

# First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)

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## Indian Affairs / Infrastructure Canada Program

Total Program funding - \$131.0 M

\$62.5 - Gas Tax

\$25.0 - Municipal Rural Infrastructure

# Regional Funding

■ 2007/08	\$ 1,710.9
■ 2008/09	\$13,467.6
■ 2009/10	\$ 4,195.8
■ 2010/11	\$ 1,882.0
■ 2011/12	\$ 516.4

Funds not used in fiscal year can be reprofiled to the next fiscal year

# Eligible Recipients

- First Nations
- Tribal Councils
- First Nation's Agent

**In all cases the proposal must be supported  
by a BCR**

# Eligible Categories

- Planning and Skills Development
- Solid Waste Management
- Roads and Bridges
- Energy Systems

# Process

- Call letter sent to all First Nations by HQ
- Initial review by Project Officer
- Regional committee review
  - Head, Capital Planning
  - 3 Capital Officers
  - 3 First Nation Representatives (as identified by FNR directors)
- Approval by RIMB

# Screening Criteria

- BCR must be attached
- Consistent with a sound strategy and/or community plan for its respective category
- Consistent with Canada's objectives of sustainable growth, competitiveness and climate change
- Demonstrates principles of sound budgeting
- The results must be measurable and achievable

# Alberta's share of the funding

	In Millions		
	Total funding	Regn'l contr	HQ contr
2007-08	\$ 1,710.9	\$ 497.4	\$ 1,283.5
2008-09	\$13,476.6	\$4,689.3	\$ 8,778.3
2009-10	\$ 4,195.8	\$707.6	\$ 3,488.2
2010-11	\$ 1,882.0	\$ 419.0	\$ 1,462.0
2011-12	\$ 516.4	\$ 179.8	\$ 336.6
Total	\$21,772.7	\$6,314.1	\$15,458.6

# Q & As

- Are projects currently under construction eligible for funding
  - NO – Projects where “construction works” have started prior to project approval will not be eligible for any funding
- Does every project require a BCR?
  - Yes, regardless of whether an “agent” is involved or not

- Are feasibility studies eligible for FNIF dollars?
  - No – the FNIF program is intended to focus on project implementation which is defined as design and construction
- Are Comprehensive Community Planning studies considered feasibility studies
  - No – FNIF is intended to support community planning initiatives

- What about costs for “First Nation coordination”?
  - These costs will be eligible for funding if the costs are incremental to existing funded position, if the tasks are well-defined and related to the projects. These costs must be included in the project cost and part of the approval process
- What is the defining feature of a “Joint Applicant”
  - A Joint Applicant is a project associate who is making a financial contribution to the project.