



Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream

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Description

The Ministry of Transportation is releasing a new round of funding for community transportation initiatives. The new Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream (CT Program) builds on the two-year Pilot Program established in 2015, to fund the development of community transportation solutions to address local transportation needs, including ways to better utilize existing transportation resources. The new program is also expanding to fund the development of intercommunity bus services to link communities across counties and regions. The total funding available is \$30 M for a 5 year program. The maximum individual grant is \$500,000 for local community transportation projects and \$1.5 M for intercommunity bus projects.

The new CT Program is an opportunity for municipalities to develop new transportation service or improve existing service to Ontario communities that are not served or are underserved by regular transit and intercommunity bus service. The program emphasizes improving mobility options for the whole community and those who experience transportation barriers, including older adults, people with disabilities, youth, and persons living on low income. The program emphasizes partnerships, coordination, and a collaborative approach to service delivery.

While the new CT Program is continuing its funding of coordinated community transportation delivery, the Ministry is also seeking initiatives that can meet growing regional and intercommunity travel demand by:

- Developing long-distance intercommunity bus services in priority areas of the province where there is no or insufficient intercommunity service;
- Providing local community transportation services that connect to existing, new or planned intercommunity bus routes and other transportation systems; and
- Creating and supporting local transportation hubs to connect passengers safely and conveniently to transportation services.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting the full application is February 28, 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants for both local community transportation projects and long-distance intercommunity bus service are incorporated Ontario municipalities. Municipalities may be single-tier, upper-tier or lower-tier.

For local community transportation projects, eligible applicants must partner with at least one community organization with transportation assets or resources. Community organizations must be:

- Incorporated;
- In operation for at least one year prior to the application deadline; and
- At least one community organization must provide transportation service, or have transportation resources or assets, or both.

For long-distance intercommunity projects, eligible applicants are required to demonstrate proof of support from municipalities that will be served by the proposed intercommunity bus route by providing letters of support. Partnerships with other municipalities or community organizations are encouraged, but not required.

Program Guidelines

Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream Application Guidelines and Requirements 2017

Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream Application Form

Project Work Plan Template

Project Budget Template

Frequently Asked Questions

All applicants must register on Grants Ontario and all applications must be submitted through Grants Ontario.

Contacts

For technical assistance or questions about the Grants Ontario Application Form or process, please contact Grants Ontario Customer Service, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST:

- E-mail: GrantsOntarioCS@Ontario.ca
- Phone: 1-855-216-3090 or 416-325-6691

For questions regarding the CT Program or the Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream Application, please contact the Municipal Transit Policy Office at the Ministry of Transportation:

- Email: CTProgram@ontario.ca
- Phone: 416-585-7362

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