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## Rural Programs Branch

Mr. Mark McCaig  
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Dear Mr. Mark McCaig:

As promised in the 2013 Budget, the Ontario government is now making available a new \$100 million municipal infrastructure fund. Starting in the 2013/14 fiscal year, the *Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund* is designed to help small, rural and northern municipalities address roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure.

Starting October 1, 2013, through this new fund, municipalities can apply for \$71 million in capital improvement funding. The initial phase of a two-part selection process includes completing an Expression of Interest (EOI) by November 1, 2013.

Please note: unsuccessful Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) proposals can be re-submitted for funding consideration. Also, successful MIII applicants can re-apply by submitting a new proposal. In both cases, applicants are subject to the new program's eligibility criteria.

Additional information includes a [Program Manual](#) and an [EOI](#).

The new infrastructure fund includes two other components, also available as of today:

- \$25 million to fund 20 proposals for critical projects previously submitted under MIII. This is in addition to the 89 MIII projects announced over the summer. The 21 communities have been notified. More information is available at [Ontario.ca/municipalinfrastucture](http://Ontario.ca/municipalinfrastucture); and
- \$4 million in capacity funding for municipalities with populations under 5,000. Please refer to [Ontario.ca/municipalinfrastucture](http://Ontario.ca/municipalinfrastucture) to see if your municipality is included in this group. My staff will follow up with eligible municipalities to provide more details.



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Finally, your mayor is receiving a similar letter providing details of the new infrastructure fund.

If you have additional questions regarding this fund, please contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre by telephone at 1-877-424-1300 or you can send an e-mail to [aq.info.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:aq.info.omafra@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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