# FCM's Green Municipal Fund: a resource for remediation





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## The Green Municipal Fund

#### **Funding:**

Grants and low-interest loans

#### Knowledge:

Programs and resources to support sustainability

Open to all municipal governments



## Supporting resources

- GMF case studies
- Webinar workshop series
- Training workshops
- FCM Sustainable Communities Conference
- Partners for Climate Protection
- Sustainable Communities Mission
- Sustainable Community Awards

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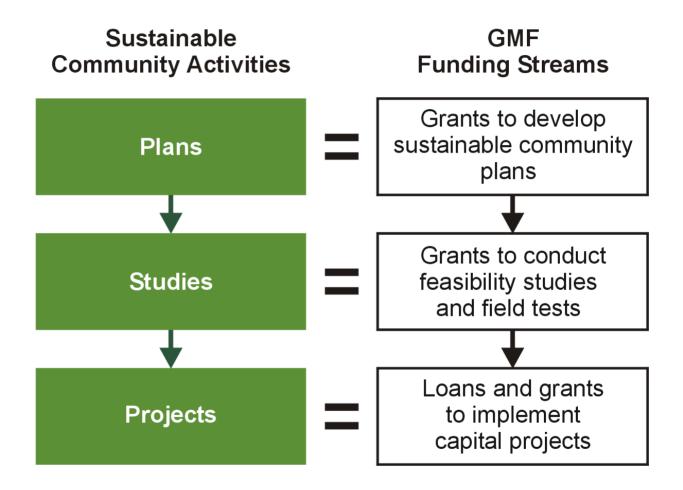
#### FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards

Examples of excellence





## **GMF Funding**





## **GMF Funding: Plans and Studies**



up to 50 per cent of total eligible costs up to \$350,000

\$8 to \$12 million per year.

## **GMF Funding: Plans**



#### Sustainable community plan

A plan developed through **public consultation** that identifies a **vision** and includes environmental, social, and economic **goals and targets** for the community.

The plan also describes the short-, medium- and longterm strategies for reaching its goals and targets, and **integrates** all areas of municipal concern, such as energy use, neighbourhood and transportation planning, and waste and water management.

## **GMF Funding: Plans**



#### **Eligibility and prerequisites**

Municipalities and wholly owned corporations

Commitment to sustainable vision and targets

Commitment to adopt

## **GMF Funding: Studies**



#### **Feasibility study**

An assessment of the technical and financial feasibility, as well as the environmental, social, and economic impacts of a potential municipal environmental project.

A feasibility study typically includes an assessment of the requirements and outcomes of a specific project using verifiable evaluation processes, leading to a recommended course of action.

## **GMF Funding: Studies**



#### Field test

An evaluation of the small-scale installation of a potential municipal environmental project under the conditions in which it will operate.

A field test evaluates the technical and financial feasibility, as well as the environmental, social, and economic impacts of a new system or technology, using verifiable evaluation processes, to determine the implications of full-scale implementation.

The field test is not a demonstration project and it must be reversible.







#### **Capital Projects**

A capital project that will improve the environmental performance of brownfields, energy, transportation, waste, water or some combination of these activities.





#### **Capital Projects**

up to 80 per cent of total eligible costs

up to \$70 million per year in loans up to \$7 million per year in grants

#### **Targeted Funding Opportunities**

Calls for applications: Brownfields, Energy, Transportation, Waste, Water

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#### A new offering

- Continuous application and review
- No strings attached
- Loans disbursed during remediation







#### **Below-market loans**

- From 50%- 80 % of eligible remediation costs
- Interest rates from 1.5% to 2% lower than AAA

## **GMF: Low interest loans**

### 2% lower than traditional lenders



Example: \$1 million loan over 10 years

 Government of Canada benchmark bond yields (10 years): 3.5%

• Traditional lenders : 4%

GMF interest rate: 2%

\$130 000 savings







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#### **Pre-requisites**

- Phase I and Phase II ESA
- Remedial action plan or risk management plan



#### Eligible costs

- Capital costs
- Salaries, professional fees and remuneration

#### **Not Eligible**

- Property costs, ESA, risk assessment
- Risk management plans, redevelopment plans
- Public consultation
- Overhead, audit and legal fees









To ensure the greatest possible environmental, social, and economic impact, FCM invests GMF loans in the best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development — examples that can be replicated in other communities.

## For more information

Visit the FCM Centre for Sustainable Community Development website:

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