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Dear Chief Elected Official,

On July 28 your Alberta government was proud to announce the \$500-million Municipal Stimulus Program, a key component of [Alberta's Recovery Plan](#). Thank you for submitting information on your shovel-ready infrastructure projects over the past few months. This information was very useful to help us understand the capacity of municipalities to take on additional infrastructure projects, as well as the types of projects that could be started this year.

The Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) is designed to distribute stimulus funding quickly and equitably across the province so local governments, like yours, can help support local jobs and stimulate the economy. Funding will be allocated using the same formula as the federal Gas Tax Fund and municipalities can access their allocation by submitting project applications before October 1, 2020. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and payments will begin shortly after projects are approved.

Projects *must* begin construction in 2020 or 2021 and *must not* result in municipal tax increases. Municipalities also need to commit to further supporting growth in their local economies by reducing municipal red tape. Further information about the program and allocation amounts are available on the [program website](#), and in the attached program summary and program guidelines. The grant agreement and application form are also attached.

The intention of this program is to support local jobs and stimulate the economy – both through construction and over the life of the asset. We will be evaluating project applications through this lens. You are also encouraged to apply this lens as you consider which projects to put forward.

Please note that the MSP is not related to operating and transit funding recently announced as part of the federal Safe Restart Agreement. Further information about this funding will be made available soon.

Thank you for your leadership during these difficult times. I know this is not an easy situation to manage, but together we can overcome these challenges and return our province to prosperity.

If you have any questions, please contact ma.municipalstimulus@gov.ab.ca.

Yours very truly,

Honourable Kaycee Madu, QC
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Attachments

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