



Rural Growth Initiative 2023-2024 Results at a Glance

In 2023-2024, 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 **\$10.5 million**, the RGI supported projects that

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



In 2023-24 the RGI supported projects implemented by **198 community partners** that provide essential services across PEI



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

"Words can't describe the impact the RGI has had on our aging property. Having this influx of capital investments this year has given us years worth of facility improvements."

"The project is attracting locals and tourists. People are exercising every day by walking. The canteen is providing employment. The community is renting space for parties and activities, and entertainment days. It is enjoyed by all."

"The RGI helped our organization accelerate the project by 2 or 3 years because of the cost-shared funding. This is a very helpful program for non-profit groups."



Communities supported by Rural Growth Initiative Program Investments:

In 2023-2024, 215 RGI projects were completed in 72 Island communities*.

- Abram Village
- Albany
- Alberton
- Alexandra
- Bangor
- Bedeque
- Belfast
- Bonshaw
- Borden-Carleton
- Breadalbane
- Canoe Cove
- Cardigan
- Central Bedeque
- Charlottetown
- Clyde River
- Cornwall
- Crapaud
- Dundas
- East Point
- Eastern Kings
- Ellerslie
- Elmsdale
- Frenchfort
- Georgetown
- Hampshire
- Hunter River
- Kensington
- Kinkora
- Lennox Island
- Linkletter
- Lower Montague
- Malpeque
- Miscouche
- Mont Carmel
- Montague
- Morell
- Mount Stewart
- Murray Harbour
- Murray River
- New Dominion
- New Glasgow
- New London
- North Granville
- North Milton
- North River
- North Rustico
- O'Leary
- Port Hill
- Rice Point
- Rollo Bay
- Rustico
- Scotchfort
- Slemon Park
- Souris
- St. Nicholas
- St. Peters
- St. Teresa
- Stanley Bridge
- Stratford
- Sturgeon
- Summerside
- Tignish
- Tracadie Cross
- Tyne Valley
- Vernon River
- Victoria
- Warren Grove
- Wellington
- West Point
- Winsloe
- Wood Islands
- York

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

Number of projects supported:
193

Number of projects supported:
4

Number of projects supported:
4

Number of projects supported:
14

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Revitalized rural communities to enhance rural culture and society.

Communities are supported to repair rural areas which is critical for rural culture and society.

Community Revitalization Activities; Renovation and/or expansion of infrastructure

REVITALIZE RURAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Financial assistance is in the form of a non-repayable contribution, normally to a maximum contribution of 75% up to \$250,000 of total eligible costs or 50% up to \$2 million of total eligible costs.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Inclusive rural communities to support the recruitment and retention of newcomers.

NGO's and municipal governments in rural communities have the capacity and tools to create an inclusive environment for newcomers.

Diversity and Inclusion Training; Reception and Settlement Support; Networking and Community Connection Events

INCREASE RURAL POPULATION GROWTH

Financial assistance is in the form of a non-repayable contribution, normally to a maximum contribution of 50% up to \$2,500 of total eligible costs.

ECONOMIC GROWTH PROGRAM

Reduced barriers for economic growth to support sustainable rural economies.

NGO's and municipal governments in rural communities are supported to enhance economic growth.

Strategic Regional Growth Initiatives; Support for innovative solutions to rural challenges; Entrepreneurship Development

BUILD RESILIENT RURAL ECONOMIES

Financial assistance is in the form of a non-repayable contribution, normally to a maximum contribution of 50% up to \$50,000 of total eligible costs.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

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

NGO's, co-operatives, and municipal governments in rural communities have the capacity to develop strategic and operational plans.

Strategic and Organizational Planning
Sustainability Planning
Community Infrastructure Planning

INCREASE THE STRATEGIC CAPACITY OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

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