

Building stronger communities across Nunavut with federal Gas Tax Fund

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News release

First of two annual funding transfers now available for the territory

August 10, 2018 | Iqaluit, Nunavut - Investing in local infrastructure supports the unique needs of northern communities. The governments of Canada and Nunavut are investing in modern public infrastructure that will help create jobs, while improving Northern Canadians' quality of life and contributing to stronger communities.

The Government of Canada delivered the first of two \$8.25-million annual installments of the federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) to Nunavut. In total, the territory will be provided with over \$16.5 million this year through the fund.

The GTF is a long-term, indexed source of funding that supports local infrastructure projects across the Territory each year. The City of Iqaluit is planning to put its share into rehabilitating and upgrading roadways and drainage systems to improve road safety and protect the environment. In the Hamlet of Kimmirut, residents will enjoy higher quality drinking water thanks to an improved water treatment system. In Coral Harbour, the funding will go towards replacing the original lighting on the arena with solar panels to reduce energy dependency and carbon dioxide emissions.

Roads, drinking water and community energy systems are only three of the 18 project categories eligible for funding under the program. This wide range demonstrates the flexibility of the GTF in allowing communities to direct their allocations to their most pressing local needs.

Quotes

“The Government of Canada is proud to deliver this stable long-term funding that northern communities count on to develop and maintain their public infrastructure. By investing in infrastructure at the local level, the Government of Canada is supporting the unique needs of these communities, ensuring public health and improving the quality of life for Nunavummiut.”

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“Developing our infrastructure for the benefit and well-being of our people, our communities and our land is a Turaaqtavut priority. This long-term source of funding will help increase effective planning for the delivery of infrastructure projects and support our ongoing commitment to address Nunavut's infrastructure deficit as we continue to work with municipalities to build resilient communities.”

The Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Services

Quick facts

- The two federal Gas Tax Fund installments for this year flow to communities through the territorial government under the [Investing in Canada plan](#).
- Communities can invest across 18 different project categories. They can also use the funds immediately for priority projects, bank them for later use, pool the dollars with other communities for shared infrastructure projects or use them to finance major infrastructure expenditures.
- Through its Investing in Canada plan, the Government of Canada will invest more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada's rural and northern communities.

Related products

- [2018-2019 federal Gas Tax Fund allocations in Nunavut by community](#)

Associated links

- [Investing in Canada, Canada's long-term infrastructure plan](#)
- [Federal infrastructure investments in Nunavut](#)
- [The federal Gas Tax Fund](#)
- [The federal Gas Tax Fund in Nunavut](#)

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