rail & Short-sea Shipping



Expenditures and Outcomes

- Investments are for tangible capital assets
- CWF is an outcomes based program, will need to complete outcomes reporting for all projects with more the \$25k of CWF spending
- Examples of outcomes that are collected include
 - Kilometers of road paved or meters of pipe installed
 - Square meters of recreation building constructed
 - Cubic meters of drinking water or wastewater treated annually
 - Populations served by drinking water or sewer system or recreation facility
 - Increase in estimated service life
- Simpler than past reporting, but asking for more data points

Capital Infrastructure Eligibility

- *Eligible costs* include the expenditures associated with acquiring, planning, designing, constructing or renewal and rehabilitation of infrastructure and any related debt financing charges specifically identified with that asset.
- *Infrastructure* is defined as a municipal or regional, publicly or privately owned tangible capital asset or natural asset that is primarily available for public use and provides substantial public benefit.
- Eligible costs could also include expenditures directly related to the *joint communication activities* and with federal signage for CCBF projects.

Capacity-Building Categories

- Asset Management
- Integrated Community Sustainability Planning
- Long Term Infrastructure Planning
- Housing Needs Assessments and other related housing planning
- Feasibility studies and detail design



Ineligible Costs

Ineligible Services/Infrastructure:

1. Education/Daycare/Childcare
2. Social Housing/Social Services
3. City Halls, Public Works Buildings and other Administrative Buildings
4. Senior Care Facilities and Housing
5. Health Infrastructure (e.g. Hospitals, Convalescent Homes)

Ineligible Activities:

1. Small Equipment Purchases
2. Fire Equipment and Emergency Response Supplies
3. Art and Exhibit Manufacturing

Ineligible Costs:

1. Leasing Costs
2. Overhead Costs, including salaries and other employment benefits
3. Direct or Indirect Operating or Administrative Costs
4. Costs Related to Planning , Engineering, Etc. Typically Carried-out by Staff
5. Purchase of Land or Any Interests Therein, and Related Costs
6. Routine Repair and Maintenance Costs
7. Legal Fees

Program Guide

- New Program Guide is now available on the UBCM website
- Guidelines for CWF Program Administration for all local governments
- Time limit on spending funds
- New guidelines on project selection
- New outcomes reporting threshold
- Annual outcomes reporting

Changes to Reporting

For all local governments, the timeline for annual reporting will continue to be June 1 of each year. New requirements for reporting will include:

- Geolocation for each project (details to follow)
- A requirement to provide a standardized metric (output) for each project (such as meters of road, meters of pipe, number of facilities)
- A requirement to provide a standardized outcome for each project completed in a given year (such as increase of residents served, increase in storage capacity)

Program Guidelines

Projects relating to an asset not owned by a local government must be approved through a board or council resolution which identifies the project meets the following criteria:

1. Board or council has identified the project as a regional or municipal priority within a long-term capital investment plan;
2. Board or council has not prioritized the 3rd party project over a local government owned priority project;
3. The project is supported by asset management planning;

Program Guidelines

4. The project meets the minimum outcomes reporting criteria as identified below.

Any project that receives more than \$25,000 of CWF funding must complete annual outcomes reporting which will include the following information:

- Population directly served by the project
- First Nation Population directly served by the project
- Output metric
- Outcome metric

Changes to Reporting

Spending Timelines

- CWF funds received by UBCM in a given year will be required to be fully expended on eligible projects within five years. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and identified through a long-term capital and/or asset management plan.
- Note that any unspent CWF funds held by the local government under the 2014-2024 CWF program will be required to be spent within five years of entering into the 2024-2034 CWF Agreement with UBCM.

Communities greater than 30,000

- Additional reporting requirements, will be for next year, will tie investments to housing outcomes where it makes senses to do so
- Housing needs assessment completed or updated by March 2025
- Additional guidance materials to be provided to local governments in the fall

Communications and Signage

- Local governments that receive annual CCBF allocations of greater than \$400,000 should undertake at least one formal communication highlighting the use of funds in each year.
- Signage is recommended for any project that uses more than \$100,000 from the CCBF, where reasonable.
- Canada and BC must be informed of communications plans with at least 15 working days' notice to provide a representative or quote. Please contact UBCM Communications Officer, Zoë Ducklow (zducklow@ubcm.ca, to coordinate notice on your behalf.

Questions?

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