

Township of South Stormont
KEY INFORMATION REPORT
Finance Department



To: Council
From: Yun Ke Ni, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Date of Meeting: March 23, 2022
Subject: Grants and Funding – Township of South Stormont

Background:

The purpose of this Key Information Report is to provide Council with an update on grant funding received or committed in 2021 and to date in 2022.

This report outlines the various applications that have been submitted, nature of the use of funding and the status of the applications.

We continue to respond to all known grant opportunities and actively seek out available opportunities.

Discussion:

Federal Gas Tax - Renamed Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)

As of June 29, 2021, the Gas Tax Fund was renamed the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF). The CCBF is a permanent source of funding provided up front, twice-a-year, to provinces and territories, who in turn flow this funding to their municipalities to support local infrastructure priorities. Municipalities can pool, bank and borrow against this funding, providing significant financial flexibility.

The 2021 scheduled allocation was \$415,785.66 with a top-up allocation of \$399,706.56 for the purpose of funding municipal infrastructure and capacity building for eligible project categories such as transit, local roads and bridges, water and wastewater, solid waste and community energy infrastructure.

The 2022 scheduled allocation is \$415,785.66.

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

The province distributes funding to 424 communities across Ontario. Communities don't need to apply for the funding but will need to provide planning and reporting documents to the government to receive the grants. Under the formula-based component, eligible recipients receive annual allocation notices specifying OCIF funding for the calendar year, may accumulate annual formula-based grants for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects and are guaranteed to receive a minimum of \$50,000 per year.

The 2021 Allocation of \$314,843 was received in 6 instalments.

The Township has received notice that the 2022 allocation amount will be \$639,449 with the first installment of \$106,574 received in February 2022.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) - Minister of Finance

The OMPF is the province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. The program primarily supports northern and rural municipalities across the province. Its objectives are to recognize the challenges of northern and rural municipalities, while targeting funding to those with more challenging fiscal circumstance, to support areas with limited property assessment and assist municipalities that are adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.

OMPF allocations are announced annually in time to support the municipal budget planning process, and payments are issued in quarterly installments to municipalities. All OMPF allocations are provided to municipalities as unconditional grants.

The 2021 Allocation was \$902,600 and received in 4 installments of \$225,650.

The 2022 Allocation is set at \$933,000 and will be in 4 installments of \$233,250, with the first having been received in January 2022.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - Ministry of Infrastructure

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program. The program has four different streams.

Stream 1 - Community, Culture and Recreation

Stream 2 - Green Infrastructure

Stream 3 - Public Transit

Stream 4 - Rural and Northern Communities Funding

Stream 1 - Community, Culture and Recreation Stream

The following projects are underway or will be commencing shortly;

a.) Accessible play structures (Arnold Bethune & MacLennan Park) \$155,250

Federal Contr. \$62,100 Prov. Contr. \$51,745 Twp. Contr. \$41,405

b.) Community Parks Pavilion Projects \$291,500

Federal Contr. \$116,600 Prov. Contr. \$97,157 Twp. Contr. \$77,743

c.) Community Park Multi-Use Path Project \$99,999

Federal Contr. \$79,999.20 Prov. Contr. \$19,999.80

Stream 2 - Green Infrastructure Stream

An application was submitted on September 9, 2021 for Ingleside Distribution System Watermain Replacement and Water Reservoir Valve Chamber Upgrades in the amount of \$1,491,952.50. We are awaiting approval.

Canada Community Revitalization Grant (CCRG)

The Township applied for funding on July 22, 2021 for 6 major projects through the Federal governments Community Revitalization.

1. 1 km of multi-use trail phase II of the trail network within the Arnold Bethune Park in Long Sault.
2. Play Structure Replacement & Swing Set at Maple Street Park (Ingleside)
3. Play Structure Replacement & Swing Set at Simon Fraser Park (St. And W. Pool)
4. New Play Structure and replacement of swings at Moulinette Island Park
5. New Play Structure and Swings at Chase Meadows Park
6. New Play Structure and Swings at Arrowhead Park (Deer Park)

The township was notified on December 24, 2021 it was successful in receiving \$364,500 (80% funding) for all 6 projects.

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) Program

CSJ is a program under the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which aims to provide flexible and holistic services to help all young Canadians develop the skills and gain paid work experience to successfully transition into the labour market.

The program provides wage subsidies to employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years.

In 2021 the Township was approved for 24 student positions which represented \$85,434 in support.

The 2022 application was submitted January 25th for 24 student positions with an estimated support ranging from \$56,000 to \$100,000 dependent on approvals. Funding confirmations are expected to be received starting in April.

Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF)

(1) Community Building Fund – Recreation

On September 29, 2021 the Township applied to the community building fund to construct a new 1.3km multi-use recreation trail that would start at 2 Mille Roches Road (main office) and finish at 60 Mille Roches Road (Long Sault Arena). This would be constructed along the newly planted trees behind the main office and OPP buildings, pass the front of Woodland Villa, behind the Fire Station and Arena, and stop at the pipeline property.

The Township received notice on December 23, 2021, of the successful application for \$305,000 (100% funding) to construct the path commencing March 1, 2022.

(2) Resilience Grant – Corp. Services

On December 8, 2021, the Township applied to the Resilience grant for funding of \$79,000 to update council chambers to meet Covid-19 health and safety protocols

for social distancing in addition to enhancing audio visual experience and access for all residents of the community into the future. We are awaiting approval.

