Seizing opportunity: How to leverage new federal grants for municipalities using Esri Canada software and services

FCM has done a thorough job of outlining eligible activities on their website. The following table highlights eligible costs where Esri Canada's software, services and training can fit in:

Cost Category	Eligible Costs	Examples of how to use this category
2) Administrative and Overhead Costs	Administrative costs that are directly linked to and have been incurred for the initiative, such as: • Communication costs (e.g. long distance calls or faxes) • Permits or certifications required for the initiative • Printing or photocopying by outside suppliers • Acquisition of documents used exclusively for the initiative • Document translation • Transportation, shipping and courier costs for delivery of materials and services essential for the initiative • Advertising costs essential to communicating the initiative to the public such as website development, public surveys, advertising development and media distribution	Esri-hosted ArcGIS Open Data gives you a quick way to set up public-facing websites where you can communicate your initiative(s) to the public, provide a means to listen to the public, monitor your progress and fully engage with all stakeholders. It also provides a means for you store all your documents, data and information about your initiative so the public can easily find and download your data and information in a variety of open formats.
4) Capital	Specialized system hardware • Software costs up to a maximum of $25,000 will be accepted, unless otherwise approved by FCM • For Demonstration Projects only: rental or purchase of equipment essential for conducting the small-scale activity. This would include construction costs, materials, renovation and modernization costs, and installations costs.	• Collector for ArcGIS: Inventory Collection - collect and update information in the field. • Operations Dashboard for ArcGIS: Asset Analytics - monitor activities and events, track your field workforce and assess the status and performance of your daily operations. • Cityworks: Asset/Maintenance Management - leverage your GIS and manage capital assets and infrastructure.
7) Meetings and public gatherings	Costs related to meetings and public gatherings that communicate the initiative to the public and that collect feedback, such as: • Facility rental • Audiovisual equipment	Use ArcGIS Online Templates for Public Hearings or Open Data to communicate your initiative to the public and collect feedback in an effective and modern way.
8) Services	Fees for professional or technical consultants and contractors	Esri Canada training and consulting fees for implementing solutions such as Prince George's GIS-Centric Asset Management Solution or other examples mentioned in the blog
9) Staff salaries	Direct staff time working on the initiative, with supporting timesheets	Staff time working with Esri Canada personnel on implementing solutions