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To All Local Government Chief Administrative Officers:

Please find the attached circular 19:12 regarding the opening of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's second intake of the Environmental Quality Program and Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for your attention.

Kind regards,

Local Government Infrastructure & Finance
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing



Circular No. 19:12

October 30, 2019

To: All Chief Administrative Officers

Re: **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:
Environmental Quality Program & Infrastructure Planning Grant Program -
Open for Application**

Environmental Quality (EQ) Program

The Province of British Columbia and Canada have partnered on the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to fund Community, Culture and Recreation; Rural and Northern Communities; Public Transit; and Green Infrastructure. The ICIP provides communities across British Columbia a variety of funding opportunities to build sustainable communities, to help create long term economic growth, and to support a low carbon, green economy.

The **Environmental Quality Program**, under the Green Infrastructure Stream, will provide project support for reliable water and wastewater systems that meet legislated standards.

On September 25, 2019 Minister Selina Robinson announced that Canada and the Province are committing up to \$150 million for a second intake of the **Environmental Quality Program**. The application intake is now open as of **October 30, 2019** and the deadline for submission is **February 26, 2020**.

Additional information including the Program Guide, Application access, and Application Instructions are available on the ICIP website: www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program. The program will support medium-term priorities with funding decisions anticipated in Spring 2021.

Every grant application is assessed in the context of published program eligibility guidelines and consideration is given to compliance with the conditions for a grant. This reinforces the expectation that grant funds are allocated fairly and equitably between competing projects.

Infrastructure Planning Grants

The Infrastructure Planning Grant Program (IPGP) is also available to assist local governments in preparing for future grant programs by providing an opportunity to obtain grant funding up to

\$10,000 to help local governments plan, design and manage infrastructure. The Program can assist in the development of long-term comprehensive plans and feasibility studies that will improve public health and safety, enhance environmental protection and increase infrastructure sustainability. The Program has a year-round open intake with two application review deadlines. The next IPGP application deadline is **January 15, 2020**.

Program documents can be downloaded from the Ministry's website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program>.

The Ministry is pleased to provide advice on what is looked for in a successful application for any of our programs. For more information, please contact the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch by telephone at: 250 387-4060, or by email at: infra@gov.bc.ca.

Liam Edwards

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