



**Subject:** *Sustainable Services Growth Fund*  
**To:** Corporate and Residential Services Committee  
**Date Prepared:** May 15, 2024  
**Related Motions:** C23(248), C24(9)  
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### Summary

The Municipality of East Hants received a letter from the NS Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated March 31, 2023 indicating the Province of Nova Scotia approved a grant of \$1,123,778 to support infrastructure investment under the new Sustainable Services Growth Fund (SSGF). Council approved a list of projects to apply these funds to at the July 26, 2023 Council meeting.

In January of 2024 Council approved a reallocation of \$821,910 from the Industrial Park List Station to the Medical Centre List Station. This was due to delays at the Industrial Park Lift Station.

In March of 2024 the Municipality of East Hants received a letter from the NS Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing indicating approval of \$8.66 million of funding from the Municipal Capital Growth Program. Of this amount, \$495,358.50 was specifically allocated to the Medical Centre Lift Station. This, in addition to changes in projects initially targeted in 2023 for the SSGF grant funds indicate a reallocation of the grant is warranted to ensure all SSGF grant funds are used by the required date of March 31, 2025.

### Financial Impact Statement

Provides assurance all SSGF grant funding will be used by the deadline of March 31, 2025.

### Recommendation

The recommended allocation of these funds is stated in the table below.

### Recommended Motion

*Move that Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommend that Council approve the revised allocation of the \$1,123,778 SSGF Grant toward the follow projects as follows:*

Project	\$ Amount
Medical Centre Lift Station	\$454,651
Waste Management Loader	\$286,557
Lantz Water Tower Renewal	\$424,348
Waste Management Centre Green Bin Storage Structure	\$10,220

### Background

This SSGF grant was received at the end of the 22/23 fiscal year. As it was not in existence at the time of the 22/23 or 23/24 budget process, it was not included in either budget. The SSGF grant was replaced by the MCGP (Municipal Capital Growth Project) in the 23/24 fiscal year.

The Terms and Conditions document that accompanied the SSGF grant letter were very clear that these funds were to be used for:

- 1. Projects that would be completed by March 31, 2025 (shovel ready).
- 2. Projects that support infrastructure/growth.

The original allocation of the SSGF grant approved by Council in July of 2023 was for the following:

Project	\$ Amount
Industrial Park Lift Station	\$821,910
Waste Management Loader	\$149,000
Waste Management Centre Household Waste Receiving Expansion	\$15,000
Lantz Secondary Planning Strategy	\$130,000
Waste Management Centre Green Bin Storage Structure	\$11,000
Shubenacadie Parking Capacity Project	\$50,000
Total	\$1,176,910

The amount total was slightly more than the grant amount - to allow for variances in the final costs.

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### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Terms and conditions of the funding must be adhered to avoid unintended financial consequences.

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### Alternatives

Council may advise staff to use these funds for projects other than those recommended.

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