

Build Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream

Community Works Grants

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Eligible Expenditures of Ultimate Recipients are limited to the following activities, within the 23 eligible infrastructure and capacity building project categories:

a) expenditures associated with acquiring, planning, designing, constructing or renewal and rehabilitation of a tangible capital asset, or natural asset, and any related debt financing charges specifically identified with that asset;

b) for the capacity building categories only, the expenditures related to strengthening the ability of Local Governments to improve local and regional planning including capital investment plans, integrated community sustainability plans, integrated regional plans, housing needs assessments, and/or asset management plans. The expenditures could include developing and implementing:

- i. studies, strategies, or systems related to asset management, which may include software acquisition and implementation;
- ii. studies, strategies, or systems related to housing or land use, including Housing Needs Assessments;
- iii. training directly related to asset management planning; and
- iv. long-term infrastructure plans.

c) the expenditures directly associated with joint federal communication activities and with federal project signage.

INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

Ineligible Infrastructure / Services

1. Education / Daycare / Childcare Centers
2. Social Housing / Social Services – except in Brownfield Remediation
3. City Halls, public works buildings and other administrative buildings
4. Seniors care facilities and housing
5. Health infrastructure (hospitals, convalescent and senior centres) are not eligible.

Schedule B

Ineligible Investments

1. Small equipment purchases
2. Art and exhibit manufacturing
3. Non-fixed assets

Ineligible Costs

1. Leasing costs
2. Overhead costs, including salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the Ultimate Recipient
3. Direct or indirect operating or administrative costs
4. Costs related to planning, engineering, architecture, supervision, management and other activities normally carried out by staff
5. Purchase of land or any interest therein, and related costs
6. Legal fees
7. Routine repair and maintenance costs

Own-force Labour

Employee and equipment costs are generally not eligible. However, local governments can seek approval for incremental own force labour if:

1. The Recipient demonstrates that it is not economically feasible to tender a contract;
2. The employee or equipment is directly engaged in the work under the parameters of a contract, and;
3. The arrangement has received prior approval in writing by UBCM. If the use of own force employee or equipment costs is being considered, please contact the CWF Program Officer or Administrator for approval prior to proceeding.