

Sustainable Services Growth Fund (SSGF) Agreement Form (Terms and Conditions)

Proponent: Municipality of the District of East Hants

Approved Funding: \$1,123,728

Project End Date: March 31, 2025

Funding approval for the above noted program is subject to the acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions. The Municipality agree to:

- 1) Carry out the provision of the project(s) as described in the approval documentation without any material changes.
- 2) Use the grant funds for the purpose of carrying out the project(s) as specified by Schedule A – Eligible Projects and Schedule B – Eligible & Ineligible Expenditures.
- 3) Notify and seek approval from Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH) in writing of any significant changes in circumstances that may affect the project(s) timelines.
- 4) Be responsible for any cost over-runs incurred in carrying out the project(s).
- 5) Complete project(s) by the Project End Date unless otherwise agreed to in writing.
- 6) To complete a Request for Amendment at least one month prior to the Project End Date should an extension be needed.
- 7) Follow the intent of the Nova Scotia Government Procurement Policy in awarding contracts.
- 8) Submit a Program Closeout Report for approval within 60 days after the project(s) completion date(s) or the Project End Date.
- 9) Refund any unexpended portion of the Grant and any amounts expended for purposes other than for those specified in Terms and Conditions to the Government of Nova Scotia.
- 10) Maintain proper and accurate accounts and records in respect of all related expenditures for at least six (6) years after completion of project(s) and, upon reasonable notice, make them available to Nova Scotia.
- 11) Record separately and distinctly any SSGF amounts, including any interest earned thereon.

Please return a scan of signed Agreement form to the following program email:
SSGF@novascotia.ca

Name of Signing Authority	Kim Ramsay
Title	Chief Administrative Officer
Phone	902.883.6225
Email	kramsay@easthants.ca

Signature 

Date April 13, 2023

Approval Information

General Conditions and Requirements

Proponents undertaking project(s) with financial assistance through SSGF shall comply with the following general conditions and requirements:

- Funding cannot be applied against costs related to work carried out in violation of conditions set by regulatory authorities.
- Proponents may be required to submit general progress and evaluation reports during the project(s) and will be required to co-operate with DMAH staff in monitoring the implementation.
- The project(s) are considered complete upon approval of the Program Closeout Report.

Program Closeout Report

The Program Closeout Report must include the following:

- Description of all projects funded.
- Confirmation of achieved project(s) outcomes.
- Statement of Funding Expenditures (template to be provided).

SCHEDULE A – Eligible Projects

Projects must demonstrate direct impact to support Nova Scotia’s growing population by investing in the following project categories:

Municipal Services – renewing, increasing capacity or creating services for:

- a. Housing development
- b. Seniors and long-term care
- c. Accessibility
- d. Active transportation

Some examples of eligible projects include:

- Expansion or renewal of water and wastewater treatment, storage and distribution systems
- Solid waste management infrastructure
- Active transportation trails and sidewalks
- Accessibility retrofits to municipal buildings

SCHEDULE B – Eligible & Ineligible Expenditures

Eligible Expenditures include:

- Expenditures associated with planning, designing, constructing, or renovating a tangible capital asset, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles; and
- Municipal contributions towards expenditures related to other cost shared projects which satisfy the terms of SSGF.

Ineligible Expenditures include:

- Expenditures incurred before April 1, 2023;
- Expenditures incurred after the Project End Date;
- Cost of leasing of equipment, overhead costs, salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the Municipality, the direct or indirect operating or administrative costs of the Municipality;

- Taxes for which the Municipality is eligible for a tax rebate and all other costs eligible for rebates or recoveries;
- Purchase of land or any interest therein, and related costs;
- Legal fees; and,
- Routine repair, maintenance, and operating costs.