

Community Works Fund Program

2024-2034

Eligible Investment Categories

Local governments can invest their annual CWF allocations in 21 unique capital and capacity building project categories, described in more detail on the following pages.

Within these categories, local governments can acquire, plan, design, build, or renovate, or extend their life span of tangible capital assets¹.

Project funding can be used for planning purposes, including detail design documents and feasibility studies, through the appropriate funding category. The studies must be tied to an identified capital project, but do not need to lead to the construction of capital infrastructure projects to be eligible.

The following projects examples are ineligible uses of Community Works funding:

City halls, public works buildings and other administrative buildings
Child care centres
Social housing
Seniors care facilities and housing
Health care related infrastructure
Small equipment purchases as stand-alone projects

For questions on eligibility, email ccbf@ubcm.ca or call 250-356-0876.

¹ Tangible capital assets are non-financial assets having physical substance that are acquired, constructed or developed and: (i) are held for use in the production or supply of goods and services; (ii) have useful lives extending beyond an accounting period and are intended to be used on a continuing basis; and (iii) are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

Category	Description	Examples	Exclusions
Local Roads, Bridges and Active Transportation	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, life extension or safety-related improvements on local roads and bridges. Planning activities are also eligible.	New construction and rehabilitation of local roads, bridges, cycling lanes, sidewalks multi-use paths. Intelligent Transportation systems. Additional capacity for high occupancy transit lanes, grade separations, interchange structures, tunnels, intersections and roundabouts.	Rolling stock purchases.
Drinking Water	New construction, upgrading, repurposing or life extension of infrastructure that supports drinking water conservation, collection, treatment and distribution systems. Planning activities are also eligible.	Drinking water treatment infrastructure. Drinking water distribution system (including metering).	Generators or other equipment that are not fixed assets.
Wastewater & Stormwater	New construction, upgrading, repurposing or life extension of	Wastewater collection systems and or wastewater treatment facilities or systems.	Generators or other equipment that are not fixed assets.

	infrastructure that supports wastewater and stormwater collection, treatment, and management systems. Planning activities are also eligible.	Separation of combined sewers and or combined sewer overflow control, including real-time control and system optimization. Separate storm water collection systems and or storm water treatment facilities or systems. Wastewater sludge treatment and management systems. Construction or restoration of naturalized water retention or detention systems (naturalized stormwater ponds, wetlands, and coastal restoration). Construction of stormwater management ponds.	Lagoon sludge removal. The acquisition of equipment and monitoring measures are ineligible as standalone items. They can be eligible if part of a larger project.
Solid Waste	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, or life extension of infrastructure that supports solid waste management systems. This also includes rolling stock	Solid waste diversion projects including recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion facilities that are clearly linked to a solid waste management plan or sustainability plan.	Individual residential work.

	and collection bins where required to support collection or processing of waste. Planning activities are also eligible.	Solid waste disposal projects including thermal processes, gasification, and landfill gas recovery. Solid waste disposal strategies that reduce resource use that are clearly linked to a solid waste management plan or sustainability plan.	
Public Transit	New construction, upgrading, repurposing or life extension of infrastructure that supports a shared passenger transport system that is available for public use, including the purchase of rolling stock. Planning activities are also eligible.	Transit infrastructure such as rail and bus rapid transit systems, and related facilities. Buses, rail cars, ferries, Para-transit vehicles, and other rolling stock and associated infrastructure. Intelligent Transport Systems such as fare collection, fleet management, transit priority signalling, and real time traveler information system at stations and stops. Related capital infrastructure including bus lanes, streetcar and trolley infrastructure, storage and maintenance	Licencing fees for software supporting traffic management systems or ITS.

		facilities, security enhancement, and transit passenger terminals.	
Fire Halls and Fire Trucks	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, or life extension of fire halls. The purchase of fire trucks as a stand-alone project is eligible. Planning activities are also eligible.	New fire hall (building) for housing fire- fighting apparatus and staff (may include attached dorms, basic training facilities and administration areas). Retro-fit and modernization of existing firehalls and attached building space. Acquisition of a fire-truck as a capital asset as a stand-alone project.	Unfixed assets such as personal protective equipment and communication devices.
Community Energy Systems	New construction, upgrading, repurposing or life extension of infrastructure that generates energy or increases energy efficiency. Planning activities are also eligible.	Renewable electricity generators. Electric vehicle infrastructure/fleet vehicle Conversion. Hydrogen infrastructure (generation, distribution, storage). Wind/solar/thermal/geothermal energy systems. Alternative energy systems that serve local government infrastructure.	Individual residential work. Rebate programs for individual citizens or local businesses.

