

# 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
8 Northeast	Chetwynd	T4T	Legacy Housing Infrastructure Improvements	400,000
		Trees	Chetwynd Parks Beautification	16,545
		CARIP		5,290
		Study	Sewer System Capacity Study, Phase 2	10,000
		SCIF		519,696
	Dawson Creek	T4T	Lungul Reservoir - Emergency Pumping Station Upgrade	341,340
		Trees	Kin Park - BC150 Grove	10,000
		CARIP		14,042
		Study	Water Demand Management Plan - Phase II: Water Rate Structure Review	10,000
		Study	Conceptual Design of Treatment Process and Bulk Water Facility	10,000
	Fort St. John	SCIF		722,108
		LM	100th Street Community Trail	494,863
		CARIP		7,841
	Hudson's Hope	SCIF		555,786
		CARIP		309
		Study	Broadband Communication Investigation	5,000
	Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (Fort Nelson)	SCIF		406,961
		T4T	Raw Water Supply Energy Efficiency Upgrades	400,000
		LM	Phase 1 of the Fort Nelson Community Trail Master Plan	602,676
		CARIP		67
	Peace River (RD)	SCIF		617,690
		T4T	Buick Creek Arena	400,000
		CARIP		921
	Pouce Coupe	SCIF		214,787
T4T		Pouce Coupe Fire Hall	400,000	
CARIP			214	
Taylor	SCIF		566,860	
	T4T	Taylor Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade	400,000	
	Trees	Establishing Roots in your Community	44,376	
	CARIP		3,425	
Tumbler Ridge	SCIF		406,550	
	T4T	Tumbler Ridge Community Centre Building Envelope Upgrade	400,000	
	Trees	2009 Tree Greening Project	8,000	
	CARIP		732	
	Study	Sustainable Design Standards Review	10,000	
	SCIF		499,161	

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca) for more information.



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