



Municipal Affairs
Asset Management Grants Update
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Outline

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Federal Gas Tax Fund and Alberta's Commitment to Asset Management

- Under the 2014-2024 Federal Gas Tax (GTF) Agreement, Canada and Alberta have agreed:
 - Alberta will develop an approach to asset management planning, based on where Alberta is at when the agreement was signed
 - At minimum, the asset management plan will include a multi-year capital plan that includes projects funded through the GTF
- Purpose:
 - Ensure progress is made
 - Set achievable goals
- Progress measured as part of GTF Outcomes Report

Approach to Asset Management

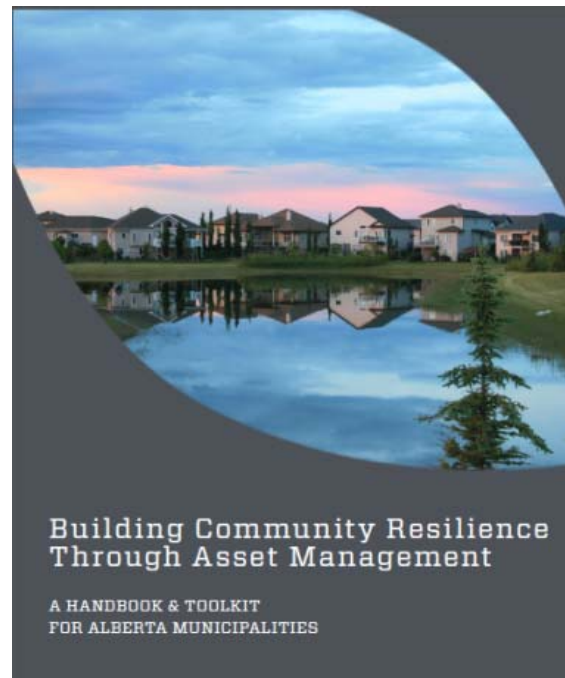
- Gives particular attention to the needs of smaller communities
- Phase 1 (2015-17):
 - Adding resources related to asset management to the Municipal Sustainability Strategy's [Capacity Building Tools Inventory](#)
 - Supporting the development and rollout of new tools that support asset management
 - Handbook and Toolkit developed by Consulting Engineers of Alberta with funding from the Alberta Community Partnership program
 - Training and information sessions as well as enhancement of Municipal Affairs' existing advisory services

Approach to Asset Management

- Phase Two: 2018-2023
 - Assisting municipalities in implementing the Corporate Planning Regulation of the *Modernized Municipal Government Act*
 - Expanding tools and resources where gaps are identified
 - Promotes the development and use of policies, strategies and plans to support the capital planning requirement introduced through the amendments to the Municipal Government Act

Online Capacity Building Resources

- Available on the Municipal Affairs website:
 - Handbook and Toolkit:



http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/ms/2015-11-17_Handbook_-_FINAL.PDF

Online Capacity Building Resources

- Available on the Municipal Affairs website:
 - Tool Kit User Guide:



- http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/ms/2015-11-18_Toolkit_-_FINAL.PDF
- [Excel Workbook](#)

Municipal Government Act and Asset Management

- *Modernized Municipal Government Act (Bill 21)*
 - Requires all municipalities to prepare three-year financial and five-year capital plans
 - Intended to ensure municipalities are able to better utilize their financial and physical assets under more rigorous legislative requirements
 - Municipal Affairs is currently making amendments to Bill 21 based on feedback received over summer 2016 and preparing to submit the bill to the Legislature for debate
 - Encourages increased intermunicipal cooperation
- Expected to be proclaimed prior to next municipal elections

Grant Funding Planning

- Three types of programs
 - Allocation
 - Competitive
 - Needs-based
- Planning for these programs varies
 - Each has a unique place in asset management planning

Allocation Grants

- Annual allocations
- Predictable
- Guaranteed once allocations announced
- Broad flexibility
- Simple to plan for
- Simple requirements, applications, and reporting
- Informed by capital plans

Competitive Grants

- Ranking criteria
- Larger available amounts of funding per project
- Smaller number of recipients
- No guarantee of receiving funding
- More complex information required
- Informed by asset management

Needs-based Grants

- Response to natural disasters
- Assist recovery to pre-disaster state
- Can't be planned for

Grants Supporting Asset Management Planning

- Infrastructure Canada has recently announced \$125 million in funding for programs that will support municipal asset management
- Will be administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 1. Enhanced municipal planning for climate change resilience
 - \$75 million
 - Municipal projects to identify and implement greenhouse gas reduction opportunities, assess local climate risks, and integrate climate change impacts into asset management planning practices
 2. Development and implementation of infrastructure asset management planning practices
 - \$50 million
 - More reliable and comprehensive data collection on infrastructure assets

Grants Supporting Asset Management Planning

- Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital
 - Studies, plans, and system-wide reviews related to capital infrastructure
 - Infrastructure Management Systems, including hardware, software, and data collection
 - Capital acquisition, construction, rehabilitation
- Federal Gas Tax Fund
 - expenditures related to strengthening the ability of municipalities to improve local and regional planning
 - Capital acquisition, construction, rehabilitation

Grants Supporting Asset Management Planning

- MSI Operating
 - Planning and development
 - Infrastructure management software and data collection
- Alberta Community Partnership Program
 - Intermunicipal Collaboration component
 - Municipal Restructuring component

Grants Update

- MSI
 - Agreements expire in 2017
 - Commitment to continued infrastructure funding
- New provincial programs
- Federal Clean Water/Wastewater Fund
- Federal Public Transit Infrastructure Fund
- Phase 2 Federal Infrastructure Funding (2017)

Questions?