

Supporting B.C. Communities

The Ministry of Community Development has recently made significant investments across B.C. to help stimulate the economy, maintain stability and keep British Columbians working. The following communities are benefiting from funding through LocalMotion (LM) and Towns for Tomorrow (T4T), in partnership with the Government of Canada, as well as through the provincial government's Strategic Community Investment Fund (SCIF), the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP), Infrastructure Planning Grants (Study) and Trees for Tomorrow (Trees), which includes non-local governments (NLG).

Region	Local Government	Program	Project	Grant Amount	
4 Kootenay	Canal Flats	T4T	Headwaters Walkway	243,200	
		CARIP		298	
		SCIF		398,933	
	Castlegar	T4T	Hazard Beacons (Castlegar Airport Night Aircraft Operations)		356,250
		LM	5th Street & 7th Avenue Walkways		461,000
		Trees	City of Castlegar Trees for Tomorrow		20,000
		CARIP			1,743
		Study	Feasibility Study - Assessment of Outfall Options		10,000
		SCIF			668,491
	Central Kootenay (RD)	T4T	Energy Efficiencies - Nelson, Castlegar, Creston Community Complexes		375,000
		CARIP			10,580
		Study	Poplar Ridge Water System		5,540
		Study	Regional Water Plan		10,000
		SCIF			195,261
	Cranbrook	Trees	Tenth Avenue Pedestrian Corridor		25,000
		CARIP			10,205
		SCIF			529,451
	Creston	LM	Creston LocalMotion		117,450
		Trees	Downtown Creston Strategic Action		50,000
		CARIP			1,182
		SCIF			706,884
	East Kootenay (RD)	T4T	Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena Upgrade		375,000
		CARIP			696
Study		Timber Ridge Water Systems Assessment		10,000	
Study		Windermere Bulk Water Supply Study		10,000	
SCIF				221,295	
Elkford	T4T	Mountain Meadows Golf Course Irrigation System Upgrade/ Expansion & New Water Well		357,600	
	CARIP			3,531	
	SCIF			521,981	
Fernie	Trees	Re-greening of City Hall Grounds		50,000	
	CARIP			4,573	
	SCIF			632,116	
Fruitvale	CARIP			611	
	SCIF			603,396	

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4 Kootenay	Grand Forks	LM	Grand Forks LocalMotion Pathways and Bikelanes Construction	712,000
		Trees	Trees for the Cemetery, City Park & Vienna Woods	43,750
		CARIP		1,453
		SCIF		642,904
	Greenwood	CARIP		487
		SCIF		467,046
	Invermere	T4T	7th Avenue Revitalization from 6th to 9th Street	400,000
		LM	Westside Pathway System	198,966
		Trees	Trees in Action	40,000
		CARIP		1,348
		SCIF		541,113
	Kaslo	T4T	Kaslo City Hall Heating Retrofit	202,400
LM		Lakeview Trail - Phase 1	19,951	
CARIP			327	
Study		Infrastructure Needs Assessment Study	7,500	
SCIF			470,062	
Kimberley	T4T	Library - Environmental & Accessiblity Upgrades	369,939	
	LM	Highway 95A Walkways & Bike Paths	336,250	
	LM	Peak to Platzl Trail	120,000	
	Trees	City Aforestation Project	50,000	
	CARIP		5,469	
	Study	Kimberley Pollution Control Centre	10,000	
	SCIF		701,691	
Kootenay-Boundary (RD)	T4T	Christina Living Arts Centre - Living Machine Biological Wastewater Treatment Plant	320,000	
	Trees	Forest Remediation and Carbon Sequestering - BC150 Grove	50,000	
	CARIP		429	
	Study	Audit of the Columbia Pollution Control Centre	10,000	
	SCIF		247,330	
Midway	CARIP		192	
	SCIF		393,571	
Montrose	CARIP		303	
	SCIF		520,403	
Nakusp	T4T	Domestic Water Well #2, Generator Backup & Distribution System Upgrade	400,000	
	CARIP		1,293	
	SCIF		485,970	
Nelson	T4T	Yellowhead Road and Bridge Yard Sewer System Replacement	375,000	
	LM	2009 City of Nelson Pedestrian Sidewalk/Pathway Extension & Bridge Improvements	241,750	
	Trees	Davies Street Park	50,000	
	CARIP		2,243	
	SCIF		795,758	

