

REQUEST FOR DECISION

DATE:	September 5, 2024
TOPIC:	Canada Community Building Fund BC
PROPOSAL:	Authorization for Mayor and Corporate Officer to Sign Community Works Fund Agreement
PROPOSED BY:	Kirsten Dunbar, Corporate Officer
DIVISION:	Finance & Administration

SECTION 1: SUMMARY

The Community Works Fund was renewed by the federal government for an additional 10 years. In order to receive the funding, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities has requested a resolution allowing the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the agreement.

Staff Recommendation:

THAT the report from the Corporate Officer regarding the Community Works Fund dated September 10, 2024, BE RECEIVED; AND, FURTHER THAT Council AUTHORIZES the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the 2024-2034 Community Works Funding Agreement under the Administrative Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND

The Canada Community Building Fund is provided from the federal government to provinces and territories who, flow the funding to their municipalities. In British Columbia, it is administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities as the "Community Works Fund."

The previous Community Works Fund was in place from 2014 to 2024 and has been renewed for the next ten years, expiring in 2034. Eligible projects for this funding include: local roads and bridges, short sea shipping, short line rail, regional and local airports, broadband connectivity, public transit, drinking water, wastewater, solid waste, community energy systems, brownfield redevelopment, sport infrastructure, recreational infrastructure, cultural infrastructure, tourism infrastructure, resilience, fire halls, and capacity building.

In the first year of the Community Works Fund Agreement, the Town will receive \$317,628 in two equal installments of \$158,814. The funding is delivered based on a per capita formula.

Historically the majority of the funding has been allocated towards road improvement programs with a smaller amounts used for other various capital projects.

SECTION 3: ISSUE ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION

In order to receive funding UBCM requires a Council Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the agreement.

Environmental Considerations

Eligible Project Categories of the Community Works Fund includes “resilience”- defined as infrastructure and systems that protect and strengthen the resilience of communities to withstand and sustain service in the face of climate change, natural disasters and extreme weather events.

Social Considerations

The funding may be used towards projects that support social development within municipalities (public transit, and infrastructure to support recreational, culture and tourism).

Economic Considerations

The funding may also be used towards projects that support economic development inclusive of those identified in “Social Considerations.”

SECTION 4: ORGANIZATION IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Considerations (Policies and/or Bylaws)

N/A

Strategic Focus

Service Excellence

Reconciliation Considerations

N/A

Communication Considerations

When the funding is used to deliver a project, the agreement outlines the appropriate Communications Protocol.

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Included in Financial Plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Financial Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Next Budget Cycle
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The program continuation was anticipated and was therefore included in the 2025-2028 financial plan years. The funding amount is not significantly different. The amount has increased to account for inflation. Over 10 years the Town will receive approximately \$3,180,000 from the program in today’s dollars.

SECTION 6: OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES

Option 1:

Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Community Works Fund Agreement.

Option 2:

N/A

SECTION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council passes the following resolution(s):

THAT the report from the Corporate Officer regarding the Community Works Fund dated September 10, 2024, BE RECEIVED; AND, FURTHER THAT Council AUTHORIZES the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the 2024-2034 Community Works Funding Agreement under the Administrative Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund.

SECTION 8: SUBMITTED AND REVIEW

This report is respectfully submitted by:

Kirsten Dunbar

Kirsten Dunbar, Corporate Officer

CAO or designate comments of report. Signature is approval of report being submitted.



Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments

N/A

References

No references for this report.