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Dear Mr. Giroux:

I am writing in response to your May 21, 2020 request (IR0488) for information related to measures in response to COVID-19.

In response to the public health crisis brought on by COVID-19, Infrastructure Canada is proposing a new COVID-19 Resilience Stream to support communities with their infrastructure priorities. This new stream will be part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, which is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program between the federal government and provinces and territories that supports public infrastructure and is delivered by Infrastructure Canada.

Under the proposed COVID-19 Resilience Stream, recipients will have new flexibilities, expanded project eligibility and accelerated approval to support their infrastructure projects through the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the new stream, provinces and territories will be able to transfer up to 10 per cent of their total Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program original allocation to projects. These projects will benefit from up to an 80 per cent federal cost share, or 100 per cent federal cost share for First Nations and projects in the territories. The COVID-19 Resilience Stream will support projects under \$10 million in total eligible costs and projects will need to be completed by the end of 2021, or by the end of 2022 in the territories and in remote communities.

As the proposed COVID-19 stream has not yet been launched, no projects have been approved under the stream. Once this new stream has begun accepting projects and approving projects, my department will be in a position to provide your office with information as requested.

Sincerely,

Kelly Gillis
Deputy Minister

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