

I am pleased to inform you of the launch of the next intake for the Ministry of Transportation's Connecting Links Program.

The application period for Intake 9 of the Connecting Links Program (2024-25) is now open, and is live on TPON as of August 24th, at 1:00 PM.

The Connecting Links Program will provide \$30 million in 2024-25, to support municipalities with the construction and repair of roads and bridges on connecting links.

For 2024-25 (Intake 9), the Connecting Links Program will continue to be delivered through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) portal.

The program application process is now open, and the application and supporting guide can be found after logging into your municipal TPON account using the link below and selecting the Connecting Link Program link :

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government>

The maximum amount of funding available for eligible Connecting Link projects for the 2024-25 Connecting Links Program year remains unchanged at \$3 million per **Road** project, and up to a maximum of \$5 million per **Bridge** project. Eligible project costs also remain unchanged from previous intakes (refer to Section 5 / Appendix 3 of the 2024-25 Program Guide for eligibility details). The funding level provided will remain at up to 90 percent of total eligible project costs.

The deadline for applications is 5:00PM on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Successful applicants will be notified in spring 2024, with funding to begin following the mutual signing of the contribution agreements.

If you have any questions related to the program, or about a proposed Connecting Links Program project, please feel free to contact me by email Ryan.Charlton@ontario.ca or my direct line at 613-583-6840 and I will be happy to provide assistance.