

# Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program



## Application Guidelines 2025-26

### Introduction

The Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP) supports investment in infrastructure needed to protect communities from flooding.

### Funding

The program may provide funding for up to 50% of eligible project costs, though the actual cost-sharing percentage could vary based on project specifics or budget availability. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to cover the remaining project costs through municipal and/or other funding sources.

Funding priority will be given to projects which can have the largest impact in the long term, such as study and design work needed to prepare for larger projects. Preference will be given to projects that have been identified as part of infrastructure risk assessment studies.

The provincial government wishes, where practical, to encourage inter-municipal cooperation. Inter-municipal projects may receive special consideration in the distribution of program funding.

## Eligible Recipients:

This program is available to Nova Scotia municipalities and Villages, but may be invested in non-municipal infrastructure provided all involved parties are in agreement. Projects must demonstrate support of key stakeholders where relevant (i.e. neighbouring municipalities, provincial and federal government departments, private sector, homeowners).

## Eligible Projects:

- River Training and Floodway Improvements (including nature based solutions)
- Floodwater Containment and Flood Intensity Mitigation
- Study work including mapping to identify flood prone areas; and identification of potential solutions to mitigate flood impacts

## Eligible Costs

- **Professional Services**
  - Cost of engineering studies
  - Cost of preparing design drawings and specifications, flood risk assessments, mitigation plan and flood zone mapping, etc
  - Cost of construction inspection and administration
- **Construction/Equipment**
  - Cost of construction and equipment acquisition as per plans and specifications
- **Land**
  - Cost of acquiring land and property easements

## Ineligible Costs

- Non-fixed assets which are not essential for the operation of the asset
- Stormwater Management
- Operation and maintenance costs
- Interim financing costs
- Overhead costs, including salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the Recipient

## Application and Submission

Municipal applicants may submit a maximum of 2 applications. Applications can be downloaded from the program website: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-invest-infrastructure-protect-communities-flooding-flood-risk-infrastructure-investment-program>. You can also use a search engine (i.e. Google) to locate our website. Please use the following key words in your search, 'FRIIP Nova Scotia'.

Once the application is completed, it must be emailed including any attachments to the program email [friip@novascotia.ca](mailto:friip@novascotia.ca).

Please make sure that you have confirmation from Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) that your completed application has been received. The application submission must include:

- **Council Resolution:** a resolution of council supporting the submission of the project for funding consideration under FRIIP.
- **Cost Estimate:** A detailed cost estimate for the project.
- **Location Shapefile:** a kml file of the project location.

## Review and Approval Process

Applications submitted to DMA will be reviewed to ensure requirements outlined in these guidelines have been met. Incomplete applications may result in your project not being reviewed for funding consideration.

The review and evaluation of applications is a competitive process. Although a project may be eligible, it is not guaranteed funding from this program.

If the project is approved, it is possible that the approval will not match the full level of funding requested in the application.

Preference will be given to applicants with no current active FRIIP projects (including extended projects) or outstanding reporting requirements with DMA.

It should take 6 to 8 weeks for the DMA to review funding applications and let you know if your application is approved.

## Evaluation Criteria

Applications are screened for eligibility and then recommended for approval based on but not limited to:

- Scale (river crossing, stream/coast length, sub-watershed to primary watershed);
- Need to meet Federal/Provincial standards and/or regulations;
- Need to address critical capacity issues;
- Need to address immediate health and safety issues; and
- Project being identified, risk assessment, flood study.

## Payment

Successful applicants will receive an approval letter and Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) outlining the requirements of the approval. DMA will release 100% of the payment upon receiving the signed T&Cs.

## Use of Other Grant Funds

FRIP grants may be used in combination with funds from other grant programs, unless doing so is prohibited by the other program. If a recipient chooses to use multiple grant funding sources for a project, it is their responsibility to understand each grant program's specific funding requirements. All grants supporting the project must be clearly outlined in the project application. If the other grants are obtained post-approval of FRIP funding, the recipient is obligated to inform DMA.

**Not allowed:** using FRIP grant funds for expenses already funded by other funding programs.

## Project Amendments

After project approval, if the project scope changes or anticipated completion date extends beyond the project deadline outlined in the Terms and Conditions, an amendment is required. The amendment request (i.e. Project Monitoring Report) must be submitted to and approved by DMA.

## Project Completion

The project must be complete and all invoices must be dated no later than March 31, 2026.

DMA has the right to require the return of any unspent funds or any funds that have been spent on items that were not part of the Agreement

## Final Reporting

Recipients must submit to DMA a Project Closeout Report, Statement of Expenditures including invoices, and proof of payment (if requested) and confirmation of project outcomes achieved, as outlined in the application, to DMA for approval within 60 days of the project end date. DMA will provide the required reporting templates.

If feasible, please include a (pre and post completion) digital photo of your completed project with the Project Closeout Report. These photos may be used for media requests, reports, presentations, or communication purposes.

## Communications

Funding approvals must be kept confidential until DMA has coordinated a public program announcement.

The contribution by DMA must be recognized in any project promotion or communication.

A list of successful project applicants may be made public after the process is completed.

## For More Information

### **Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program**

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# APPENDIX A - Outcome Indicators

## River Training and Floodway Improvements

### Outcome Indicator:

- Length of river/shoreline improved (m)
- Area of floodway improvements (m<sup>2</sup>)
- # of properties where flooding risk reduced

## Floodwater Containment and Flood Intensity Mitigation

### Outcome Indicator:

- Potential volume of floodwater containment (m<sup>3</sup>)
- Reduction of flood intensity (depth at peak, m)
- # of properties where flooding risk reduced

## Study work including mapping to identify flood prone areas and identification of potential solutions to mitigate flood impacts

### Outcome Indicator:

- Flood mapping completed for areas not previously mapped
  - Watershed area included in study (ha)
  - Length of coast included in study (km)
- Flood mapping updated
  - Watershed area included in study (ha)
  - Length of coast included in study (km)
- Other Studies