Municipal Modernization Payment (MMP)

(1) MMP Intake 2 – Implementation Stream

The Township applied for the MMP Intake 2 on March 15, 2021, to implement a number of the actionable recommendations included in the Third-Party's Service Review. The implementation of these recommendations for modernization will not only see cost savings to the municipality but also improve operational and administrative efficiencies and effectiveness. Building on the momentum from the previous joint service delivery review, the Township has identified priority projects for the Implementation Stream of the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2.

Approval for up to \$316,290 was received on June 30, 2021.

(2) MMP Intake 3 – Third-Party Stream

The Township applied for the MMP Intake 3 Third-Party stream on October 19, 2021, as a joint project with South Glengarry for the review of the 2 municipalities rural water and wastewater system operations.

Approval for up to \$100,000 was received in January 2022.

(3) MMP Intake 3 – Implementation Stream

The Township applied for the MMP Intake 3 Implementation stream on October 21, 2021, to implement a number of actionable recommendations included in three separate plans. 1) Township's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, pursuant to the AODA and developed internally, 2) the Township's IT Master Plan, completed in 2018 by Perry Group Consulting and 3) the Service Delivery Review, completed in 2020 by WSCS Consulting.

Approval for up to \$339,181 was received in January 2022.

Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

An application was submitted on December 22, 2021, for Developing Buildings Asset Management Plan for funding of \$50,000 (Township committed \$55,685 in budget toward the total project of \$105,685). We are awaiting approval.

Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) COVID-19

Recognizing the significant pressures municipalities are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is providing up to \$4 billion in one-time assistance to Ontario's municipalities and transit systems as part of the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA).

2021 Allocation of \$216,568 was received in 2 installments of \$108,284.

Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Covid-19 (administered by City of Cornwall)

In late 2021 during a treasurers meeting, the City of Cornwall noted remaining funds for COVID-19 relief being available. With the additional mandates in the fall for vaccine passport checks, added student hours, additional health & safety requirements the township submitted a request of \$78,671.91 for these additional expenses.

On March 10, 2022 the Township was notified they would receive the amount requested.

Ontario Fire Marshall (OFM) - Fire Safety Grant COVID-19

A grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021 South Stormont Fire Services received \$7,800 to assist with training costs.

Enbridge – Safe Community First Responder Program

The program awards grants of up to \$7,500 for safety equipment, professional training, or safety education programs to organizations invited to apply, including fire departments, emergency medical and rescue services, emergency management organizations, 9-1-1 centers, ambulance services and law enforcement organizations.

In 2021 South Stormont Fire Services received \$7,500 to assist its first responders.

Celebrate Canada Events

Celebrate Canada provides funding to community-based activities celebrating and promoting National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day on June 24, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27 and Canada Day on July 1. These celebrations enable Canadians to appreciate Canada's cultural, ethnic, linguistic and geographic diversity.

The Township received the 2021 allocation of \$7,000 in May 2021 to host a Canada Day celebration. In collaboration with the Long Sault Firefighters Association, a Celebrate Canada Fireworks display along the waterfront in Long Sault took place on Saturday, September 4th. The original planned event and activities was moved from July 1st do to Covid restrictions.

An application in the amount of \$7,000 was submitted through Canadian Heritage's new online portal on November 19, 2021, and a decision on the request is expected by April 2022.

New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP)

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal grants and contributions program that provides funding for projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors and in their communities.

An application was submitted on December 21, 2021 for funding of \$9,400 for pickleball upgrades at the Ingleside Tennis Courts that will allow for new painted lines, purchase of netting, supplies, and storage containers.

On March 7, 2022, the Township was notified they would receive the amount requested.

Save on Energy Retrofit – Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

Application was made by MBS Sales & Marketing Ltd. on behalf of the township for a project to replace the lights at the Long Sault arena. The total project cost is estimated at \$38,500 and will see an approximate savings of \$5,000 annually in hydro.

On February 14, 2022, the Township received incentive approval of \$10,476 toward the energy retrofit project to replace all of the lights in the Long Sault Arena to LED.

2022 Summer Experience Program (SEP)

Application was made on February 15, 2022, seeking funding to provide Summer Experience Opportunity for 3 seasonal youth positions that will support the Parks and Recreation Department efforts in offering local and regional heritage, events, and sport services in the community. The grant amount requested is \$11,067. We await confirmation of approval.

Conclusion:

Like many municipalities, the Township of South Stormont obtains assistance in funding for projects through grants and funding opportunities provided by various organizations.

The following table illustrates in summary the funding received and/or expected in 2021/ 2022.

Funding Program	2021	2022
CCBF / Fed. Gas Tax	\$815,492	\$415,786
OCIF	\$314,843	\$639,449
OMPF	\$902,600	\$933,000
ICIP (play structures)		\$113,845
ICIP (pavilion)		\$213,757
ICIP (path)	\$99,999	
ICIP (Ing. Watermain)		\$1,491,952
CCRG (6-rec. projects)		\$364,500

CSJ	\$85,434	\$56,000 to \$100,000
OTF-Community Building		\$305,000
OTF-Resilience Fund		\$79,000
MMP (Intake 2-implem.)	\$316,290	
MMP (Intake 3-3 rd party)		\$100,000
MMP (Intake 3-implem.)		\$339,181
MAMP		\$50,000
SRA	\$216,568	
SSRF	\$78,672	
OFM	\$7,800	
Enbridge	\$7,500	
Celebrate Canada	\$7,000	\$7,000
NHSP		\$9,400
IEOSP		\$10,476
SEP		\$11,067
Total Funding - Approved	\$2,852,198	\$3,444,394
Total Funding – Awaiting Approval		\$1,695,019 to \$1,739,019

Approved Amounts / **Awaiting Approval Amounts**

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