

Rural and Northern Communities

The rural and northern communities infrastructure stream will support projects that improve the quality of life in rural and northern communities by responding to rural- and northern-specific needs.

To be eligible, projects must meet at least one of the Program Outcomes below:

Program Outcomes

- Improved food security
- Improved and/or more reliable road, air and/or marine infrastructure
- Improved broadband connectivity
- More efficient and/or reliable energy
- Improved education and/or health facilities (specific to Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action)

Limitations, Exclusions & Federal Requirements

A Rural and Northern Communities project is not eligible if it:

- is housing;
- is an early learning and childcare facility;
- is a health facility, or an education facility, except to benefit Indigenous peoples by advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, as approved by Canada;

- is a highway or trade corridor infrastructure, except for portions that connect communities that do not already have year round road access; or
- is resource development infrastructure, notably industrial resource development access roads.

In addition, all Rural and Northern Communities projects must meet the following requirements:

- Projects must be situated within, or for the direct benefit of, rural and northern communities with a population of one hundred thousand (100,000) or less, based on 2016 Statistics Canada Census data.