



Advocacy Update

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City of Calgary COVID-19 Priorities for the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta



Aid to vulnerable citizens and non-profits

Immediate priority for the most vulnerable

- Isolation options for homeless and vulnerable people
- Stronger community and economic supports
- Income and rapid housing supports
- Funding for domestic violence shelters
- Assistance for non-profits serving people in poverty



Aid to business

Direct support to business

- Focus on small and medium enterprises and vulnerable industries
- Immediate commercial rent, mortgage and property tax relief
- Coordinated communications to provide businesses with a one-stop-shop hotline to navigate government programs
- Planning for a long recovery, including a small business stabilization fund



Aid to municipalities

A backstop for municipalities incurring unrecoverable operating losses

- Cities facing response costs and revenue losses
- Cities cannot easily run deficits
- Substantial losses cannot be recovered from reserves or borrowing
- City of Calgary weekly losses: \$10-15 M
- The federal government and provincial government need to provide a backstop within their respective borrowing powers



Stimulative infrastructure

A major new infrastructure plan to get people working and the economy humming

- Streamline processes and flexibility for local project funding, while funding municipalities directly
- Mitigate timing or cost escalation for current projects
- Priorities: Immediate repair and maintenance of existing assets including affordable housing, shovel-ready projects for a shorter 2020 construction season, and projects ready for design and procurement now, with shovels in 2021



Long term economic resilience and a new deal for cities

A vision to recover and rebuild

- Building a more diversified and resilient economy in Alberta
- Direct supports for the energy industry
- Measures to build capabilities within companies to enable the energy transition
- A whole-of-government approach to help Alberta's economy recover and grow



Aid to Vulnerable Citizens and Non-Profits

Advocacy Item	Announcement / Other
Social Service Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$660K donation from Canadian Medical Ass'n Foundation (FCM) • FCSS – \$9M total shared by 96 Calgary orgs received • CERB / EI transition • Various targeted funding (eg, food banks, United Way, etc.)
Rent Relief / Bank	
Aff. Housing Provider Emerg. Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$170M for seniors lodges (\$35M annually) • Reallocation of Community Initiatives Program grant to operating
Permanent Supportive Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Community Affordable Housing Advocacy Plan
Sheltering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$48M province wide for winter sheltering • \$660K donation from CMAF (above)
Free Community-wide Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term / targeted access only; not broad-based or long term
Affordable Housing 10 yr Capital Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Community Affordable Housing Advocacy Plan proposes 22 shovel ready projects and requests funding for acquisitions, partnerships and new builds. • The province's Municipal Stimulus Package (MSP) of \$500M for municipalities did not include a provision for Affordable Housing
PPE for non-profits, partner orgs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-AHS facilities were able to procure PPE through the GoA

Aid to Business

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Commercial Rent Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Tenancies Protection Act • Commercial rent support via CMHC • Canada Emergency Rent Assistance program (CECRA)
Business Hotline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Resiliency Services
Small / medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant offers to AB businesses, non profits, co-ops • EI premiums frozen • Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (\$304M for west)
BCMC advocacy to Deputy PM	

Aid to Municipalities (and partners)

Advocacy Item	Announcement / Other
Support for Civic & Community Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500M nation-wide grant for artists, arts orgs, sports Reallocate of Community Initiatives Program capital grant to operating Regional Relief and Recovery fund \$304M for the west, may assist tourism / civic partners
Small Business Tax Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> completed
State of Local Emerg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> completed
Property Tax delay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education portion
Affordable Public Transportation	
Financial Backstop	
Emergency Operating grant for local govts (BCMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Restart funding; details pending
Clarity on Relaunch program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 launched June 12, 2020; work ongoing on various fronts

Stimulative Infrastructure

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Capital Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Stimulus Program allocation of \$152M – submission being prepared
Maintenance and Repair	
Streamlined Funding Process / Flexibility	
Need for Federal Stimulus Package (BCMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-Resilience Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) More details on recovery plan likely with Sept 23 Speech from the Throne
Property Tax Reform	



Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee receive this presentation for the Corporate Record.