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## BACKGROUND

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### **\$272 MILLION FOR SMALLER BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES**

#### **British Columbia Communities Component first round intake:**

The first round of application intakes will close Sept.5, 2008. One application may be submitted per municipality during this intake. A regional district may submit one application per community in its area. **ONLY** applications from the following categories will be accepted during this intake. Future intakes will be announced at a later date.

#### **Funding Categories and Contact Information**

**WATER** – Projects that construct or materially rehabilitate public infrastructure that contribute to: improved safety, management, reliability and efficiency of Canada’s drinking water treatment and distribution systems; increased number of households with access to safe drinking water that meets or exceeds the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality; improved protection and/or management of drinking water sources; and improved conservation of water.

**WASTEWATER** – Projects that construct or materially rehabilitate public infrastructure that contribute to: reducing the negative impacts of wastewater effluent or stormwater effluent on human health and the environment; improving the safety and management of wastewater sludge; and, improving the management and efficiency of wastewater infrastructure or stormwater infrastructure.

Contact for water and wastewater categories:  
Province of British Columbia  
Tel: 250 387-4060  
Fax: 250 356-1873

**TOURISM** – Projects that achieve significant economic and/or regional impacts through the construction or material rehabilitation of convention centres or exhibition hall-type facilities.

**LOCAL ROAD** – Projects that construct, improve or rehabilitate local road infrastructure that contribute to improving road safety; improving mobility; improving sustainability; supporting economic and community development.

**SHORT SEA SHIPPING** – significantly expanded infrastructure supporting increased short sea shipping capacity and/or new routes, in order to promote Canada’s competitiveness, trade, and quality of life by optimizing the use of all transportation modes in order to maximize the efficiency, productivity, and sustainability of the national transportation system.

**SHORTLINE RAIL** - Promote Canada's competitiveness, trade, security and quality of life by optimizing the use of all transportation modes in order to maximize the efficiency, productivity, and sustainability of the national transportation system.

Contact for tourism, local road, short sea shipping, and shortline rail categories:

Province of British Columbia

Tel: (250) 952-0675

Fax: (250) 952-0688

**DISASTER MITIGATION\*** – Projects that construct or materially rehabilitate public infrastructure that reduces the vulnerability of a community or public infrastructure to the negative impacts of extreme natural events, including adverse events related to climate change.

\* Only projects relating to flood mitigation will be considered during this intake.

Contact for disaster mitigation category:

Province of British Columbia

Tel: 250 953-4006

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