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Municipal Infrastructure

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To: All Municipalities, Local Service Districts, Consultants, Inuit Community Governments, PMA, MNL, MAPA, ECC.

Re: Natural Infrastructure Fund – Small Projects Stream

Date: August 1, 2022

Pleased be advised that Infrastructure Canada, announced on July 14, 2022 the Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) Small Projects Stream, and are accepting applications until September 27, 2022 at 3:00 pm (EDT). Municipal Infrastructure is NOT involved with this program, this circular is for your information.

The NIF is the first federal program focused on natural infrastructure. Its objectives are to build awareness of the value and opportunities of natural and hybrid infrastructure, and to increase its uptake and use across Canada.

Some key facts about the NIF program:

- Eligible recipients include provinces/territories; municipal, local and regional governments; public sector bodies; not-for-profit organizations; Indigenous organizations; and private for-profit organization (must be partnership with another eligible public recipient).

- Eligible projects must reflect one of four categories: planting/restoring green space; construction/restoration of naturalized water retention/detention systems; naturalized water diversion/infiltration; and/or projects supporting biodiversity/connectivity.

- Projects can include between $30,000 and $3 million in total eligible costs, with federal funding “up to” $1 million.

- A minimum of $20 million will be allocated to support Indigenous recipient projects.

Further information on the NIF, including the Applicant’s Guide, is available on https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/nif-fin/index-eng.html, should you require further information, please reach out to the NIF program team at nif-fin@infc.gc.ca.