

Functional Categories

Functional categories facilitate the classification of benefits realized by Alberta’s municipalities. Grant programs may fund projects that fall under one or more functional category. The table below describes each functional category and shows how each aligns with a broad objective for municipal grant programs.

Objective	Functional Category	Description
To support initiatives that promote the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities	Governance	Activities that support the ongoing management of the municipality through its elected officials
	Planning¹ and Development	Activities that contribute to land-use planning, integrated community sustainability planning, or to the economic diversification of the municipality
	General Administration	Activities that provide for the overall operation of the municipality and that are common to, or affect all of the services provided by, the municipality
To support the maintenance of safe, healthy and vibrant communities	Culture	Activities that support and promote the development of arts and culture within the municipality
	Children and Family Services	Activities that support social programming for people in need, children, families, and seniors
	Environmental Sustainability	Activities that support the protection of the environment
	Housing	Activities that support affordable housing and supportive living options for seniors, low-income families and those with special needs
	Libraries	Activities that support library programming and associated facilities
	Municipal Buildings and Facilities	Buildings and facilities that are necessary to the overall operation of the municipality and which are common to the services provided by the municipality
	Parks, Sport and Recreation	Activities related to the development and operation of facilities and related programming for recreational opportunities, such as sports and parks
	Public Security and Safety	Activities related to the reduction of crime and the promotion of safe and secure communities

¹ Planning related to a specific municipal function or service should be categorized under that service (e.g. the development of an affordable housing strategy would be categorized under GWO 2 – Housing).

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<p>To support the development and maintenance of core municipal infrastructure to meet existing and changing municipal needs</p>	<p>Airports</p>	<p>Activities related to air transportation services</p>
	<p>Infrastructure Management</p>	<p>Activities that support systematic infrastructure planning and management</p>
	<p>Public Transit</p>	<p>Activities related to the provision of public transit services</p>
	<p>Roads and Bridges</p>	<p>Activities related to the construction and maintenance of roadways, bridges, and related structures</p>
	<p>Solid Waste Management</p>	<p>Activities related to the collection and management of garbage and other waste material</p>
	<p>Wastewater</p>	<p>Activities related to the collection or removal, treatment, and disposal of sanitary sewage</p>
	<p>Water</p>	<p>Activities related to acquiring, treating, and supplying water</p>
<p>To support capacity-building within municipalities</p>	<p>Municipal Careers</p>	<p>Activities that support the retention and attraction of skilled employees of local governments</p>
	<p>Staff Development</p>	<p>Activities that support the development of municipal staff</p>
	<p>Volunteer Development</p>	<p>Activities that promote the development of the non-profit and voluntary sector</p>