



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

October 6, 2020 Council Meeting

‘Emergent Item’

(F-4)

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - COVID-19
Resilience Stream Funding

(Operational Services)

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Al Hoggan, Chief Administrative Officer

- 47 An Emergent Business item is an Agenda item not included on the Agenda but due to time constraints must be brought before Council at a Meeting. Emergent Business items:**
- (1) are considered additions to the Agenda; and**
 - (2) the Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with the reasons why an Emergent Business item is urgent and the degree of urgency.**

Reason: The item is time sensitive since the Province needs a response from the County by October 7th to utilize available grant monies.



OPERATIONAL SERVICES

TO:	Council	DIVISION:	All
DATE:	October 6, 2020	APPLICATION:	N/A
FILE:	N/A		
SUBJECT:	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - COVID-19 Resilience Stream Funding		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Administration has identified several projects that meet the criteria as outlined under the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* (ICIP) public funding through the COVID-19 Resilience Stream. The funding available to the County is \$212,300.35 and will be used to fund several projects that will heighten our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and put the County in a favourable position moving to deal with future pandemics, and annual illnesses. The projects listed support both the staff who work for Rocky View County, and the public that visit our County Hall.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

The Government of Alberta has recently announced additional funding to provide relief to municipalities through the COVID-19 Resilience Stream under the ICIP. Projects eligible under this program include:

- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal/territorial/provincial buildings; community/cultural/recreational infrastructure, health infrastructure, and schools;
- COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing and repurposing infrastructure to support pandemic response;
- Active Transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes, and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster mitigation, adaptation, and remediation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, tree planting and related infrastructure, and remediation of contaminated sites and lands.

The County has identified several projects that meet at least one of the above criteria. The projects and the criterion that they meet are as follows:

- County Hall heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) upgrade:
 - Install Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization
 - Provides increased full building bacteria and pathogen removal
 - Increased airborne particle removal
 - Volatile organic compound (VOC)

This would fall under the retrofits, repairs, and upgrades for municipal/territorial/provincial buildings.

Administration Resources

Sheldon Racz, Operational Services



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

- Council Chamber upgrades:
 - Make the changes and install separation from the public
 - Make separation glass permanent if wanted between ELT member, and council members
 - Install upgraded video cameras and software

This would fall under Covid-19 response infrastructure to support physical distancing

- Install remainder of glass with speakers for front service counters and upgrade reception desk to provide barriers from the public.

This would fall under Covid-19 response infrastructure to support physical distancing.

- Upgrade the remainder of the County Hall, the fleet building, and cemetery buildings to LED lighting.

This would fall under the retrofits, repairs, and upgrades for municipal/territorial/provincial buildings and Reduced maintenance and operating costs.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Rocky View County currently has access to \$212,300.35 in federal funding under ICIP.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

The approval of funding aligns with the County embracing a partnership with both the Federal and Provincial governments.

OPTIONS:

Option #1: THAT the projects identified in the report be submitted for approval under the COVID-19 Resilience Stream Funding Program.

Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Byron Riemann”

“Al Hoggan”

Executive Director
Operations

Chief Administrative Officer

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 'A': Letter from Alberta Transportation

ALBERTA
TRANSPORTATION

*Office of the Minister
Deputy Government House Leader
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

August 25, 2020

AR 81871

Mr. Greg Boehlke
Reeve
262075 Rocky View Point
Rocky View County, AB T4A 0X2

Dear Reeve Boehlke:

The Government of Alberta recognizes the impacts of COVID-19 and remains committed to supporting infrastructure projects that will stimulate the economy. In order to provide additional relief to municipalities, the Government of Canada recently announced the COVID-19 Resilience Stream under the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)*. Under this new stream, the federal government will fund up to 80 per cent of eligible costs for projects under \$10 million that will be completed by December 2021. Eligible projects include:

- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal/territorial/provincial buildings, community/cultural/recreational infrastructure, health infrastructure, and schools;
- COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing and repurposing infrastructure to support pandemic response;
- Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes, and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster mitigation, adaptation, and remediation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, tree planting and related infrastructure, and remediation of contaminated sites and lands.

Rocky View County currently has access to **\$212,300.35** in federal funding under the ICIP – Public Transit Stream to support public transit infrastructure projects. Under this stream, the federal government will fund 40 per cent or 50 per cent of eligible project costs dependent on the criteria outlined in the *Canada – Alberta Integrated Bilateral Agreement*.

In order to provide flexibility for municipal infrastructure, the Government of Alberta has made the decision to allow municipalities to determine whether they want to use their funding for eligible projects under the Public Transit Stream or for projects under the new COVID-19 Resilience Stream. The province is not required to provide a matching funding contribution for the COVID-19 Resilience Stream and has fulfilled its contribution to the Public Transit Stream.

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To facilitate next steps, Alberta Transportation is requesting that Rocky View County commit to one of two options regarding its federal allocation:

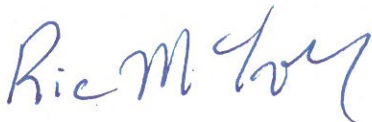
1. Federal allocation of **\$212,300.35** to remain under the ICIP – Public Transit Stream, **OR**
2. A portion, or all, of the federal allocation of **\$212,300.35** to be moved to the new COVID-19 Resilience Stream.

By allowing municipalities the opportunity to prioritize infrastructure projects, the Government of Alberta is providing a swift response to the impacts of COVID-19. Municipalities can refine the scope of previously identified public transit infrastructure under the existing ICIP – Public Transit Stream or identify new projects that meet the COVID-19 Resilience Stream eligibility criteria. Please note that some types of public transit infrastructure, such as safety retrofits for rolling stock, barriers, passenger, and driver safety improvements, are eligible for 80 per cent federal funding under the new COVID-19 Resilience Stream. For more information about eligible projects under this stream, please visit www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/covid-19-resilience-eng.html.

We request Rocky View County provide Alberta Transportation with a written commitment of its preferred option, including a list of projects that fully allocates the funding under the preferred option, by no later than September 21, 2020. Upon receiving this commitment, the Government of Alberta will endorse the desired option and projects. The department will work with municipal administration to secure federal funding for identified projects. If Rocky View County is not able to identify projects for either of these options that utilize the total federal funding allocation, the amount may be returned to the Province in order to be used for provincial infrastructure priorities.

I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively on municipal infrastructure priorities. If you require additional information or would like to discuss this further, please contact Matt Buffett, Manager for Transit Funding Programs. Mr. Buffett can be reached toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-644-5074, or at matt.buffett@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Honourable Prasad Panda
Minister of Infrastructure

Matt Buffett
Manager, Transit Funding Programs