

Frequently Asked Questions:

New Building Canada Plan

National Infrastructure Component

Questions	Answers
How do I apply for funding under the National Infrastructure Component?	To apply for funding, proponents must submit a detailed business case to Infrastructure Canada that demonstrates how the project meets the objectives of the program, as well as category-specific outcomes and criteria. See business case guide. Business Case Guide
Will there be a timeframe in place to disperse the available funds (\$4 billion) from the National Infrastructure Component?	There is no particular time-frame; it will depend on the merits of the applications that Infrastructure Canada receives.
Can the private sector also apply for funds under the National Infrastructure Component?	The private sector can apply for funds through the National Infrastructure Component. It is worth noting that the private sector is also eligible for Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component, although it might be rare as provinces and territories have the final say on the project priorities.
The government has identified “public-sector bodies, established by or under provincial statute” as eligible recipients for the BCF. Does this include Agencies like Translink, Agence Métropolitaine de Montréal; and Metrolinx?	Yes, Translink, AMT, and Metrolinx, all count as eligible recipients.
How big does the project need to be to receive funding under the National Infrastructure Component?	There will be a "soft" threshold for a minimum project size of \$100 million in total eligible costs. However, projects with costs below this threshold that can demonstrate national significance could be considered.

Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component

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How do I apply for funding under the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component — National and Regional Projects?	Projects will be jointly identified between Canada and provincial or territorial partners. If the project is deemed eligible, a project business case must be developed to demonstrate how the project meets both the common project criteria, as well as category-specific outcomes and project criteria. Proponents must submit a short project proposal to their provincial or territorial government for initial review, following which a select number of proponents will be requested to submit a more detailed business case for further consideration.
Can small communities (under 100,000 in population) also apply for the \$9 billion portion of the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component or are they limited to the Small Communities Fund only?	Small communities are still eligible to apply for the other \$9 billion under Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component. The Small Communities Fund is essentially a floor within Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component, not a ceiling.
Who picks and approves the projects under the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component Fund?	The provinces will come to the table to negotiate with the Federal Government on a case by case basis for project funding priorities. It is worth noting that the Federal Government will also have a say in what type of projects get funding under the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component. It is anticipated that some provinces will come to the table quite quickly to use up their allocated funding, while others might take a few years to apply for projects.
Who at the provincial level is responsible to submit the project request list?	Each province is represented by a chosen interlocutor. Click here to see the contact list.
How will governance issues be addressed if there are no framework agreements in place for the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component?	Infrastructure Canada plans on addressing governance issues through the signing of “Ministerial Exchange Letters”. It is assumed that the absence of framework agreements with provinces will speed up the process for access to funding.

Federal Gas Tax Fund

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The website for the Federal Gas Tax Fund only shows the funding agreements for 2005-2015. Are there plans to post the new agreements on the website?	The new Gas Tax Fund agreements will be posted online once they have been announced with each province and territory.
Do the transit categories remain the same when signing new Federal Gas Tax Fund agreements?	No changes should be made to the transit sub-categories.
Can I pool, stack or bank my Federal Gas Tax Fund Allocation?	Stacking will be allowed (e.g. use Federal Gas Tax Fund money with Building Canada Funds) as long as it is within the cautionary rules. Transit infrastructure projects can “stack” Federal Gas Tax Fund money with Building Canada Funds to equal a total federal contribution of 50%. Transit is one of the few types of infrastructure that can do that.
Can applicants apply for top-ups with the new funds based on projects that have received funding from the previous plan? For example, could a transit project that received 33% from the federal, potentially top up to 50% with the new fund if done through a traditionally procured model?	Applicants can apply for top-ups with the new fund as long as it is considered additional work or an extension of the already approved project.

Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

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How does the scoring grid work in the P3 Suitability Questionnaire?	The questions are weighted with a total score out of 100. The P3 guide provides a breakdown of where projects can fall and what that means (green, yellow, and red).
Why will it take 6 to 18 months to complete the P3 screening process?	This estimated time-frame is needed to properly complete a procurement options analysis. However, in many cases the timeframe will be much shorter as there is a streamlined P3 screen approach for provinces that already have extensive experience with P3s.
If a project is deemed suitable for P3, will applicants need to consider applying for the P3 Canada Fund?	Applicants will not be required to apply under the P3 Canada Fund (but that is always an option for them, if they wish).
For projects delivered as P3s, what is the maximum federal contribution?	Projects delivered under a P3 model will only be eligible to receive 25% of federal funds, this includes the P3 Canada Fund as well as the National Infrastructure Component and the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component under the Building Canada Fund.

More Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the [Infrastructure Canada Website](#).