



Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality



Project Examples

Guidance on Aligning with Outcomes and Program Requirements

For the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program*, Infrastructure Canada has moved to using an “outcomes based” approach as opposed to considering applications under various categories. So instead of applying under categories such as “drinking water” or “wastewater”, applicants must ensure that their project will support one of the federal program outcomes for it to be eligible.

If the project also meets other program requirements and criteria, the following types of projects would generally be seen as eligible under the program. This document has been created by BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff to give applicants an idea of what projects are eligible. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of eligible projects.

Outcome 1: The project will increase the capacity to treat and/or manage wastewater

1. Where the federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulation (WSER) is applicable and where the effluent discharged from the wastewater system does not currently meet that regulation:
 - Wastewater treatment facility improvements which result in compliance with the federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulation
2. Where the wastewater effluent discharged by the system already meets the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulation or where this federal regulation does not apply:
 - Wastewater collection infrastructure improvements or renewals
 - Asset renewal or upgrades within wastewater treatment facilities
 - Resource recovery with wastewater (such as heat or energy generation, nutrient recovery, re-use of effluent or biosolids)

Outcome 2: The project will increase the capacity to treat and/or manage stormwater

- Facilities or systems that improve the quality of the stormwater (such as wetlands, sediment traps, raingardens, diversion, daylighting, etc.)
- Stormwater conveyance system upgrades or renewals that improve the reliability of the system (such as capacity improvements where surcharge has occurred)

Outcome 3: The project will increase access to potable water

1. Where drinking water quality does not currently meet provincial drinking water quality standards:
 - Drinking water treatment facility upgrades that result in compliance with drinking water quality standards
2. Where drinking water quality currently meets or exceeds all applicable provincial drinking water quality standards:
 - Drinking water distribution system upgrades or renewals that improve reliable delivery of or increase the number of people receiving potable water
 - *Note: Whether capital projects that support water conservation (such as bulk or customer meter installation) or source protection are eligible is currently under federal consideration – eligibility is to be determined*

Outcome 4: The project will increase capacity to reduce and/or remediate air pollutants (through solid waste diversion)

- Solid waste diversion projects that result in a measurable increase in the quantity of material diverted from disposal, such as: recycling facilities, composting facilities
- Projects that result in a measurable increase in the quantity of material diverted from disposal and in addition include components of gas or heat capture or reuse

Outcome 5: The project will increase capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil pollutants

- Site remediation on properties contaminated, as confirmed by a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (if there is existing infrastructure on the land which will continue to be used following remediation (not abandoned/removed), it must be infrastructure for public benefit)