



NEWS RELEASE

Alberta Municipalities responds to today's joint Canada-Alberta funding announcement

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EDMONTON – Today's infrastructure funding announcement by Prime Minister Mark Carney and Premier Danielle Smith in Red Deer is welcome news to Alberta's municipalities. Alberta's local governments have been waiting for this final agreement since the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund was first announced in 2024.

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) has been advocating to the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta for desperately needed housing-enabling infrastructure, including water and wastewater infrastructure funding, to help relieve some of the budgetary pressures faced by Alberta's rapidly growing communities. Basic infrastructure needs must be funded and built before new housing divisions can be built. This means municipalities must pay for infrastructure before they see any returns on their investments. In turn, this means increased pressure on existing homeowners who pay property taxes and developers who pay offsite levies since these are the primary revenue sources of local governments.

Alberta Municipalities recognises and appreciates that provincial and federal orders of government have heard our members' requests for financial assistance for housing-enabling infrastructure. The federal government's \$510 million promised over the coming years and the provincial government's \$428 million will help relieve some of the financial burden incurred by rapid population growth. While helpful, these financial supports will still fall short as Alberta's communities continue to face a desperate need to get shovels in the ground before new homes can be built.

Also, details matter. We still need to understand the specifics of how funds will flow, what conditions are attached to the funding, how projects will be prioritised, and the exact timelines for funding proposals. We will be taking time to connect with our colleagues at the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta to better understand how they came to this agreement and ascertain whether this announcement means net new provincial funding or not. We look forward to being consulted on the application and reporting processes so that our municipal-members of all sizes can gain access to these much-needed funds as soon as possible.

We will reserve further comment until our questions are answered.

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We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues. And we help them build resilient and thriving communities by providing valuable services. We use our members' combined purchasing power to negotiate the best possible value and competitive pricing on employee benefits, insurance, energy, and other services needed to run an effective and efficient municipality.