

Rural & Northern Communities Infrastructure

Overview

Under the federal government's Integrated Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, New Brunswick will receive \$114.6 million for Rural & Northern Communities over the next 10 years.

Eligible applicants located in communities with populations of 50,000 or fewer can apply for funding to support projects that improve the quality of life in rural and northern communities.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects must meet at least one of the following outcomes:

- improved food security
- improved and/or more reliable road, air and/or marine infrastructure
- improved broadband connectivity
- more efficient and/or reliable energy
- improved education and/or health facilities (specific to Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action)
- one of the project outcomes in the other three streams

Ineligible Projects

Ineligible projects include:

- projects in communities with a population over 50,000
- housing
- early learning and child care facilities
- health facilities and primary and secondary education facilities, except to benefit Indigenous peoples by advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, as approved by Canada
- highways and trade corridors, except for portions that connect communities that do not already have year round road access
- resource development infrastructure, notably industrial resource development access roads

Eligible Applicants

- a municipal or regional government
- a public sector body that is established by or under provincial statute or by regulation or is wholly-owned by New Brunswick
- not-for-profit organizations

- when working in collaboration with a municipality, a public or not-for-profit institution that is directly or indirectly authorized, under the terms of provincial or federal statute, or royal charter, to deliver post-secondary courses or programs that lead to a recognized and transferable post-secondary credentials
- for-profit organizations, when working in collaboration with one or more of the entities referred to above or an Indigenous government listed below
- the following Indigenous ultimate recipients:
 - a band council within the meaning of section 2 of the *Indian Act*
 - a First Nation, Inuit or Métis government or authority established pursuant to a self-government agreement or a comprehensive land claim agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and an Indigenous people of Canada, that has been approved, given effect and declared valid by federal legislation
 - a First Nation, Inuit or Métis government that is established by or under legislation whether federal or provincial that incorporates a governance structure
 - a not-for-profit organization whose central mandate is to improve Indigenous outcomes, working in collaboration with one or more of the Indigenous entities referred to above, a municipality, or New Brunswick

Cost Sharing

The federal government will cost share up to the following:

- 50% of eligible expenditures for New Brunswick, municipalities and regional governments with a population of five thousand (5,000) or more and not-for-profit ultimate recipients
- 60% of eligible expenditures for municipalities and regional governments with a population of less than five thousand (5,000)
- 75% of eligible expenditures for Indigenous ultimate recipients
- 25% of eligible expenditures for for-profit, private sector ultimate recipients (when eligible)

Reporting Requirements

Climate Assessments

All projects with total eligible costs over \$10 million will require a Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment and the Climate Change Resilience Assessment as part of the project submission process.

More details will be shared with eligible applicants.

Community Employment Benefits

All projects with total eligible costs over \$10 million will be required to report on community employment benefits generated by the project.

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