

THE GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND



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Investing in leadership, inspiring change

FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) provides loans and grants, builds capacity, and shares knowledge to support municipal governments and their partners in developing communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

The Government of Canada endowed FCM with \$550 million to establish GMF to provide a long-term, sustainable source of financing for municipal governments and their partners.

To ensure the greatest possible impact, FCM uses GMF to invest in plans, studies and projects that provide the best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development and that can be replicated in other communities. FCM develops case studies and other tools to support municipal governments that are prepared to follow these examples.

Applying to the Fund

Potential applicants seeking funding for plans and studies may submit an Intent to Apply (Part A) to FCM at any time of the year. FCM assesses the Intent to Apply and invites eligible applicants to submit a Detailed Proposal (Part B). Applicants seeking funding for capital projects submit applications in response to specific Requests for Proposals (RFPs) issued by FCM for each sector.

A Peer Review Committee rates applications for funding, the scores of which are submitted to the GMF Council. The GMF Council makes recommendations to the FCM National Board of Directors, which makes the final funding decision. From the acceptance of an application to the final funding decision by the FCM board, the approval process takes between six and nine months.

For more information on applying to the Fund, visit the FCM Centre

for Sustainable Community website at www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca.

Sharing knowledge

FCM awards grants for plans, studies and projects in part based on their potential to result in new knowledge that could be shared with other communities, and how readily they could be replicated. All funding recipients must report on their initiative and the lessons they learned.

GMF Capacity Building program

FCM complements GMF funding with a Capacity Building program that:

- Shares the knowledge and experience gained by municipal leaders through GMF-funded plans, studies and projects;
- Helps municipal governments to act on the knowledge and lessons collected from leaders in sustainable community development, particularly those supported by GMF funding;

GMF funding at a glance:

Initiative	Eligibility	Key pre-requisites	Available funding
Plans Sustainable community plans	Municipal governments	Council resolution to establish a vision for sustainability and targets to achieve it	Grants for up to 50% of costs to a maximum of \$350,000
Studies Feasibility studies and field tests related to brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water	Municipal governments or corporations wholly owned by a municipal government Public non-governmental or private-sector organizations applying in partnership with a municipal government	Sustainable community plan or relevant sector plan that includes sector-specific targets	Grants for up to 50% of costs to a maximum of \$350,000
Projects Capital projects related to brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water	Specific to each RFP.	Specific to each RFP. Common pre-requisites include links to sustainable community plan, or favourable feasibility study or field test	Loans and loans with grants up to 80% of costs



- Equips individuals with information and training, and institutions with governance and operational tools; and
- Promotes strategic approaches based on legal, regulatory, economic and fiscal frameworks.

The Capacity Building program includes:

- Campaigns in brownfields, energy, planning, transportation, waste and water; and
- A suite of programs, including the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference, Sustainable Community Missions, Partners for Climate Protection, and the FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards. ♻️

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