



POLICY

01-01
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs
Water and Waste Services Contribution

1. Statement of Policy

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs may provide funding to assist community governments with the costs of their water and waste services.

2. Principles

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is guided by the following principle when implementing this Policy:

- (1) Some community governments do not qualify for funding under the Water & Sewer Services Subsidy Policy (WSSSP). Municipal and Community Affairs may provide financial assistance to those community governments for the provision of water and waste services.

3. Scope

This Policy applies to funding to community governments that are not eligible to receive funding under the *Water and Sewer Services Subsidy Policy*.

4. Definitions

The following terms apply to this Policy:

Eligible Community Governments – Community governments established under NWT legislation or the Band Councils but which do not receive funding under the Water and Sewer Services Subsidy Policy.

5. Authority and Accountability

(1) General

This Policy is issued in accordance with Financial Management Board direction to delegate to Ministers authority to establish grants and contribution programs. Authority and accountability is further defined in Financial Administration Manual directives, 401, 401-1, 401-2, and 401-4 and as follows:

(a) Minister

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (the Minister) is accountable to the Financial Management Board for the implementation of this Policy.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (the Deputy Minister) is accountable to the Minister and responsible to the Minister for the administration of this Policy.

(2) Specific

(a) Minister

The Minister may:

- (i) approve changes to this Policy;
- (ii) approve grants or contributions according to the terms and conditions outlined in this Policy; and
- (iii) delegate the authority to approve grants and contributions to the Deputy Minister.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister has the following authority and accountability, which he or she may delegate to Regional Superintendents or Directors:

- (i) determines the need for assistance based on consultations with community governments and/or departmental officials.

6. Provisions

(1) Funding Criteria are as follows:

- (a) Funding is only for community governments not eligible under the *Water and Sewer Services Subsidy Program*. The list of communities will be updated yearly in Appendix A of the Water and Waste Services Contribution Policy.
- (b) Funding partially covers the costs of water delivery and Waste pickup services.
- (c) Reporting on any contributions will be done through the eligible community governments audited financial statements and the Memorandum of Understanding for other community government funding.

7. Financial Resources

Financial resources required under this policy are conditional on approval of funds in the Main Estimates by the Legislative Assembly and there being a sufficient unencumbered balance in the appropriate activity for the fiscal year for which the funds would be required.



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8. Prerogative of the Minister

Nothing in this Policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Minister to make decisions or take actions respecting grants or contributions. In this regard, the Minister may make a special exception to the rules set out in this policy. Any exception will require substantiation in writing and must be recorded with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Roger T. Allen
Minister

Original signed March 2001

Date



Appendix A

Eligible Community Governments for Water and Waste Services Contributions

<u>Community</u>	<u>2004/05 Funding</u>
Gameti	130,000
Jean Marie River	27,000
Kakisa	53,000
Nahanni Butte	27,000
Trout Lake	27,000
Wekweti	81,367
Yellowknife (trucked services and surface line)	<u>209,594</u>
Total	\$ 554,961