

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program



In 2015, the Government of Canada launched the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP150). The CIP150 is delivered through Canada's regional development agencies. In 2016, a second component was developed. In Quebec, this program, which has a dedicated budget for the province of \$31.2 million, is delivered by Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions through a call for proposals. This call for proposals will be in effect from June 1 to July 8, 2016 (5 p.m. EDT).

The CIP150 supports the rehabilitation and improvement, including expansion, of existing community infrastructure.

In Quebec, the program supports organizations around the province that give citizens access to infrastructure that enhances community vibrancy and vitality. The following two themes were chosen for the 2016 call for proposals: *a clean growth economy* and *a better future for Indigenous peoples*. Projects funded will be based on one of these two themes.

Eligibility for this call for proposals

Eligible clients

- Municipalities and provincial or public organizations that provide municipal-type infrastructure services
- Non-profit organizations (NPO)
- Band councils, Indigenous administrations and authorities, and other Indigenous organizations

Non-eligible clients

- Corporations
- Profit-oriented organizations
- Health and social services organizations (e.g. day care centres, office municipal d'habitation, collective kitchens and birthing centres)
- Schools and school boards, except in Indigenous communities

Priority infrastructure for this call for proposals

A clean growth economy

Projects with a positive impact on the environment (e.g. green space improvement, integration of new clean sources of energy, use of recycled materials or clean technology) targeting one of the following types of community infrastructure:

- Community centres
- Gymnasiums
- Local arenas
- Pools
- Recreational trails (e.g. hiking, mountain biking, cross-country ski, snowshoe and other types of trails), except for motorized trails and bike paths

Other community infrastructure that may be considered for this theme, depending on available funding:

- Bike paths
- Cultural centres, museums, interpretation centres and libraries
- Docks
- Sports fields and other recreational facilities
- Tourism facilities (e.g. hospitality infrastructure or tourist information booth)
- Parks
- Other public community infrastructure

A better future for Indigenous peoples

Projects with a positive impact on Indigenous peoples and/or communities targeting one of the following types of community infrastructure:

- Parks and recreational trails (e.g. hiking, mountain biking, cross-country ski, snowshoe and other types of trails, and bike paths), except for motorized trails
- Community centres
- Cultural centres, museums, interpretation centres and libraries
- Recreational facilities (e.g. local arenas, gymnasiums, pools, sports fields)
- Tourism facilities (e.g. hospitality infrastructure or tourist information booth)
- Docks
- Other public community infrastructure



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Infrastructures not eligible for this call for proposals

- Facilities mainly used for commercial or lucrative activities and new constructions are not eligible.

Essential conditions

- The project must support the rehabilitation and improvement, including expansion, of existing community infrastructure.
- The project must be completed by December 31, 2017, at the latest.
- The infrastructure must fall under one of the selected themes.
- The applicant organization's community mandate must be in effect by May 24, 2016.
- The project must be used for community infrastructure accessible to the public once completed.

For projects under the theme *a clean growth economy*, priority will be given to:

- One project per client under the CIP150
- Clients that have not received funding under the Local Investment Initiative (LII) or the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF)
- Projects in small municipalities
- Projects with a greater positive impact on the environment

Main assessment criteria

Projects will be assessed based on specific criteria:

- Speed of implementation
- Participation of other donors
- Financial viability
- Technical and financial management ability
- Sustainability of the infrastructure
- Relation to Canada's 150th anniversary
- Availability of program funds

Funding

Eligible costs

- All costs directly related to the project, deemed reasonable and essential for the implementation of the project. In some cases, restrictions may apply.

Non-eligible costs

- Feasibility study and planning costs
- Clients' internal operations costs
- Legal fees
- Mobile equipment
- Common maintenance costs
- Building or land acquisition costs

Assistance rate*

- Up to 50% of eligible costs
Priority may be given to projects requiring federal funding for only one third (33.3%) of eligible costs.

Type of assistance

- Non-repayable contribution, up to a maximum of \$500,000

*The maximum federal contribution cannot exceed 50% of the eligible project costs, including any part from the Federal Excise Tax on Gasoline.

For more information

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