

# INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS UPDATE

## Building Canada Fund

*(See more information on page 24)*

This will be allocated into the national priority funding categories that include: Core National Highway System, Drinking Water, Wastewater, Public Transit, and Green Energy. Funding will be allocated for projects in the provinces and territories based on their population and all major projects will be selected through federal-provincial/territorial negotiations.

The program will operate through two components: the Major Infrastructure Component (MIC) and the Communities Component (CC). The MIC will target larger, strategic projects of national and regional significance. The CC will focus on projects in communities with populations of less than 100,000 to assist smaller communities face their unique challenges.

General Building Canada Information:

[www.buildingcanada-chantiers](http://www.buildingcanada-chantiers)

[canada.gc.ca/index-eng.html](http://canada.gc.ca/index-eng.html)

Manitoba's Framework Agreement:

[www.buildingcanada-chantiers](http://www.buildingcanada-chantiers)

[canada.gc.ca/plandocs/](http://canada.gc.ca/plandocs/)

[agreements-ententes/ifa-eci-eng.html](http://agreements-ententes/ifa-eci-eng.html)

## Building Manitoba Fund

The Building Manitoba Fund provides Manitoba municipalities with a share of provincial income tax and fuel tax revenues in support of municipal roads, recreation and library facilities, public transit, public safety and other municipal infrastructure and services. The City of Winnipeg receives allocations for transit, roads and public safety allocated separately from other municipalities (\$88.9 million in 2007). The majority of municipalities receive funding through the following conditional grant programs (\$47.9 million in 2007):

### General Assistance

Provides funding support to address municipal service and infrastructure priorities.

### Transit Grants

- Transit Capital Grants - An annual capital grant is provided to the City of Brandon to fund the replacement or refurbishment of transit buses.

- Transit Operating Grants - 50/50 transit funding partnership with Brandon, Thompson, and Flin Flon starting in 2007.
- Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program Grants - supports the operation of handivan services for 65 communities in Manitoba. Funding available to municipalities under this program includes:
  - One-time capital grants equal to 50% of the net cost to purchase a handivan, to a maximum of \$10,000.
  - One-time start-up grants of \$6,000 to assist sponsoring municipalities with the establishment of new handivan services.
  - Annual operating grants based on 37.5% of gross eligible operating costs (maximum of \$20,000 for communities with one vehicle or \$30,000 for those with more than one vehicle)

### Roads Grants

Cost shared capital funding is provided to assist with the construction or upgrading of eligible municipal roads within the community. Cities, towns, villages and local urban districts are eligible under this program, which funds 50% of the costs of eligible roads within community boundaries.

### Municipal Recreation and Library Fund

Provides additional support for municipal recreation and library infrastructure projects.

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[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/)

[local\\_gov/grants\\_payments\\_fund.html](http://local_gov/grants_payments_fund.html)

### FCM – Green Municipal Fund

*(for more information, see page 36)*

The 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.

Grants for sustainable community plans and feasibility studies and field tests related to brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water are available for up to 50% of costs to a maximum of \$350,000. Funding for capital projects related to brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water are through loans and grants up to 80% of costs.

Phone: (613) 241-5221

[www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca](http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca)

## Sustainable Development Innovations Fund

The SDIF supports innovative projects that contribute to the protection, enhancement, conservation and/or rehabilitation of Manitoba's environment. Projects must be ecologically sound, promote a sustainable approach, demonstrate clear environmental benefits and take into account the benefits to the community and the economy. Projects must address one or more of the Fund's priority program areas (Environmental Technology Innovation and Demonstration, Northern Community Development and Environmental Issues, Sustainable Community Development, Sustainable Agricultural Practices, Ecosystem Conservation, Understanding Our Environment, Eco-tourism) and should incorporate youth involvement, community partnerships, education and awareness, and information sharing.

