



Government of Canada and FCM announce \$72 million for municipal projects demonstrating strong actions on climate change

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The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and Clark Somerville, Past President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced funding on June 23 for 48 projects in communities across Canada through the Green Municipal Fund. The \$72 million investment supports capital projects, pilot projects, feasibility studies and plans that will directly or indirectly cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and address climate change challenges.

The total cumulative anticipated GHG reduction¹ of the capital projects announced is over 310,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent approximately equal to taking 71,000 cars off the road annually. Today's announcement underlines the positive and crucial role municipalities play in addressing climate change challenges.

Initiatives announced on June 23 stem from all parts of the country and deliver innovative approaches that provide cleaner air and water, increase energy efficiency and reduce GHG emissions and solid waste. For example, the Regional County Municipality (RCM) of Manicouagan in Quebec demonstrated that it was possible for a remote northern community to build a multi-material recycling centre in the face of high costs due to distance from major markets for recyclable materials and the region's dispersed population base.

Other initiatives include electric vehicle charging stations for Canada's largest net-zero energy neighbourhood in London, ON; a waste-to-energy transformation system in Southern Alberta; and a feasibility study for a micro-sewer energy recovery system in Richmond, BC.

These initiatives demonstrate that cities and communities are committed to playing a key role in achieving national climate change goals.

Find more information about the initiatives that received funding:

- [Capital projects](#): Funding details, project descriptions and benefits
- [Pilot projects, feasibility studies and plans](#): Funding details

"Canadians expect action on climate change, and the Green Municipal Fund is a major step in the right direction. With cities accounting for 70 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, this \$72 million investment will support projects that help lower emissions, create good-paying jobs, and foster clean and healthy towns and cities across the country. This is climate action done right."

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change