



**Subject:** *Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID)*  
**To:** Corporate and Residential Services Committee  
**Date Prepared:** November 6, 2024  
**Related Motions:** NA  
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### Summary

The Municipality of East Hants received an email from the NS Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated October 18, 2024 announcing a call for applications for funding from the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID).

The GRID program supports investments in priority infrastructure projects that address critical capacity issues, build more accessible and adaptable communities and enable the preservation and expansion of services for new housing development.

Eligible projects include:

1. Water, wastewater and Stormwater
2. Climate Change Adaptation
3. Accessibility

The total funding available is \$15 million. They will fund up to 50% of the total cost of an eligible project. The deadline for applications is December 13, 2024. Projects must be “shovel ready” and be complete by March 31, 2026.

### Financial Impact Statement

A successful application would provide much needed funding for a variety of projects and may avoid the use of other available external funding, reserves, or debenture debt.

### 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 GRID applications for the following two projects:*

| Project   | \$ Amount |
|---|-----------|
| Medical Centre Lift Station (Priority 1) Total Cost \$950,000                     | \$475,000 |
| Backwash Storage - Shubie Water Treatment Plant (Priority 2) Total Cost \$300,000 | \$150,000 |

### Background

The documents sent by DMAH have been reviewed by the CAO, Directors and Finance staff. Review and discussion of the following factors took place:

- existing capital projects planned
- existing/planned funding sources of capital projects
- expected capital project completion dates
- expectations as to \$ amount that will be awarded to each project and municipality
- Eligible project types under GRID
- project evaluation criteria under GRID

Based on this analysis it is recommend that the municipality complete applications as follows:

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## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Terms and conditions of the GRID funding must be adhered to avoid disqualification.

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## Alternatives

Council may advise staff to apply for projects other than those recommended.

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