Manitoba Conservation -

Pollution Prevention Branch:

Phone: (204) 945-8443 or

toll-free: (800) 282-8069 (ext. 8443)

Email: [sdif@gov.mb.ca](mailto:sdif@gov.mb.ca)

[www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/)

[pollutionprevention/sdif/index.html](http://pollutionprevention/sdif/index.html)

## Community Places Program

This program provides funding and planning assistance for facility construction, upgrading, expansion or acquisition projects. Eligible projects are those providing sustainable recreation and wellness benefits to communities. Funding is provided up to 50% of the first \$15,000 of project costs and up to 1/3 of project costs over that amount. The maximum grant is \$50,000.

Contact information by region –  
[www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/cppcontact.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/cppcontact.html)  
[www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/cpp.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/cpp.html)

## Community Museums Grant

This grant provides support for facilities that serve to protect and interpret Manitoba's heritage resources, improves the quality of museum collections and programs throughout Manitoba, and facilitates the effective use of available resources through cooperation among Manitoba's museums and related institutions and organizations. There are two levels of funding available to a maximum of \$3,150.

Email: [hrc@gov.mb.ca](mailto:hrc@gov.mb.ca)  
[http://db.cht.gov.mb.ca/GrantsDir.nsf/Depart\\_Program\\_Web\\_Eng?OpenView&Start=1&Count=250](http://db.cht.gov.mb.ca/GrantsDir.nsf/Depart_Program_Web_Eng?OpenView&Start=1&Count=250)

## Hometown Manitoba

This program provides financial support for rural and northern community projects initiated by local communities, organizations, cooperatives and businesses that enhance "main street" public places and building exteriors. There are two streams for projects within the program including:

### Hometown Meeting Places

Projects under this category are able to apply for up to 1/3 of total eligible project costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000. The local/municipal government must contribute

a minimum of 1/3 of eligible project costs, in cash, with the balance being provided by the project proponent.

### Hometown Main Streets Enhancements

Projects under this category can access up to 50% of total eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$1,000. The applicant will make up the balance of eligible costs, in cash. In-kind costs are not eligible.

Phone: Your regional GO Team Centre or (800) 567-7334  
[www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/ri/community/ria01s04.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/ri/community/ria01s04.html)

## Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Programs

There are currently a number of programs offered by Manitoba Hydro to reduce energy consumption while reducing operating and maintenance costs in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.

### Power Smart Commercial Programs

- Commercial Building Envelope – Reduce air leaks and reduce heating and cooling loads by upgrading the building envelope, including air barriers, insulation, and windows.
- Commercial Building Optimization – Identify energy conservation opportunities with short payback periods to ensure buildings are meeting high performance standards.
- Commercial Custom Measures – Electrical savings and measures specifically designed for commercial buildings.
- Commercial HVAC – Reduce maintenance and operating costs through the use of higher efficiency heating and cooling systems.
- Commercial Lighting – Tips and incentives for installing the most appropriate energy efficient lighting.

- Commercial Parking Lot Controllers – Reduce electricity costs by up to 50 per cent by controlling the amount of electricity going to an outdoor plug.
- Commercial Refrigeration – More than 20 different rebates offered to retail stores and restaurants that are committed to reduce their energy consumption through energy efficient equipment upgrades.
- Earth Power (Geothermal Heat Pumps) – Cut your heating, cooling, and water heating costs and increase comfort with energy efficient and environmentally friendly geothermal heat pumps.
- Power Smart Design Standards – Help for owners and engineering/architectural teams to develop building designs that qualify their proposed new or renovated buildings for designation as Power Smart.
- Recreation Facilities – Work towards reducing your facility's operating costs. Manitoba Hydro will complete a report that includes potential energy saving measures.
- Rinse and Save – Free energy efficient pre-rinse spray valves available to restaurants and food service companies.

### Power Smart Industrial Programs

- Performance Optimization Program – Increased energy efficiency through the optimization of electro-technology processes and motor-drive systems. Technical support and financial incentives are offered for feasibility studies as well as implementation.
- Natural Gas Optimization Program – This custom program promotes energy efficiency through the optimization of process related natural gas-fired equipment and systems. Technical support and financial incentives are offered for feasibility studies as well as implementation.



## INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS

A recent report from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) says Canada's infrastructure is "near collapse", and if a long term solution is not developed soon, the costs will not only rise, but the repairs may never be able to be completed.

