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Important Notice to all Chief Administrative Officers And Elected Officials

Manitoba Growth and Renewal Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) Program

The Government of Manitoba has launched the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) Program in 2024/25 designed to help Manitoba municipalities advance critical infrastructure projects that will support growing and sustainable communities. Funding of up to \$42 million is being made available through Manitoba's annual Rural Strategic Infrastructure Basket, delivered under the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund.

The application-based Manitoba GRO is available to all Manitoba municipalities located outside Winnipeg. The program will support infrastructure projects under the key investment themes of **Renewal**, **Innovation**, **and Climate Resiliency**, and the following strategic investment categories:

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

Manitoba GRO will fund municipalities for up to 50% of the total eligible project costs. Municipalities are responsible for covering the remaining project costs through direct municipal commitments and other sources secured by the municipality.

HOW TO APPLY

Municipalities can access the Manitoba GRO program guide and application form through <u>Manitoba Municipalities Online</u>.

The Manitoba GRO application must include a scanned copy of a resolution from Council approving the project and request for provincial support under Manitoba GRO, including identifying the source of the municipality's 50% cost-share of the project.

Once completed, please submit the application package through MMO under the heading "Submit/View Municipal Report," and selecting 2024 Municipal Infrastructure Renewal Program (Grant Application).

The deadline for submitting a complete Manitoba GRO application form through MMO is **November 15, 2024**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Assistance:

Should you require additional information on the Municipal Infrastructure Renewal Program, please contact Municipal Funding Policy and Programs at <u>MFPP@gov.mb.ca</u>. Program information can be found at <u>www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfpp/mgro</u>.

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