

Municipal Economic Enhancement Program – Ready for Growth **Background**

The Municipal Economic Enhancement Program will provide \$100 million in per-capita funding to municipalities to strengthen the provincial economy.

The funding represents most of the municipal portion of \$500 million in infrastructure funding being accelerated into this fiscal year, as part of the Provincial Government's *Ready for Growth* initiative.

Investment into municipal infrastructure improvements such as water and wastewater systems, roads and bridges, and community building projects will be highly encouraged.

Under the program, municipalities are eligible for \$108.79 per capita. Based on the 2006 census, under the new program cities are eligible to receive approximately \$58 million, towns \$15.8 million, villages and resort villages \$5.1 million, rural municipalities \$19.2 million and northern municipalities \$1.9 million.

Program Details

Municipalities will submit a one-page infrastructure plan with a project list, estimated costing and construction timelines along with a signed funding agreement prior to receiving funding.

The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2009.

Unclaimed funding will be allocated to municipalities at the Minister of Municipal Affairs' discretion.

Municipal Affairs will review infrastructure plans to ensure consistency with broad program objectives and timelines.

Funding provided for projects must be expensed by March 31, 2011.

More details are available at www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/meep/