### THE COST TO ELIMINATE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE DEBT: \$123 BILLION

The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association will continue to ensure that infrastructure is a top policy priority with all levels of government.

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- Engineering Studies – Bioenergy Optimization, Eco-Efficiency Solutions, and Lighting Studies are also available through Manitoba Hydro.

## Financial Loan Programs

- Energy Finance Plan – A fixed interest finance plan that may be used for renovations including central air, mid-efficient natural gas/electric furnaces and water heaters, direct vent natural gas fireplaces, security lights and fixtures.

Phone: (204) 474-3676 in Winnipeg or  
Toll-Free: (888) MB-Hydro (888-624-9376)  
Email: [powersmartforbusiness@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:powersmartforbusiness@hydro.mb.ca)  
[www.hydro.mb.ca/savings\\_rebates\\_loans.shtml#business](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/savings_rebates_loans.shtml#business)

## Manitoba Water Services Board

The Manitoba Water Services Board assists in developing safe and sustainable water and sewerage facilities. The Board's primary objectives are to ensure that public health and environmental concerns are alleviated and to ensure the sustainability of communities. Fulfillment of these objectives will support and promote sustainable community development activities.

The Board provides technical and financial assistance to municipalities and water co-operatives in the obtaining, development, transmission, distribution and control of water supplies; and collection, treatment and disposal of municipal sewage in a manner consistent with environmental sustainability. The Board administers Provincial grants

for projects accepted, on a two-tier level of grant system. In simple terms, projects that are considered as first and second priorities will receive 50% Provincial grants. Projects that are considered as third priority will receive 30% Provincial grants. The Board will consider an additional Provincial grant to a maximum of 10% for accepted projects constructed north of the 53<sup>rd</sup> parallel. Programs that are available include:

### Municipal Water and Sewer Program

Assist municipalities, not including the City of Winnipeg, in developing safe and sustainable water and/or sewerage facilities.

### Farm Water Source Program

Provide a comprehensive farm water source development program to assist Manitoba farmers in developing a satisfactory water supply to meet their needs.

### Community Water Source Program

To assist local governments or legally incorporated groups (who have obtained permission from the local government) to identify and develop a water supply.

### Rural Water Pipeline Program

Assistance to local government or legally incorporated groups (who have obtained permission from the local government) to install pipelines for transporting water from a known supply into water-short areas.

Phone: (204) 726-6076  
Email: [mwsb@gov.mb.ca](mailto:mwsb@gov.mb.ca)  
[www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/mwsb/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/mwsb/index.html)

## Rural Economic Development Initiatives (REDI)

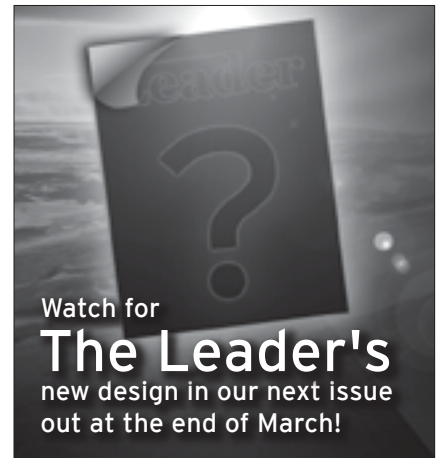
To encourage economic growth and development in rural Manitoba communities.

### Feasibility Studies Program

Assistance may be provided up to 50%. Eligible projects include a financial analysis, market analysis, engineering analysis, or a combination related to the development of a new or expanding enterprise in rural Manitoba.

Other programs available under REDI include Partners With Youth and Rural Entrepreneur Assistance (REA).

Phone: Your regional GO Team Centre or Don Bromilow – (204) 945-6661 or toll-free (800) 567-REDI (7334)  
[www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/ri/community/ria01s00.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/ri/community/ria01s00.html)



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# INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIAL REPORT SUPPLEMENTARY DIRECTORY

## Community Arts Council Grants

Operating and programming assistance for rural Community Arts Councils for the administration of community-based arts programs and operation of permanent cultural facilities.

