

***Canada-British Columbia
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Category Specific Supplement

LOCAL ROAD

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OBJECTIVES

To construct, improve or rehabilitate local road infrastructure that contributes to one or more of the following objectives:

- Improving road safety;
- Improving mobility;
- Improving sustainability;
- Supporting economic and community development.

SUBCATEGORIES

- New capacity projects are limited to major arterials and urban bypasses with limited access points.
- Additional capacity and rehabilitation of roads within a municipal boundary, and high-occupancy vehicle lanes, grade separations, interchange structures, bridges, tunnels, intersections, and roundabouts. Where provinces act as a local government, or where there is a governing entity that is established by a province, such projects are eligible.
- Infrastructure pursuant to compliance with accessibility, such as wheelchair let down.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).
- Rehabilitation of bridges and major elevated or depressed structures (except those on the core National Highway System which are eligible for rehabilitation under the National Highway System Category).

Note: Rehabilitation projects must meet the definition of 'rehabilitation' as agreed upon by the Council of Ministers responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety in 2005. (see below)

Pavement Rehabilitation - Involves the application of appropriate measures, including reconstruction, to extend the life of an existing pavement structure when roughness, lack of structural adequacy, or excessive surface distress results in an unacceptable pavement. Such unacceptability can be in terms of serviceability, increased user costs and concern for safety. Rehabilitation may also be used to strengthen a pavement which will be subjected to higher than originally estimated traffic loads.

Bridge Rehabilitation - Involves the application of appropriate measures, including reconstruction, to extend the life of an existing structure by restoring or improving its structural integrity. Rehabilitation may also be used to strengthen a bridge that will be subjected to higher than originally estimated traffic loads.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

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

- Improved efficiency, e.g. decreased use of single-occupancy vehicles, increased traffic volume (cars/buses/bicycles), travel time savings, reduced vehicle operating costs, increased vehicle speeds, etc.
- Improved safety (e.g. fewer accidents and fatalities)
- Minimized environmental impacts (e.g., reduced emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases, negative land-use)

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

- Projects must be compatible with official development and transportation plans or other strategies to promote the sustainable development of the municipality in which they take place.
- Engineering standards must be recognized by the Transportation Association of Canada or approved equivalent provincial standards or municipal standards.
- Projects must contribute to improved road and pedestrian safety.
- Does the project support / facilitate public transit?

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

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.