



Rural Growth Initiative 2024-2025

Results at a Glance

In 2024-2025, the **Rural Growth Initiative (RGI)** provided support for *rural culture, society, and economic development* through strategic investments in infrastructure and community building projects.



Through an investment of \$10.1 million, the RGI supported projects

that

- ⇒ Build community capacity
- ⇒ Support inclusive communities
- ⇒ Create regional partnerships
- ⇒ Preserve important community assets



In 2024-25, the RGI supported projects implemented by **157 different community partners** that provide essential services across PEI



45

Fire Stations,
Municipal
Governments, or
Band Councils

107

Community
Groups

5

Development
Corporations or
Chambers

Representing Indigenous, francophone, arts, tourism, environment, sport and more types of groups

"The project this year and last year has helped keep the existing services on track in a more modern, updated, and safer building. Very thankful to receive the funding"

"We would not have been able to do the work that was done, it was way outside of the ability that we have to fundraise. "

"We are very grateful for this program's financial support. We would not have been able to replace our aging roof, otherwise. Now we are set for the future."



Communities supported by Rural Growth Initiative Program Investments:

In 2024-2025, 171 RGI projects were completed in 72 Island communities*.

- Alberton
- Alexandra
- Argyle Shore
- Belfast
- Blooming point
- Borden-Carleton
- Brackley
- Brudenell
- Canoe Cove
- Cape Wolfe
- Cardigan
- Cavendish
- Central Bedeque
- Charlottetown
- Clyde River
- Cornwall
- Covehead
- Crapaud
- East Point
- Eldon
- Epperslie
- Elmsdale
- Emerald
- Fort Augustus
- Frenchfort
- Georgetown
- Granville
- Hampshire
- Hunter River
- Kensington
- Kinkora
- Lennox Island
- Linkletter
- Little Pond
- Lower Montague
- Malpeque
- Mermaid
- Mill River
- Miminogash
- Miscouche
- Montague
- Morell
- Mount Stewart
- Murray
- Murray Harbour
- Murray River
- New Dominion
- New Glasgow
- New London
- North Milton
- North Rustico
- O'Leary
- Panmure Island
- Pinette
- Pownal
- Richmond
- Rock Barra
- Scotchford
- Selkirk
- Seven Mile Road
- Souris
- St. Catherine's
- St. Nicholas
- St. Peter's Bay
- Stanhope
- Stanley Bridge
- Stratford
- Summerside
- Tignish
- Tyne Valley
- Wellington
- Wood Islands
- York

**Several projects were offered in multiple communities and some communities had multiple projects.*

Number of
Projects
Supported
149

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Communities supported to enhance, maintain, or expand access to spaces that provide services which enhance rural communities.

Communities are supported to repair rural areas, which is critical for rural culture and society, while also being supported to enhance economic growth.

Renovation and/or expansion of infrastructure
Support for innovative solutions to rural challenges
Heat Pumps
Strategic Regional Growth Initiatives

SMALL STREAM

Financial assistance of up to 75% to a maximum of \$250,000 of total eligible costs.

LARGE STREAM

Financial assistance of up to 50% to a maximum of \$2 million of total eligible costs.

HEAT PUMP INITIATIVE

One time financial assistance of 100% of heat pump costs up to \$20,000.

RECEPTION CENTRE RESILIENCY FUND

Financial assistance of up to 80% to a maximum of \$250,000 of total eligible costs.

Number of
Projects
Supported
22

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Increase community or organizational capacity to support rural populations.

High levels of strategic expertise to identify solutions for complex problems.

Strategic and Organizational Planning
Sustainability Planning
Community Infrastructure Planning

CAPACITY BUILDING

Financial assistance of up to 75% of \$50,000 total eligible costs.