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MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

OUTCOMES AND STRATEGIC POLICY BRANCH

Important Notice to all Chief Administrative Officers And Elected Officials

Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program

The Government of Manitoba has launched a new Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program (MEDIP) in 2023/24 to support economic growth and opportunities for Manitoba municipalities by addressing gaps in current and emerging infrastructure funding needs. Funding of up to \$44.5 million available under the program is incremental to the \$70.6 million Rural Strategic Infrastructure Basket, delivered under the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund.

The application based MEDIP is available to all Manitoba municipalities located outside Winnipeg and is intended to support immediate advancement and implementation of critical infrastructure projects under the key investment themes of Economic Development, Renewal, and Innovation.

Funding will support infrastructure projects under the following strategic investment categories:

- Public Safety
 - Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Climate Resiliency
 - Fire Stations and Related Capital Projects
- Roads, Bridges and Active Transportation
- Multi-Modal Transportation
- Solid Waste Management and Organic Waste Diversion

MEDIP will fund municipalities based on their demonstrated level of need. Municipalities are expected to: 1) provide a municipal financial commitment towards the project; 2) are encouraged to seek additional funding support from external partners (e.g. federal contribution); and 3) propose a provincial share to cover remaining eligible project costs.

Municipalities are encouraged to assess their financial capacity and propose costs that aligns with their level of need for the project.

Per Capita Funding

In addition to MEDIP, one-time funding of up to \$39.9 million will be allocated to municipalities on a per capita basis in 2023/24 to help mitigate high levels of inflation, which can affect the successful delivery of capital projects. Funding is sourced from the

overall \$70.6 million Strategic Infrastructure Basket available to municipalities outside of Winnipeg. Municipalities will have flexibility to apply the funding to where it is most needed based on local capital priorities, which reflects the Manitoba government's commitment to fair say.

HOW TO APPLY

Municipalities can access the MEDIP program guide and application form through [Manitoba Municipalities Online](#). These documents are also included as part of this bulletin.

The MEDIP application must include a scanned copy of a resolution from the municipal council approving the project and identifying the source of the municipality's cost-share of the project.

Once completed, please submit the application package through MMO under the heading "Submit/View Municipal Report," selecting 2023/24 MEDIP program (Grant Application).

The deadline for submitting a complete MEDIP application form through MMO is **October 6, 2023**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Assistance:

Should you require additional information on the Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program, please contact Municipal Funding Policy and Programs at MFPP@gov.mb.ca.

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