

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

то:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	June 25, 2021
SUBJECT:	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Funding Announcements (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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On June 9, 2021, the Governments of Canada and Ontario announced grant allocations under the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for 30 municipalities across the GTHA including \$7.434 M for the City of Hamilton.

On June 25, 2021a joint announcement involving Federal, Provincial and City officials was held to publicly announce the details of the projects under the \$7.434 M allocation for the City of Hamilton.

Previously, on December 16, 2020, Council approved the submission of five projects under this program through Report FCS20103. The total gross cost of the capital projects approved for the City is \$9.464 M with the City's share amounting to \$2.03 M as shown in Table 1. The municipal share represents ineligible costs under the COVID-19 Resilience Program for the approved projects and will be funded from approved sources.

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Table 1
2020 ICIP - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Project Submissions

					Cost Sharing Breakdown					
Project Description		Total Gross	Total Eligible (000's)		Federal 80% (000's)		Provincial 20.00% (000's)		City Share (000's)	
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Category 1: Retrofits, Repairs and Upgrades										
HVAC Upgrades Program	\$	3,689	\$	3,354	\$	2,683.2	\$	670.8	\$	335.4
Category 2: COVID-19 Response Infrastructure										
Public Service Counter Enhancements	\$	1,100	\$	1,000	\$	800.0	\$	200.0	\$	100.0
Category 3: Active Transportation Infrastructure										
Gage Park Walkways Redevelopment	\$	1,705	\$	1,550	\$	1,240.0	\$	310.0	\$	155.0
Andrew Warburton Memorial Park and Pipeline Trail	\$	2,400	\$	960	\$	768.0	\$	192.0	\$	1,440.0
Cycling Network Enhancements	\$	570	\$	570	\$	456.0	\$	114.0	\$	-
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Total Submission	\$	9,464	\$	7,434	\$	5,947.2	\$	1,486.8	\$	2,030.4

Background

On October 28, 2020, the Province of Ontario announced it will be providing up to \$1.05 B in combined federal-provincial funding through a new COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (Resilience Stream) to build or renovate health and safety related projects in long-term care, education and municipalities. It should be noted that funding for the Resilience Stream is to be drawn from existing Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding streams. Ontario is re-allocating funding under the ICIP Green Stream to fund the Resilience Infrastructure Stream.

An allocation-based program will deliver \$250 M to municipalities to address critical local infrastructure needs through the Ministry of Infrastructure. On October 30, 2020, the City was advised that the total eligible allocation for the City is \$7,434,008.

Through Report FCS20103 on December 16, 2020, Council approved the submission of the five projects for consideration under this funding stream.

Eligible projects under the Resilience stream fall under four main Categories:

- Retrofits, Repairs and Upgrades for municipal, provincial, territorial and indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and educational infrastructure;
- COVID-19 Response Infrastructure, infrastructure to support physical distancing, safety retrofits and expansions;

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- Active Transportation Infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, tree planting and related infrastructure.

On April 14, 2021, the federal government announced that the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream is being extended by two years with substantial construction to be completed by December 31, 2023 from the initial program completion deadline of December 31, 2021. Additionally, projects must start construction by September 30, 2023 versus the previously prescribed start of construction by September 30, 2021.

Terms and conditions of the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream will be included in the Transfer Payment Agreements between the Province of Ontario and the City of Hamilton to be executed for each project.

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