[http://db.cht.gov.mb.ca/GrantsDir.nsf/Depart\\_Program\\_Web\\_Eng?OpenView&Start=1&Count=250](http://db.cht.gov.mb.ca/GrantsDir.nsf/Depart_Program_Web_Eng?OpenView&Start=1&Count=250)

## Community Festivals Support Program

Financial assistance for rural and northern community festivals in Manitoba that are recognized as being signature annual events in their communities.

[http://db.cht.gov.mb.ca/GrantsDir.nsf/Depart\\_Program\\_Web\\_Eng?OpenView&Start=1&Count=250](http://db.cht.gov.mb.ca/GrantsDir.nsf/Depart_Program_Web_Eng?OpenView&Start=1&Count=250)

## Covering New Ground (CNG)

Funding focuses on projects related to sustainable agriculture demonstration or technology transfer projects such as integrated pest management.

Phone: Covering New Ground Program Coordinator – (204) 745-5666  
[www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/research/covering/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/research/covering/)

## Environmental Youth Corps

To encourage Manitoba youth to voluntarily participate in projects that improve and protect Manitoba's environment such as riverbank cleanup, improving water quality, or planting trees. Sponsors approved are eligible for financial assistance, up to a maximum of \$5,000 to help cover project costs such as materials and wage support.

[www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/pollutionprevention/eyc/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/pollutionprevention/eyc/index.html)

Phone: (204) 945-8443  
or toll-free: (800) 282-8069 (ext. 8443)

## Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Fund

Financial assistance for projects that protect or improve fish stock, or enhance the areas where fish live. Each project may receive a maximum of \$25,000.

Phone: Manitoba Fisheries Branch Headquarters – (204) 945-6640

Email: [fish@gov.mb.ca](mailto:fish@gov.mb.ca)  
[www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/fisheries/habitat/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/fisheries/habitat/index.html)

## Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention Fund

Supports projects that focus on waste reduction, pollution prevention, and integrated waste management practices in the following categories: Organic Waste Management and Composting, Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Management, Pollution Prevention, and Model Integrated Waste Management System Development and Planning

Phone: (204) 945-8443  
or toll-free: (800) 282-8069 (ext. 8443)  
Email: [sdif@gov.mb.ca](mailto:sdif@gov.mb.ca)  
[www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/pollutionprevention/wrapp/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/pollutionprevention/wrapp/index.html)

## Heritage Matters Initiative

This program encourages communities in the enactment of best practices for managing heritage. Communities can apply for 50/50 support up to \$5,000. Deadlines for 2008 are January 15 and September 15.

Phone: (204) 945-2118  
or (800) 282-8069 (ext. 2118)  
Email: [hrb@gov.mb.ca](mailto:hrb@gov.mb.ca)

## Designated Heritage Building Grants

Assists owners of provincially and municipally designated heritage buildings in the restoration, stabilization, preservation, or rehabilitation of these buildings.

Email: [hrb@gov.mb.ca](mailto:hrb@gov.mb.ca)  
[www.gov.mb.ca/chc/hrb/orgs/dhbg\\_guide.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/hrb/orgs/dhbg_guide.pdf)

## Heritage Grants Program

This program assists Manitobans in identifying, protecting and interpreting the province's human and natural heritage.

Email: [hrb@gov.mb.ca](mailto:hrb@gov.mb.ca)  
[www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/hgp.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/hgp.html)

## Manitoba Millennium Trail Development Program

Supports the physical development of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) in Manitoba. This

includes surface preparation, construction or upgrading of bridges and other physical support structures.

Email: [mrta@mts.net](mailto:mrta@mts.net)  
[www.mrta.mb.ca/](http://www.mrta.mb.ca/)

## Trans Canada Trail (Manitoba) Project

This funding is directed towards Special Trail Development Projects along the Trans Canada Trail and is intended to concentrate on those portions of the trail that are considered safety considerations, high use areas or extraordinary links that network two pieces of trail together. Projects may be eligible for up to 75% funding.

