DISASTER PREVENTION AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROGRAM

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS

FROM WINNIPEG METROPOLITAN REGION MUNICIPALITIES

What is the Program?

One-time provincial funding support of up to $15 million to municipalities in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region to invest in regionally beneficial municipal infrastructure priorities that mitigate the impacts of natural disasters and build resiliency to climate-related disasters.

Funding will be awarded to successful applicants for investments in public infrastructure to mitigate the potential economic, environmental and social impacts of climate change, and strengthen our resilience to disasters triggered by natural hazards and extreme weather, thereby reducing the economic, social and environmental impacts of these events.

Program Highlights:

- Successful applicants could be reimbursed for up to 100% of approved eligible project costs incurred between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

- Available funding will be determined based upon the total value of all approved proposals and available program budget.

- Provincial funding will be supplemented by municipal funding for projects where the total project costs exceed the provincial funding allocation. Applicants must demonstrate their ability and willingness to pay any additional amount in the event that project costs exceed the amount awarded.

Who can Apply?

All municipalities in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region may apply.

Joint proposals that demonstrate a benefit to the region and coordinated effort to work across municipal boundaries will be ranked higher.

What Projects are Eligible?

To be considered eligible, projects must have disaster prevention and/or climate resiliency-driven outcomes: investments must be aimed at reducing the socio-economic and environmental impacts triggered by natural disasters and extreme weather events, taking into consideration current and potential future impacts of climate change in communities and infrastructure at high risk.

Investments under this program must support infrastructure, which is defined as tangible and tangible capital assets that are primarily for public use or benefit..

Eligible investments for infrastructure projects under the program are:

- New construction of disaster prevention and/or climate resiliency public infrastructure including natural infrastructure
- Modification and/or reinforcement (including rehabilitation and expansion) of existing disaster prevention and/or climate resiliency public infrastructure including natural infrastructure

Projects must be ready to proceed immediately with no anticipated delays for permits or approvals. All proposed work must be completed and final reports submitted by March 31, 2021. Proponents will be expected to include a construction plan for the projects that takes advantage of their flexibility as local governments.

Applicants must not request support for a project for which the applicant has already has secured other provincial funding sources. Federal or other funding sources should be clearly noted.

The minimum threshold for individual projects or programs is $250,000. Projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and funding amounts may depend on available program budget.

Manitoba may impose further restrictions and/or adjust maximum funding amounts beyond those outlined, based on demand.

Eligible / Ineligible Costs

Project costs should not include operational costs, own labour force/internal resource costs, and financing. Please see the attached Appendix for a listing of eligible and ineligible costs.

Evaluation:

Evaluation of proposals will take into account a number of criteria including but not limited to:

- The extent to which the project strengthens regional resilience against natural hazards
- The ability to deliver the project within the timeframe
- Cost estimates
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Regional benefits and upstream/downstream considerations
- Additional project benefits

Details required to meet evaluation criteria can be found within the proposal template.

How do we apply:

To be eligible for consideration, municipalities within the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region must complete the attached proposal template and submit it by June 19, 2020. Proposals should demonstrate that they were vetted with WMR municipalities. All supporting documents should be sent by email to Jason Greenall at Jason.Greenall@gov.mb.ca.

For Additional Information:

If you have any questions about the program or application process, please contact Jason Greenall at 204-619-4283 or Jason.Greenall@gov.mb.ca.

Alternatively, you may also contact a Municipal Services Officer or call 204-945-2572.

Appendix –Eligible and Ineligible costs

Eligible Expenditures

Eligible expenditures are costs considered by the Government of Manitoba to be direct and necessary for the successful implementation of an eligible project. This may include design and planning and capital costs.

Project expenditures are eligible as of April 1, 2020.

Due to extenuating circumstances, if projects cannot be completed by March 31, 2021, extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: All project cost estimates must be accounted for in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Standards in effect in Canada.

Ineligible Expenditures

Ineligible expenditures include:

- expenditures incurred prior to April 1, 2020.
- expenditures related to all emergency services infrastructure;
- expenditures incurred for cancelled projects;
- land acquisition;
- leasing of land, buildings and other facilities; leasing of equipment other than equipment directly related to the construction of the project; real estate fees and related expenditures;
- any overhead expenditures, including salaries and other employment benefits for any employees of the recipient, direct or indirect operating or administrative costs of recipients including expenditures related to planning, engineering, architecture, supervision, management and other activities normally carried out by its staff, with the following exceptions:
    - the eligible recipient is able to demonstrate to Manitoba's satisfaction that it is not economically feasible to tender a contract; or
    - the arrangement is approved in advance and in writing by Manitoba.
- financing charges, legal fees, and loan interest payments including those related to easements (e.g., surveys);
- any goods and services expenditures which are received through donations or in-kind;
- provincial sales tax and GST/HST, for which the recipient is eligible for a rebate, and any other expenditures eligible for rebates;
- expenditures associated with operating expenses and regularly scheduled maintenance work;
- expenditures related to furnishing and non-fixed assets which are not essential for the operation of the asset/project.