

## **APPENDIX B: GAS TAX STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FUND PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

### **SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

Applications will first be screened to ensure the applicant and the project meet eligibility requirements. Those meeting eligibility requirements will then be reviewed and scored against the selection criteria noted below. Funding decisions will be made primarily on the basis of the relative ranking of the applications in relation to these criteria.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that applications include full and accurate information to assess eligibility and to score the project on the stated selection criteria.

#### **Screening Criteria**

- Applications must be submitted by an eligible Local Government either individually or as a sponsor for another Ultimate Recipient.
- Applications must be for a project that is an Eligible Project, as defined in the GTA and listed in Annex A.
- The project must not have started prior to the submission of the application.

### **SELECTION AND SCORING CRITERIA**

#### **SPF Capital Infrastructure Projects Stream**

Selection criteria are based on the program purposes and objectives listed below. These selection criteria form the basis of the scoring and ranking of applications. Note the criteria listed below are not listed in order of priority; applicants should provide full information in relation to all of the criteria that are relevant to the project for which funding is requested.

- How much the project is expected to support the Gas Tax Fund National Objectives of productivity and the economic growth; a clean environment; and strong cities and communities;
- The timing of the project and its outcomes;
- The capacity of the community to undertake, evaluate and document the project, and to operate and maintain it;
- The degree to which the project develops or supports strategic infrastructure investment decisions or links to sustainability or capital investment plans;
- The degree to which asset management practices were considered;
- The degree to which the project uses sustainability principles or leads to sustainable outcomes (e.g., demand management; resource management and construction practices);
- The degree the project benefits more than one community or is identified as regional in impact;
- The size or scale of the project in relation to the size of the community;
- The degree to which the project reflects inter-jurisdiction cooperation;
- The degree to which the innovative plan, process, method or technology supports the approach that will be used, and the additional risks associated with using this innovation;

- The relative benefit of the innovative process, method or technology over existing processes, methods and technologies.

### **SPF Capacity Building Stream**

Scoring will be based primarily on:

- How the project is expected to align with the Gas Tax Fund National Objectives of productivity and economic growth, a clean environment or strong cities and communities;
- The degree to which the project is identified as large in scale;
- The degree to which the project is considered regional in impact;
- Contribution to innovation;
- Long term thinking;
- Integration with other plans, planning or sustainability activities;
- Collaborative elements, including engaging community members and other partners;
- Implementation program;
- Monitoring and evaluation component;
- Linkage to capital investment plans; and
- Contribution to efficient use of infrastructure and other resources.