Email: [mrta@mts.net](mailto:mrta@mts.net)  
[www.mrta.mb.ca/](http://www.mrta.mb.ca/)

## Manitoba Community Services Council Inc.

Funds projects and services of volunteer-based community service, social service, recreation, and health-related organizations.

[www.mbcsc.ca/](http://www.mbcsc.ca/)

## Provincial Housing Programs

The Department of Family Services and Housing helps Manitobans have access to adequate and affordable housing. A range of services and information are available through their website.

[www.gov.mb.ca/fs/housing/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/housing/index.html)

## Manitoba In Motion

Programming to help community partnerships plan and implement ways to increase physical activity among citizens of all ages. Applicants may apply for matching funding up to a maximum of \$3,000.

Phone: (204)945-3648  
or toll-free: 1(866)788-3648  
Email: [inmotion@gov.mb.ca](mailto:inmotion@gov.mb.ca)  
[www.manitobainmotion.ca/](http://www.manitobainmotion.ca/)

## Rural Library Establishment Grant

This program is designed to increase access to local library services. Establishment grants of \$5,000 are provided for municipalities establishing library services for the first time under Part II or Part III of *The Public Libraries Act*.

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The purpose of this grant is to ensure that a basic book collection is available for the use of residents and to encourage the formation of larger and more efficient library systems. At least four fifths of the amount of the establishment grant must be used in the purchase of library collection materials. An operating grant is available based on municipal contributions to a maximum of \$8.50 per capita. A further operating grant of \$5,500 is available for collections development, with an additional \$1,000 for libraries north of the 53<sup>rd</sup> parallel or in a designated area as set out in the government's French Language Services Policy.

Email: [pls@gov.mb.ca](mailto:pls@gov.mb.ca)

## Manitoba Industrial Opportunities Program

Provides term loans for opportunities that create significant strategic economic benefit, (e.g. job creation, sectoral development) to

assist businesses to expand in Manitoba. Loans are typically in excess of \$500,000. Phone: Jeff Hodge – (204) 945-1015  
Email: [jeffrey.hodge@gov.mb.ca](mailto:jeffrey.hodge@gov.mb.ca)  
[www.gov.mb.ca/iedm/financial/capital.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/iedm/financial/capital.html)

## Neighbourhoods Alive!

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs provides community organizations in designated neighbourhoods with the support they need to rebuild neighbourhoods. Municipalities that can access this program include: Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson, Flin Flon, The Pas, Dauphin, Portage la Prairie and Selkirk.  
[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/neighbourhoods/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/neighbourhoods/)

## Manitoba Airport Assistance Program

Grants for airport operations and maintenance are available to municipal airport commissions responsible for the opera-

tion of airports in Manitoba, which do not receive scheduled services. The amount of such grants will be \$1,200 for airports with unpaved runways and \$2,400 for airports with paved runways.  
[www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/namo/naprgguide.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/namo/naprgguide.html)

## Manitoba Livestock Manure Management Initiative

Financial assistance for investigating solutions for manure management that are scientifically sound, environmentally sustainable and economically feasible.  
Phone: (204) 945-2122  
[www.manure.mb.ca/index.php](http://www.manure.mb.ca/index.php)

## Shelterbelt Enhancement Program - Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration

Provides technical services and tree and shrub seedlings for establishment of shelterbelts and other agroforestry, conservation and reclamation projects on agricultural and eligible lands in Manitoba.  
Phone: (866) 766-2284  
Email: [pfatree@agr.gc.ca](mailto:pfatree@agr.gc.ca)  
[www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/program\\_e.htm](http://www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/program_e.htm)

## Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative - Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council

Assists with the costs associated with feasibility studies and business plans in order to improve the proponent's ability to participate in and take advantage of opportunities to be created by biofuels production.  
Phone: Helena Marak – (204) 982-4792  
E-mail: [mracinfo@mrca.ca](mailto:mracinfo@mrca.ca)  
[www.mrac.ca/index.cfm/fuseaction/pub.sub/pageID/1CE6AF3C-AA3A-88DD-75FC5225D6E2D7AA/index.cfm](http://www.mrac.ca/index.cfm/fuseaction/pub.sub/pageID/1CE6AF3C-AA3A-88DD-75FC5225D6E2D7AA/index.cfm)

