

# Municipal Cannabis Transition Program (MCTP)

## Question and Answer

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#### **1. What is the MCTP?**

The MCTP is a program that will support eligible Alberta municipalities with increased enforcement and other implementation costs related to the legalization of cannabis.

The program will support municipal projects that are in alignment with the four policy objectives of the Alberta Cannabis Framework and Bill 26, *An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis*, which include keeping cannabis out of the hands of children; promoting safety on roads, in workplaces and in public spaces; protecting public health; and limiting the illegal market for cannabis.

#### **2. When will the details of the MCTP program become available?**

The MCTP guidelines will be posted on the Municipal Affairs website in October 2018. Eligible municipalities will be advised of the web posting through an e-mail, along with details regarding the application process, funding agreements and allocations.

#### **3. Which ministry is responsible for administering the MCTP?**

Municipal Affairs will administer all aspects of the program, and the Minister will approve all funding allocations and project approvals.

#### **4. What is the MCTP budget?**

The MCTP will provide \$11.15 million in per-capita allocation based funding to municipalities that pay for their own policing.

Sixty percent of funding will be allocated in 2018-19 when cannabis related legalization costs are expected to be the greatest, reducing to 40 per cent in 2019-20 as municipalities transition to more favourable revenue streams post-cannabis legalization.

#### **5. Who is eligible under the MCTP?**

Municipalities who have more than 5,000 residents and pay for their own policing will be eligible to apply for MCTP funding.

There are 52 municipalities that are eligible for funding.

#### **6. What is my MCTP allocation?**

Information on preliminary allocation amounts is available on the MCTP program website.

Each municipality will also receive a letter from the Minister confirming their allocation.

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### **7. What is the allocation formula for the MCTP program?**

MCTP funding will be allocated to municipalities on a per capita basis according to the previous year's Municipal Affairs Population List.

Within the \$11.15 million MCTP funding, municipalities will receive a base allocation of \$10,000 per year in addition to their per-capita amount.

### **8. When will I receive my 2018-19 allocation?**

We are currently working on this process and expect that grant funding will be available later this calendar year (2018).

### **9. Will additional funding come later to assist municipalities with legalization costs?**

This is a short-term funding program intended to assist municipalities with cannabis related legalization costs when they are expected to be the greatest. We will monitor present and ongoing costs related to cannabis legalization and its impact on municipalities.