



Western Economic
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Community Adjustment Fund & Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program

Federal Infrastructure Officials Panel

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to
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Saturday, June 6, 2009 | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Rainbow Theatre – Telus Whistler Conference Centre
Whistler, BC Canada

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Background on Western Diversification (WD)

WD Mandate:

- Promote the development and diversification of the economy
- Advance interests of the West in national economic policy
- Program and project development and implementation

Strategic Priorities:

- Technology commercialization
- Trade and investment
- Business productivity and competitiveness
- Rural diversification





Community Adjustment Fund (CAF)

Background

- \$1B in national funding over two years announced under Canada's Economic Action Plan.
- Notional Regional Allocations:

- Atlantic Canada	\$100M
- Quebec	\$212M
- Ontario	\$349M
- The West	\$306M
- The North	\$33M

Objectives

- Mitigate the **short-term** impacts of the economic slowdown.
- Stimulus through **job creation**.
- Focus on projects that can be **quickly initiated**.
- Leverage funds from **other partners**.



Community Adjustment Fund

Communities

- Population base under 250,000.
- Experienced major shutdowns and job losses in agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, or manufacturing.
- Lack of alternative employment opportunities.
- EI beneficiaries increased by 20% (yr/yr).
- Priority to rural, single-industry communities.

Projects and Applicants

- Eligible Applicants include:
 - Other levels of government;
 - NGOs;
 - business & community organizations;
 - Aboriginal organizations;
 - post-secondary institutions; and
 - for-profit businesses.
- Eligible Projects must:
 - Create jobs;
 - Start quickly;
 - Complete project spending by March 31, 2011;
 - Be incremental (i.e., assistance will not replace support available from other programs such as EI and other infrastructure programs).



Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC)

Background

- \$500M in national funding over two years.
- For rehabilitation and construction of recreation infrastructure.
- Initial tranche of \$175M (\$53.6M to the West).
- Second tranche of \$325M to follow.

Objectives

- Mitigate the **short-term** impacts of the economic slowdown.
- Stimulus through **job creation**.
- Focus on projects that can be **quickly initiated**.
- Leverage funds from **other partners**.



Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program

Projects

- Must conclude construction by March 31, 2011.
- Focus on rehabilitation of existing recreation infrastructure.
- Priority to “shovel ready” projects with leveraged funding and local support.
- Federal contributions up to 1/3 eligible costs, to a maximum of \$1M.
- Projects must be incremental and cannot be eligible for funding under other infrastructure programs.

Applicants

- Eligible Applicants include:
 - Local or regional governments established under provincial or territorial statute;
 - Public sector bodies wholly owned by one of the above;
 - Non-profits;
 - Provincial or territorial entities that provide municipal-type services (e.g. improvement districts);
 - First Nations.



Program Activity to Date in the West

CAF

2 Intake Deadlines: June 5th & June 26th

Ministerial Roundtables Across the West

As of May 29th

• Enquiries Received: **693**

RInC

2 Intake Deadlines: May 29th & June 19th

Ministerial Roundtables Across the West

As of May 29th(first intake)

• Enquiries Received: **1692**

• Applications Received: **780**

• Representing Project Costs of: **\$677M**



How to Find Out More

Atlantic Canada

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

(ACOA)

<http://www.acoa.ca>

Quebec Region

Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

(CED-Q)

<http://www.dec-ced.gc.ca>

Ontario Region

Industry Canada (FedNor & SODA)

<http://www.ic.gc.ca>

Northern Canada

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

(INAC)

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca>

Western Canada

Western Economic Diversification Canada

(WD)

<http://www.wd.gc.ca>