## Eco-Action – Community Funding Program

An Environment Canada program directed at projects that protect, rehabilitate or enhance the natural environment, and build the capacity of communities to sustain activities into the future. Municipal governments can only apply in partnership with non-profit or community organizations.  
Phone: (204) 983-8597  
Email: [ecoaction@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ecoaction@ec.gc.ca)  
[www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/what\\_is\\_e.html](http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/what_is_e.html)

## ecoENERGY Retrofit Grants and Incentives


Natural Resources Canada's ecoENERGY Retrofit program provides financial support to homeowners, small and medium-sized businesses, public institutions and industrial facilities to help them implement energy



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[www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/corporate/retrofit-summary.cfm?attr=0](http://www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/corporate/retrofit-summary.cfm?attr=0)

## Community Access Program

Aims to provide Canadians with affordable public access to the Internet in places like schools, community centres and libraries. It provides access to those people who might not have computers or Internet access in their homes or workplaces.

Phone: Nadia Vena – (613) 952-0678  
 Email: [vena.nadia@ic.gc.ca](mailto:vena.nadia@ic.gc.ca)  
<http://cap.ic.gc.ca/pub/index.html>

## Evergreen's Common Grounds Program

### Wal-Mart & Evergreen Green Grants

Funds up to \$10,000 for community-based restoration and stewardship initiatives in urban and urbanizing areas.

### Home Depot -

#### Evergreen Rebuilding Nature Grant

Provides funding, tools and materials, as well as volunteer resources for urban environmental stewardship projects. Grants of up to \$8,000 are available for urban environmental stewardship projects that involve a building component (e.g. boardwalks, nesting structures, interpretive signage etc.).

### Unilever-Evergreen

#### Aquatic Stewardship Grant

Provides \$2000 to \$10,000 to support a range of small-scale, community-driven, partnership projects including wetland, riparian and littoral zone restoration, in-stream bioengineering, and wildlife monitoring.

Phone: Helen Fabbri, Winnipeg Common Grounds Associate – (204) 986-7235  
 Email: [helen@evergreen.ca](mailto:helen@evergreen.ca)  
[www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/cg-funding.html](http://www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/cg-funding.html)

## Green Streets Canada

Program to encourage the adoption of innovative best management practices and policies in municipal forest management including projects that demonstrate innovative management tools to protect and maintain the urban forest, or innovative urban design which showcases “green infrastructure.”

Phone: (613)567-5545  
 Email: [tcf@treecanada.ca](mailto:tcf@treecanada.ca)  
[www.treecanada.ca/programs/greenstreets/index.htm](http://www.treecanada.ca/programs/greenstreets/index.htm)

## Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

### Managing the Waters Edge

Provides free workshops and seminars tailored to the needs of a group on topics such as vegetation assessment, stabilizing stream banks, buffer zones, improving water quality and reducing erosion.

Phone: Marilena Kowalchuk, Riparian Program Coordinator – (204) 784-4358  
 Email: [mkowalchuk@mhhc.mb.ca](mailto:mkowalchuk@mhhc.mb.ca)  
<http://mhhc.mb.ca/riparian/index.html>

## Community Investment Support Program (CISP)

This program helps Canadian communities attract, retain and expand foreign direct investment.

Phone: Geneviève Jones, Investment Specialist – (204) 983-2594  
 Email: [genevieve.jones@international.gc.ca](mailto:genevieve.jones@international.gc.ca)  
[www.cisp.gc.ca](http://www.cisp.gc.ca)

## Grade Crossing Improvement Program

This program is designed to provide up to 80% of the cost of a federal rail crossing improvement project. Funding for construction costs covers the safety improvements only, and does not include future maintenance costs.

Phone: (204) 983-3152  
 or toll-free: (888) 463-0521  
[www.tc.gc.ca/railway/pamphlet/financialassistance.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/railway/pamphlet/financialassistance.htm)

**For more information on heritage programs**

see pages 15-17

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