

***Canada-British Columbia  
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- Communities Component***

Category Specific Supplement

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### **BUILDING CANADA FUND - COMMUNITIES COMPONENT**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Promote Canada's regional economic development by improving the efficiency of regional and local airports while maintaining high levels of safety and security.

#### **SUBCATEGORIES**

- Construction projects that enhance airports that are accessible all year-round, through the development, enhancement or rehabilitation of aeronautical and/or non-aeronautical infrastructure:
  - Aeronautical infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, runways, taxiways, aprons, hangars, lighting, Nav aids, maintenance sheds, airside mobile equipment and associated shelters, air terminal building, and groundside safety-related.
  - Non-aeronautical infrastructure such as groundside access, inland ports, parking facilities, and commercial and industrial activities.
- Funding, on a project by project basis, will be allocated as follows:
  - The Provincial Government contribution will be no less than the Federal Government contribution; and
  - For local and/or regional assets, local/regional government interests must furnish at least one-third (33.33 percent) of the total project costs. Federally-owned airports and federal assets are not eligible for funding.

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Note: Safety and security projects that are eligible for funding under Priorities 1 and 2 categories of Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP), as per the attached Annex, are funded under that program, and are not eligible for funding unless they are part of a larger project.

#### **PROJECT OUTCOMES**

The project must demonstrate how it provides benefits to Canadians in support of one or more of the following outcomes:

- Promotes regional economic development (e.g. number of new carriers, new businesses operating at the airport, etc);
- Increases traffic volume (e.g. number of passengers, cargo etc)

## **PROGRAM CRITERIA**

Through your application, you must demonstrate the following:

- The project is supported by a comprehensive, credible and feasible business case that outlines the costs and benefits of the proposed project. (*Please note that the application form will set out information requirements regarding project costing, ongoing operation and maintenance, engineering, technology, project management and governance*)
- How the project is consistent with applicable provincial, regional, or municipal plans (e.g., land-use, integrated watershed management plan, municipal official plans, Integrated Community Sustainability Plans).
- That the project will meet all applicable legislative or regulatory requirements, including the requirement for a federal Environmental Assessment process that meets the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, which may include specific requirements for aboriginal consultation.
- That the contract award process will be competitive, fair and transparent (e.g., no sole-source contracts, no union-only processes).
- That major risks related to extreme natural events and/or climate change risks with a potential impact on the project during construction or once completed have been considered, and, where applicable, a mitigation plan developed.
- That infrastructure intended for use by the public ensures appropriate access for persons with disabilities.
- That opportunities regarding a regional service area or other cooperative arrangements, particularly with First Nations communities, have been considered, as appropriate, in respect of the project.

## **PROJECT CRITERIA**

- A municipal council resolution in support of the project must be submitted.
- The project is consistent with long-term regional and/or local development plans and provides significant economic benefits across the region and does not negatively impact other airports in its vicinity and the overall provision of airport and air transportation services in the region.
- The project justification is based on current demand, and if the project is intended to expand facilities/capacity, the proponent must substantiate the intended users.
- Will the newly constructed or materially rehabilitated buildings exceed the energy efficiency requirements of the Model National Energy Code for Buildings, or (preferred) will it obtain a LEED certification? (Gold or equivalent standard is recommended)
- Will the newly constructed buildings meet the requirements of the Canadian Standards Association Technical Standard Accessible Design for the Built Environment (CAN/CSA B651-04)?

## **ANNEX - Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP)**

ACAP priorities 1 and 2 may be described as:

- 1st Priority: Safety-related airside projects required to accommodate the aircraft providing year-round, regularly scheduled passenger service such as rehabilitation of runways, taxiways, aprons, associated lighting, visual aids, sand storage sheds, utilities to service eligible items, related site preparation costs including directly associated environmental costs, aircraft firefighting equipment and equipments shelters which are necessary to maintain the airport's level of protection as required by regulation.
- 2nd Priority: Heavy airside mobile equipment (safety-related) such as runway snowblowers, runway snowplows, runway sweepers, spreaders, winter friction testing devices, and heavy airside mobile equipment shelters.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

The following are examples of information that must be submitted to help support and strengthen the business case for your project.

- Project Drawings
- Detailed project cost breakdown including quotes or cost estimates
- Confirmation of sources of project funds, i.e., bank statements, approved bank loan documentation, letters of commitment (or copies of cheques) from funding contributors, approved referendum (or a council resolution to hold a referendum to borrow for the project).
- Approvals of land use required prior to construction proceeding, i.e. Agricultural Land Reserve, right of ways, federal and/or provincial assets, etc.
- Land lease agreement, if applicable
- Current 5 year financial plan
- Information on measurable project benefits
- Letters of support, if available
- Short term employment hours during construction & creation of full time permanent jobs (job title), if applicable;
- Details on the incremental impact of funding (e.g.: should BCF-CC funding not forthcoming, would the project be reduced, delayed (months/years) or not proceed.
- Details on how the project will minimize the negative impacts on the environment? Will it reduce ongoing energy consumption and/or water consumption and/or waste compared to the existing infrastructure? Will it encourage recycling? Will it use recognized green materials in the construction or improvement of the infrastructure?
- Details on how the project will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions through best practices and new approaches and/or innovative technologies during the construction and operation of the infrastructure and where applicable, will they be reduced and by how much?

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Additional resources can be found on the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component website: [www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca](http://www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca)

The Shared Information Management System for Infrastructure (SIMSI) on-line application, can be found at: <https://bcfcc-fccvc.infrastructure.gc.ca/>

To be assigned a username and password to access the SIMSI on-line application system, please forward a request to [Infra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Infra@gov.bc.ca).