

COMMON MANDATORY CRITERIA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITIES COMPONENT:

Through your application, you must demonstrate the following:

- The project is supported by a business case that outlines the costs and benefits of the proposed project. (Please note that the application form will set out information requirements regarding project costing, ongoing operation and maintenance, engineering, technology, project management and governance)
- How the project is consistent with applicable provincial, regional, or municipal plans (e.g., land-use plans, integrated watershed management plan, municipal official plans, Integrated Community Sustainability Plans).
- The project will meet all applicable legislative or regulatory requirements, including the requirement for a federal Environmental Assessment process that meets the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, which may include specific requirements for aboriginal consultation.
- The contract award process will be competitive, fair and transparent
- Major risks related to extreme natural events and/or climate change risks with a potential impact on the project during construction or once completed have been considered, and, where applicable, a mitigation plan developed.
- Infrastructure intended for use by the public ensures appropriate access for persons with disabilities.
- Opportunities regarding a regional service area or other cooperative arrangements, particularly with First Nations communities, have been considered, as appropriate, in respect of the project.

COMMON ADDITIONAL LEVERAGING CRITERIA:

- Newly constructed or materially rehabilitated buildings exceed the energy efficiency requirements of the Model National Energy Code for Buildings or, (preferred) will obtain a LEED certification.
- Newly constructed buildings meet the requirements of the Canadian Standards Association Technical Standard Accessible Design for the Built Environment (CAN/CSA B651-04).
- How greenhouse gas emissions impacts through the construction and operation of the infrastructure have been considered and, where applicable, will be reduced.