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4 Kootenay	New Denver	T4T	Municipal Office/Works Building Upgrade	335,986
		CARIP		121
		SCIF		415,559
	Radium Hot Springs	T4T	Radium Fire Hall	400,000
		LM	Columbia Avenue Sidewalk	20,000
		CARIP		370
		SCIF		353,293
	Rossland	T4T	Topping Creek Water Intake Replacement, Phase 2	400,000
		LM	Centre Star Gulch Trail	20,425
		SCIF		592,101
		CARIP		1,950
	Salmo	T4T	Salmo Road Upgrading	361,140
		CARIP		241
		Study	Salmo Universal Water Metering Study	7,000
		SCIF		533,257
	Silverton	T4T	Silverton Water System Upgrade	400,000
		SCIF		357,971
	Slocan	CARIP		127
		SCIF		425,021
	Sparwood	Trees	Sparwood Urban Forest Renewal 2008	50,000
		CARIP		3,363
SCIF			586,113	
Trail	T4T	Violin Lake Recreation Plan	375,000	
	CARIP		7,111	
	SCIF		700,473	
Warfield	CARIP		521	
	SCIF		573,807	
OTHER - Castlegar (NLG)	Trees NLG	Grade 8 Legacy Project	2,250	
OTHER - Edgewood (NLG)	Trees NLG	Outdoor Learning Garden	1,654	
OTHER - Fruitvale (NLG)	Trees NLG	Beaver Valley Blooming Society Tree Planting	2,750	
	Trees NLG	Tree Plant 2009	2,000	
OTHER - Grand Forks (NLG)	Trees NLG	Student Shade Park	2,500	
OTHER - Kootenay/ Columbia (NLG)	Trees NLG	School Yard Greening Project	10,000	
OTHER - Nelson (NLG)	Trees NLG	Re-vegetation of City of Nelson West Waterfront Pathway	4,067	

Towns for Tomorrow (T4T) is a five-year, \$71-million program that helps smaller communities and regional districts with infrastructure projects. Towns for Tomorrow provides up to 80 per cent of funding for communities under 5,000, to a maximum of \$400,000, and 75 per cent of funding for communities up to 15,000, to a maximum of \$375,000. As a result of a commitment on the part of all levels of government to accelerate the disbursement of infrastructure funding to stimulate the economy and meet the needs of communities, the federal government is proudly supporting the Towns for Tomorrow program. To learn more, go to www.townsfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca.

LocalMotion (LM) is a four-year, \$40-million program helping communities to build capital projects like bike paths, walkways and greenways, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and making communities more senior- and disability-friendly. The program provides local governments with up to 50 per cent funding for approved projects up to a maximum contribution of \$1 million. As a result of a commitment on the part of all levels of government to accelerate the disbursement of infrastructure funding to stimulate the economy, the federal government is proudly supporting the LocalMotion program. For more information, visit www.localmotion.gov.bc.ca.

The Towns for Tomorrow and LocalMotion projects are part of an overall \$14-billion capital infrastructure program supported by the Province that will create up to 88,000 jobs and help build vital public infrastructure in every region of B.C.

Strategic Community Investment Fund (SCIF): Through a restructuring of provincial grant programs, communities will see more funding sooner, giving them greater certainty and improved financial flexibility. Payments will be made on the basis of Strategic Community Investment Agreements with local governments. The first \$133-million instalment on this two-year, \$232-million initiative consists of the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Program and Small Community and Regional District Grants.

- **The Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Program:** Of the initial \$133-million payment under the Strategic Community Investment Fund, \$63 million will help municipalities enhance policing and community-based public safety programs. The Province has provided 100 per cent of net traffic fine revenues to local governments since 2004, amounting to an additional \$206 million. Traffic fine revenue comes from fines on violation tickets, and the amount a municipality receives is based on its contribution to total municipal policing costs.
- **Small Community and Regional District Grants:** \$70 million of the initial \$133-million payment under the Strategic Community Investment Fund will support local governments this year as part of the Province's continuing commitment to help provide services in areas with smaller tax bases. The grant allocation takes into account three elements: basic funding for all municipalities with a population of less than 15,000; population-based funding; and property assessment-based funding. This year's payment fulfils the Province's commitment to double these grants over four years.

Trees for Tomorrow (Trees) is a five-year, \$13-million program that is supporting community organizations, First Nations and local governments in urban and rural areas in planting four million trees in the public areas of cities, towns, villages and regional districts throughout B.C. In its first year, the program is providing approximately \$3 million to support the planting of trees and the implementation of other energy-saving initiatives across British Columbia. The initiative, first announced in the 2008 speech from the throne, involves cost-sharing with a range of applicants and stewardship organizations. To learn more, visit www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca.

The Infrastructure Planning Grant Program (Study) is providing over \$660,000 to help municipalities and regional districts with plans to design, develop and manage sustainable infrastructure. Through the program, local governments can receive up to \$10,000 in grant funding. Often these grants fund studies that help communities apply for infrastructure project funding. For example, almost half the projects submitted to the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) for funding were initiated with infrastructure planning grants.

The Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) helps communities that have committed to the goal of becoming carbon neutral in their corporate operations by 2012, under the BC Climate Action Charter. These communities are among 174 local governments across B.C. (as of March 31, 2009) to provide a signed copy of the Charter. The program provides local governments with grants to offset 100 per cent of the carbon tax they have directly paid for fossil fuel purchases.

The RuralBC Secretariat, established by the Province in 2008, helps local governments access the tools they need to achieve their unique visions for the future. The secretariat provides a direct service and information link between the provincial government and B.C.'s rural communities. The secretariat's regional managers are there to help communities take advantage of the most appropriate programs and sources of provincial and federal funding and identify opportunities to diversify local economies. Local governments are encouraged to visit www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca for more information.



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