



Municipal Sustainability Initiative Capital Program Guidelines Addendum - September 2023

The Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) will replace the existing Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) program in 2024/25. The comprehensive LGFF design, including administrative details and the funding allocation, is expected to be announced later this year.

To simplify the administration of the LGFF and the wind-down of MSI, municipalities will continue to access their unspent MSI capital funds through the existing online portal (MSIO) rather than be transitioned into the LGFF. Municipalities are strongly encouraged not to delay utilizing their unspent MSI funding to ensure a smooth and efficient transition to LGFF.

The following sections of the MSI capital program guidelines are updated by this addendum.

Section 6.2 Carrying Forward Funds

Unspent MSI funding including credit items, from 2019 to 2023, will not be transferred to LGFF. Municipalities will continue to access their 2019 to 2023 allocations through the existing MSI Online portal (MSIO). Municipalities will continue to be governed by the MSI funding agreements and program guidelines until all available MSI funding has been expended and municipalities have met all MSI program reporting requirements. The time limits to spend MSI capital funding will continue to be strictly enforced.

Section 8 Application and Amendment Process

Municipalities will continue to submit MSI projects, amendments, and financial reporting through the existing MSIO system until all MSI funds have been expended and all MSI program reporting requirements have been met.

The MSI capital funding is subject to all other program requirements that are outlined in the MSI Program Guidelines, and all conditions of the long-term MSI Memorandum of Agreement.

If you require additional information, please contact an MSI grant advisor in the Grants and Education Property Tax Branch at ma.msicapitalgrants@gov.ab.ca, or by dialing toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-422-7125.