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## Rural Economic Development Microgrant – Apply Before the August 15 Deadline!

*The RMA has partnered with the Government of Alberta to help rural municipalities undertake research on potential rural economic development projects — applications will be accepted until August 15*

The RMA has received funding from the Government of Alberta's [Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan](#) (EDRAP) to create a rural municipality economic development microgrant program. Applications for this program are now being accepted from RMA full member municipalities.

The program will provide a grant of up to **\$10,000** to support projects related to innovative economic development ideas or plans. Project examples include:

- ♦ Innovation in rural investment attraction
- ♦ Rural economic development best practices
- ♦ Business case development
- ♦ Feasibility or pre-feasibility assessment for new opportunities
- ♦ Enhancing municipal capacity to support economic development
- ♦ Opportunity identification
- ♦ Market research

Applications must include a detailed project proposal including the scope of work, project need and project outcome, timeline, budget and funding, project team, and any other relevant information. A council resolution or letter of support from CAO must also be included. The full application guidelines can be found [here](#).

Applications can be [submitted online](#) in Microsoft Word or PDF format until **August 15, 2023**. All approved projects must be completed in full by March 15, 2024, including a final report of key outcomes.

A webinar was hosted on June 30, 2023, by Keating Business Strategies and the RMA, to provide an overview of the application process and what is considered an eligible project. A [recording of the webinar](#) can be found on the [application web page](#).

This is an exciting opportunity that will help directly fund RMA member projects that contribute to local or regional economic development opportunities.

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