

Guidelines for MRIF Project Selection for
the Innovation Funding for Municipal
Taxation Authorities (MTA) Community
Governments

Purpose

The purpose of the Innovation Project Selection Guideline is to outline the innovation requirements for the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) for MTA communities.

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The purpose of this guideline is to ensure that project selection for the innovation in municipal infrastructure funding for the MTA communities in the Northwest Territories will be used to fund green projects that utilize innovative technologies and/or practices. A federal-territorial Management Committee will accept and analyze project proposals, and make funding recommendations to the responsible federal and territorial ministers.

Definition of Innovation

The components of innovative technologies for municipal infrastructure are as follows:

- Use of innovative technology and/or practice to incorporate “alternative” energy sources (wind, geothermal, biomass, sun, tide, etc.). Directly ties energy efficiencies, behaviours and practices to performance (energy saving rebates; etc)
- Use of innovative technology and/or practice to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts of current technologies (use of combined heat and power systems; on-site waste water recycling microsystems; composting toilets; district heating; methane recapture; etc.).
- Use of innovative technology and/or practice to improve infrastructure services (drinking water, wastewater treatment, solid waste management, transportation).
- The environmental infrastructure project must improve air, water or soil quality, protect the climate, or encourage the sustainable use of renewable and non-renewable resources.
- Entails more sustainable financial, regulatory and/or policy practices (i.e. use of life cycle costing).

Criterion 1: Utilize Innovative Technologies and/or Practices

The project must use innovative technologies and/or practices for green municipal infrastructure projects and meet at least one of the innovative criteria above. Projects that meet more than one of the innovation criteria above will be assessed a higher priority by the MC in the selection process.

Criterion 2: Identify Expected Project Outcomes and Performance Monitoring Tools

The expected project outcome(s) and the method(s) used to monitor the performance of the technology or the new practices must be identified as part of the application.

Criterion 3: MTA Five-Year Capital Plan

The project must be compatible with the MTA's five-year capital plan as accepted or modified by the governing council.

Criterion 4: MRIF's Project Eligibility Criteria

The project must meet the MRIF's project eligibility criteria pursuant to section A.1.1 of the Canada - Northwest Territories MRIF Agreement.

Criterion 5: MRIF's Mandatory Criteria

The project must meet the MRIF mandatory criteria pursuant to sections A.2 through A.11 of the Canada - Northwest Territories MRIF Agreement.