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MPP Walker announces \$12,310,034 in infrastructure funding for local municipalities

OWEN SOUND – Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker has announced that local municipalities will receive a combined total of \$12,310,034 in 2022 through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

The Ontario government is providing \$12,310,034 to municipalities in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound to help build and repair local infrastructure. This investment is part of the government's plan to build Ontario by getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure projects that support economic recovery, growth and job creation.

In 2022, Local municipalities will receive:

Arran-Elderslie – \$665,851 (up from \$330,386 in 2021)
Bruce County – \$1,387,939 (up from \$660,950 in 2021)
Chatsworth – \$277,591 (up from \$125,064 in 2021)
Georgian Bluffs – \$491,124 (up from \$224,363 in 2021)
Grey County – \$2,645,238 (up from \$1,279,946 in 2021)
Grey Highlands – \$886,088 (up from \$436,207 in 2021)
Hanover – \$476,444 (up from \$233,348 in 2021)
Meaford – \$995,889 (up from \$458,173 in 2021)
Owen Sound – \$2,180,470 (up from \$1,125,386 in 2021)
Northern Bruce Peninsula – \$407,991 (up from \$181,355 in 2021)
South Bruce Peninsula – \$529,990 (up from \$204,075 in 2021)
Southgate – \$485,177 (up from \$236,674 in 2021)
West Grey – \$880,242 (up from \$448,807 in 2021)

“This is great news for our local communities, our government has more than doubled the amount municipalities in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound will receive for critical infrastructure repairs,” said Walker. “The investments our communities make in their infrastructure needs through the OCIF program will support economic growth, create local jobs and continue our recovery from COVID-19.”

The announcement is part of the government’s additional \$1 billion investment to help build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure in small, rural and northern communities. The multi-year funding is being delivered through the [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund \(OCIF\)](#) and will bring the government’s total investment to nearly \$2 billion over the next five years.

“Our small, rural and northern communities will be at the forefront of our efforts to build Ontario for the future,” said Premier Doug Ford. “With this investment, we are saying ‘yes’ to helping these communities build and repair the vital infrastructure they need to keep their communities working for decades to come.”

Funding allocations will be based on a formula that recognizes the different needs and economic conditions of communities across the province. The new formula will include an increased funding minimum of \$100,000 for all communities per year, up from \$50,000 over previous years.

“Communities are the heartbeat of this province and we know they are facing unique infrastructure needs and challenges, especially as we navigate through the pandemic,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “Our government has been with them every step of the way. When we were told more funding supports were needed, we listened and acted in a meaningful way by providing the largest OCIF increase since the start of the program. By doing so, we’re providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities to repair, upgrade, and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier, and more reliable for all.”

The Province’s investment in OCIF is part of the [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#). The plan lays out how the government will build Ontario’s future with shovels in the ground for highways, hospitals, long-term care, housing, and high-speed internet. To ensure all families, workers and businesses in the province have a better and brighter future, the government’s planned infrastructure investments over the next decade total more than \$148 billion.

QUICK FACTS

- The OCIF supports local infrastructure projects for communities with populations under 100,000, along with all rural and northern communities.

- For 2021, approximately \$200 million in funding was allocated to 424 small, rural and northern communities. Municipalities may accumulate their funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.
- Ontario also provides funding to communities through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), a \$30-billion, 10-year infrastructure program cost-shared between federal, provincial and municipal governments, and other partners. Ontario's share per project will be up to \$10.2 billion spread across five streams: Rural and Northern, Transit Infrastructure, Community, Culture and Recreation, Green and COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure.
- The [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#) is the government's seventh financial update since the pandemic began, highlighting the government's commitment to providing regular updates on Ontario's finances, even during this uncertain economic period. It is part of the government's plan for recovery driven by economic growth.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Recipients](#)
- [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Builds map](#)

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