

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Funding: Municipal Asset Management Program

Background and Program Description

In 2018 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) launched the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) to provide funding for projects that will enable municipalities to further their asset management practices. The City of Greater Sudbury was awarded funding of \$50,000 for the submitted project titled: Building Condition Assessments and Designated Substance Surveys of the City Fire Halls.

On May 15th of 2020, the FCM announced that the Municipal Asset Management Program has been renewed. The MAMP will fund:

1. Asset management assessments for example: condition frameworks and strategies;
2. Development of asset management plans, policies and strategies;
3. Asset related data collection and reporting for example: building condition assessments, designated substance survey reports, data collection and condition assessments to track level of service, long-term life cycle modeling, or developing an asset inventory;
4. Asset management training and organizational development;
5. Knowledge transfer around asset management.

A Council resolution is required with project application.

The MAMP program for municipal governments with a population above 1,000 will fund 80% of total project costs, to a maximum of \$50,000 for individual applications.

The FCM is accepting applications until October 31, 2022, or funding has been allocated.

The project must be completed within 12 months of the approved project start date. The project may not start prior to approval by the FCM. Reimbursable costs must only be incurred during the project duration.

Intention

The Infrastructure Capital Planning Division and Assets Section have identified a need for enhancement of collection of sidewalk condition data to expand an existing dataset and assist the City to make more informed decisions about repair and renewal of sidewalk assets.

If successful in receiving a grant, the eligible funding will be applied to retain an engineering consultant to assess the entire sidewalk network. The consultant will be responsible for developing and facilitating the implementation of a robust Sidewalk Condition Index.

The Sidewalk Condition Index (SCI) will be developed to provide a rating system that will quantify the condition of the sidewalks and adjacent environment which will include encroachments and slopes.

The SCI will provide individual section and network condition assessments. The data will be analyzed to determine long-term capital requirements and maintenance activities which will include activities such as trip edge grinding or localized replacement.

In addition, the report documenting existing condition data and an enhanced condition rating system will improve the City's sidewalk asset management practices. The data collection will have a lasting effect on the City's asset management capacity by clearly identifying sidewalk need prioritized in a database and rating system. This will assist the City in improving management of sidewalk maintenance activities and capital renewal to achieve the maximum value of life-cycle costing.

The expected consulting fee for this project is approximately \$65,000. This sum allows the City to be eligible for up to \$50,000 in funding. The City's contribution of \$15,000 will be funded from the Capital General Holding Account Reserve.