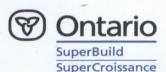
# Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program

Building
the Foundations
of the 21st-Century
Economy
and Society





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The Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program represents a six-year, \$680.7-million federal investment in partnership with Ontario, its local governments, and the private sector.





The program's purpose is to invest in urban and

rural municipal infrastructure in Ontario; it is expected to stimulate more than \$2 billion in capital investments.

#### **Objectives**

To improve quality of life by investing with the goals of:

- enhancing the quality of our environment;
- supporting long-term economic growth;
- improving community infrastructure; and
- building 21st-century infrastructure through innovative technologies, new approaches and best practices.

## Top Priority: Green Municipal Infrastructure

- Water and waste-water management systems
- Solid waste management and recycling
- Energy-efficient buildings





- Local transportation infrastructure
- Cultural and recreational infrastructure
- Tourism
- Rural and remote telecommunications
- High-speed Internet access for public institutions
- Infrastructure to support affordable housing

## **Applications**

The Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program complements Ontario's SuperBuild municipal infrastructure initiatives: Ontario Small Town and Rural Development Initiative (OSTAR); Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships (SCTP); and Millennium Partnerships.

An application to one of these three initiatives will be considered for funding under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program. Calls for proposals are issued jointly by Canada and Ontario in consultation with various stakeholders.

## **Key Operating Principles**

- Municipalities are the primary eligible applicants.
   Third parties may propose projects, but must obtain endorsement from their municipality.
- Joint applications demonstrating cooperation across municipalities in proximity to one another are encouraged.
- Strategic investments in innovative municipal infrastructure with multiple benefits and viable partnerships are encouraged.
  - Funding is by a contribution rather than a grant or loan.
  - A competitive, merit-based approval process is used.
  - Applicants should make a convincing business case in the context of their strategic development plan.
- Proposals featuring innovative technologies and best practices in financing, managing and/or partnering will be favoured.

#### **Investment Targets**

A minimum of 40 percent of Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program investment will be devoted to Green Municipal Infrastructure. A minimum of 15 percent of Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program investment will be allocated to projects in rural communities.

#### Canada's Contribution

Canada's contribution shall be up to one third of a project's total eligible cost. Ontario, the applicant and any third party cannot receive funding from other federal sources for any project approved under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program. Canada's contribution to any proposal will usually match Ontario's contribution.

#### PROGRAM DURATION

The final deadline for approving projects under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program is **April 1**, 2005, and projects must be completed by March 31, 2006.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program, visit one of the following Web sites:

Canada: http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/ino-bni
Ontario: http://www.SuperBuild.gov.on.ca

Or call one of the following help lines:

- Industry Canada Infrastructure
   Implementation Office: 1-877-806-7776
- Ontario Small Town and Rural Development Initiative (OSTAR): 1-888-588-4111
- Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships: 1-866-219-5001
- Millennium Partnerships: (416) 325-0424







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