		Retrofit of local government buildings and infrastructure not captured in any other eligible category.	
Sport Infrastructure	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, or life extension of amateur sport facilities. Planning activities are also eligible.	Sport infrastructure for community public use. Sport infrastructure in support of major amateur athletic events.	Facilities that are home to professional sports teams and ineligible for funding.
Recreation Infrastructure	New construction, upgrading, repurposing or life extension of recreational facilities or networks. Planning activities are also eligible.	Large facilities or complexes which support physical activity such as arenas, gymnasiums, swimming pools, sports fields, tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport--- specific courts, or other facilities that have sport and/or physical activity as a primary rationale. Networks of parks, fitness trails and bike paths and hiking trails, not primarily used to supplement road use.	Private facilities and religious sites.
Cultural Infrastructure	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, or	Museums.	Private facilities and religious sites.

	life extension of infrastructure that supports the arts and/or heritage culture. Planning activities are also eligible. Restoring or preserving designated heritage sites that are recognized by: UNESCO; The Canadian government, as per the national federal register of historic places; or A provincial, territorial or local government.	The preservation of designated heritage sites. Local government owned libraries and archives. Facilities for the creation, production, and presentation of the arts Infrastructure in support of the creation of a cultural precinct within an urban core. Community centers that offer programming to the community at large, including all segments of the population, including Friendship Centers.	Public art installations.
Tourism Infrastructure	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, or life extension of infrastructure that attracts travelers for recreation, leisure, business or other purposes. Planning activities are also eligible.	Convention centers. Exhibition hall-type facilities. Visitor centres.	Private facilities and religious sites. Public art installations.

Regional & Local Airports	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, life extension or safety-related improvements to aeronautical and/or non-aeronautical infrastructure at regional, local, or remote airports. Planning activities are also eligible.	Resurfacing runways, taxiways, aprons, parking lot and ramps; Installing navigational aids and runway lighting; Designing, constructing and/or rehabilitating an aircraft hangar or shed. Replacing or upgrading airport drainage work. Infrastructure associated with floatplane or seaplane docks.	Airports included in the National Airports System, as per National Airports Policy, 1994. Airports owned by Transport Canada. Any investments that are eligible under Transport Canada's Trade and Transportation Corridors Initiative (TTCI).
Brownfield Redevelopment	Remediation or decontamination and redevelopment of a brownfield site within municipal boundaries, where the redevelopment includes: The construction of public infrastructure as identified in the context of any category under the CCBF; The construction of publicly-owned social housing with funding from other funds; or	Installing geotextiles or other barriers to obstruct the migration of contaminants before building a new recreation facility. Installation of a monitoring system. Pumping and treating contaminated groundwater prior to the construction of a new park. Design and construction of a long-term monitoring system for a remediated brownfield site.	Ongoing monitoring costs.

	The construction of a public park for municipal use. Planning activities are also eligible.	Relandscaping/restoration of natural landscape or wetlands.	
Resilience (formerly Disaster Mitigation)	New construction, modification, reinforcement or relocation of public infrastructure. Planning activities are also eligible.	Construction, modification or reinforcement of structures that protect from, prevent or mitigate potential physical damage resulting from extreme natural events, and impacts or events related to climate change. Modification, reinforcement or relocation of existing public infrastructure to mitigate the effects of and/or improve resiliency to extreme natural events and impacts or events related to climate change.	Medical or educational facilities. The relocation of communities.
Broadband Connectivity	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, or life extension of infrastructure that provides internet access to residents, businesses, and/or institutions in	Technologies such as fiber optics, wireless, cable, DSL and satellite. Laying fibre optic cable to bring broadband Internet access to a community.	Investments on private property (e.g., connecting dwellings to fibre optic cable).

	Canadian communities. Planning activities are also eligible.	Installing servers, towers, repeaters, and other elements of an Internet backbone. Installing receivers, dishes, and other assets to expand satellite capacity for community use. Laying fibre optic cable to enable households, businesses, and institutions to connect to an Internet backbone.	
Short-sea Shipping	New construction, upgrading, repurposing, or life extension of the following capitalized and fixed port infrastructure built on or adjacent to port lands that increases short sea shipping capacity. Planning activities are also eligible.	Upgrading a dock's laydown areas to improve safety and reduce delays of sealift unloading. Improving safe access for barge offloading which will reduce delays and resupply costs. Planning design and construction of new barge landing sites.	The purchase of vessels.
Short-line Rail	New construction, upgrading, repurposing or life extension of rail infrastructure that services freight. Planning activities are also eligible.	Designing and constructing a cargo loading and unloading facility. Building or renovating a passenger station or terminal. Installing tracks and switches.	Class I Railways and their subsidiaries are not eligible recipients.

Capacity Building	Projects that strengthen the ability of municipalities to develop long-term infrastructure management and planning practices. Studies, strategies, and systems related to asset management; Training directly related to asset management planning including the development of training material to support this training; Asset management plans; Capital investment plans; Integrated community sustainability plans; and, Long-term infrastructure plans (e.g., Transportation Master Plans). Housing Needs Reports	Current State of Assets Assessment Asset Management Policy Asset Management Strategy Asset Management Plan Long-Term Financial Plan Asset Management Practices Implementation Plan Asset Management Plan Annual Report Integrated community sustainability plans Regional growth strategies Community development plans Community plans Transportation plans Infrastructure development plans Liquid waste management plans Solid waste management plans Long-term cross-modal transportation plans Water conservation/demand management plans Drought management contingency plans	Ongoing operating costs.
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