

MEDIA RELEASE - Ontario Building Critical Infrastructure in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

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Funding will help create jobs and support economic growth

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OWEN SOUND — The Ontario government is investing \$15,274,632 to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. The funding will be delivered in 2025 through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and is part of the government's \$190 billion capital plan to build and expand more homes, highways, hospitals, transit and high-speed internet across the province.

"This funding will greatly help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure projects in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound," said MPP Rick Byers. "This investment is part of the government's plan to support economic development, growth and job creation in our local communities."

Local municipalities to receive the following:

- \$1,012,676 Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
- \$1,549,190 County of Bruce
- \$ 422,182 Township of Chatsworth
- \$ 301,611 Township of Georgian Bluffs
- \$ 3,488,105 County of Grey
- \$ 544,169 Municipality of Grey Highlands
- \$ 538,412 Town of Hanover
- \$ 1,514,622 Municipality of Meaford
- \$ 338,989 Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
- \$ 3,316,223 City of Owen Sound
- \$ 595,775 Town of South Bruce Peninsula
- \$ 544,870 Township of Southgate
- \$ 1,107,808 Municipality of West Grey

In 2025, Ontario will allocate \$400 million in OCIF funding to help 423 small, rural and northern communities build roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure. Communities may accumulate funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

"Small, rural and northern communities are essential to the growth and prosperity of Ontario," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "By providing direct and stable funding to these communities, our government is helping create local jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger, more resilient communities for generations to come."

The OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in municipalities with populations under 100,000, rural and northern municipalities, as well as for Local Services Boards that own water or wastewater systems. Funding allocations are based on a <u>formula</u> that accounts for the different needs and economic conditions of each community.

QUICK FACTS

- In 2024, the government provided \$400 million in funding through the OCIF to 425 communities.
- Starting in 2022, the government <u>increased its investment for the OCIF by \$1 billion over five years</u>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Ontario Builds: our infrastructure plan

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