

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the RIRG Capital Programs (Road Construction and Bridge & Large Diameter Culvert)

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Capital Programs and Project Application:

Q: What is the Road Construction Program?

A: The Road Construction Program is a RIRG Program that provides funding assistance for the construction and upgrading of rural roadways in Saskatchewan.

Q: What is the Bridge and Large Diameter Culvert Program?

A: The Bridge and Large Diameter Culvert Program is a RIRG Program that provides funding assistance to Road Authorities on the capital costs related to the construction of rural bridges and large diameter culverts.

Q: What is a Road Authority?

A: A Rural Municipality, an Urban Municipality, or a First Nation.

Q: How do I apply to the Road Construction Program or the Bridge & Large Diameter Culvert Program? Where can I find the application?

A: Capital Project Intakes will take place each year from September 1st to November 15th. Both applications can be found on the SARM website under the Road Construction and Bridge & Large Diameter Culvert pages as well as below.

- Road Construction Program:
<https://sarm.ca/programs/rirg/road-construction-program/>
- Bridge & Large Diameter Culvert Program:
<https://sarm.ca/programs/rirg/bridge-and-large-diameter-culvert-program/>

Q: Is my road eligible?

A: If you have a Class 3, 4, 5, or CTP corridor road you are eligible for the program.

Q: I don't know if my project is eligible, what should I do?

A: Please contact SARM's Transportation Infrastructure Program Administrator for any questions regarding this ([RIRG Contact Page](#)).

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Q: I've submitted an application, when will I hear back?

A: Approval notification will typically occur in January following the intake.

Q: If we had to withdraw a project, can we apply again in the future?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there a restriction on how many projects I can do?

A: As many as you want, but subject to a yearly funding cap and a five-year rolling cap.

Q: What is the funding cap?

A: A funding cap is the limit on funding that can be provided to a Project or a Road Authority. The funding cap is currently set at \$500,000.00 per RM, per project, per year for Road Construction Projects. For Bridge and Culvert Projects, the funding cap is set at \$1,000,000, per RM, per project, per year. The rolling cap is \$1,500,000 per RM over a five-year period.

Q: My project has been approved; how do I apply for payment?

A: Once you begin to accrue eligible costs associated with the project, you can use the Application for Grant Payment form provided on the SARM website or by visiting the following link: <https://fs4.formsite.com/SARM/AppGrant/index.html>.

Engineering:

Q: Do I need an Engineer?

A: Yes, it is required that an engineer be part of the project from start to completion.

Q: Can we start engineering prior to applying to the RIRG Program?

A: Yes. Costs for engineering can be incurred prior to applying to the RIRG

Program, which was changed in 2024. Fully engineered and shovel ready projects will receive increased ranking.

Procurement and Tendering:

Q: What is procurement?

A: Public procurement is the act of buying goods or services in a public manner. More information about public procurement can be found in Section 6: Policy 1 of the RIRG Policy Manual ([RIRG Policy Manual](#)).

Q: Do I have to publicly procure the work?

A: All aspects of the work should be procured in accordance with the New West Partnership Trade Agreement. The procurement process shall be open, fair, and transparent to all bidders.

Q: What is a Bid Summary?

A: A Bid Summary is a summary of all the bids received for a project, including but not limited to pricing and other evaluation criteria.

Traffic Counts:

Q: Can our RM conduct our own traffic counts?

A: A Road Authority may request that the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) and Truck Average Daily Traffic (TADT) obtained through an independent traffic count replace the values obtained through the Municipal Traffic Count Program. The independent traffic count shall be overseen by an Engineer and shall use the same methodology as the Municipal Traffic Count Program.

Q: Can our RM opt out of the Municipal Traffic Count Program?

A: No. Road Authorities can request accommodations to the placement of traffic

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counters in the Municipal Traffic Count Program but cannot opt out of the program.

Bridge Inspections:

Q: Can our RM opt out of the Municipal Bridge Inspection Program?

A: No. Road Authorities can request accommodations to the Municipal Bridge Inspection Program methodologies but cannot opt out of the program.

Questions and Feedback:

Q: How can I submit feedback?

A: We encourage all RMs to submit positive and negative feedback to the Program at feedback@rirg.ca. Feedback allows the RIRG Program Management Board to continually evaluate and improve the RIRG Program.

Q: If my question wasn't answered?

A: For general inquiries or questions about the RIRG Road Construction and/or the RIRG Bridge and Large Diameter Culvert Programs, please see the [RIRG Contact Page](#).

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