Infrastructure and Court Security Funding News

2020 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Allocations Announced

On January 17, 2020, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, <u>announced</u> the 2020 OCIF allocations for 424 Ontario municipalities. The 2020 OCIF formula allocation is \$200M, the same amount as 2019. AMO welcomes the province's commitment to provide stable, predictable infrastructure funding.

OCIF provides formula funding for core road, bridge, water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure systems in Ontario communities with populations under 100,000 residents as well as rural and northern municipalities. Originally \$100M split evenly between formula and application funds, OCIF has evolved to provide \$200M in full formula funds that can be banked for up to five years so municipal governments can save for important projects.

AMO understands that the Ministry of Infrastructure will write to individual recipients per their regular practice to confirm details. In the meantime, municipal officials interested in their community's allocation can access it <u>here</u>.

Municipal officials interested in the evolution of OCIF and its relationship to other infrastructure funding programs can review AMO's <u>information update</u> to members on this subject from October 3, 2019.

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Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Funding

On January 16, 2020, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, wrote to AMO President Jamie McGarvey to indicated that the province will be proceeding with this funding for 2020. The envelope remains at \$125 million. Municipal governments will receive their allocation notices shortly. Any questions related to allocations should be directed to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

This announcement maintains historic provincial funding for 2020. It helps to offset municipal costs associated with providing security to provincial courthouses and transporting prisoners to and from those facilities.

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