

Infrastructure Grants to Municipal Entities:

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Policy Statement

Beaver Municipal Solutions (BMS) was created by the five municipalities with Beaver County to provide efficient, effective and safe waste management services for municipal residents within their jurisdictions.

BMS's founding regulation permits BMS to provide waste management services to persons outside the founding member municipalities' jurisdictions. Aligned with its strategic vision and mandate, this allows BMS to create additional income from its operations that can benefit municipal members by reducing their cost of waste management services and provide tangible economic benefits to member residents.

BMS has established policies to determine how tangible economic benefits from its operations can be financially distributed to municipal members and community organizations resident in member jurisdictions.

This Policy describes how BMS can evaluate requests from municipal members, and constituent regional service commissions and authorities, for financial support to infrastructure projects. For the purpose of this Policy, "Municipal Entities" refers to the five municipal unit members of BMS and the other regional services commissions and authorities they are members of, or otherwise control.

Policy Guidelines

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1. BMS operations are focused on delivering efficient, effective and safe services for municipal members and external customers (outside members' jurisdiction) and maximizing tangible economic benefits to members through prudent fiscal management and release of additional, unrestricted surplus funds to members.
2. BMS evaluates its ability to provide financial payments to municipal members in accordance with the following priorities:
 - a. Annual business financial targets of income, capital expenditure and debt management are being achieved;
 - b. Annual budgeted release of additional unrestricted surplus funds to members is possible, per Policy FIN-011 Distribution of Surplus Funds to Municipalities;
 - c. Annual budgeted payments of member Grants-in-Lieu of Taxes and Good Neighbour

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Grants are possible, per Policies FIN-012 and 014 Payment of Grants in Lieu of Taxes to Municipalities and Good Neighbour Grants, respectively;

- d. The annual budget for the Community Organization support grant program per Policy FIN-013 Grants to Not-for-Profit Community Organizations is viable.

- 3. If a Municipal Entity requests BMS financial assistance for a project, the following process applies:

- a. the request will be presented to the Board, as received, at a scheduled regular meeting;
- b. the Board will request BMS staff, through the General Manager, to review the request, including consultation with appropriate municipal representatives, and evaluate the funding request with regard to the priorities per Section 2 of this Policy, as well as the
 - i) alignment of the project with BMS's strategic plan, and annual business objectives;
 - ii) beneficial impact of the project on other municipal members;
 - iii) long-term viability of the project;
- c. the General Manager will report to the Board on the staff review of the request at a scheduled regular meeting;
- d. the Board will render a decision, and the member advised.