

Questions and Answers
Association of Municipalities of Ontario – Release of surplus administration funds to municipalities

Q: What is being announced today?

AMO will distribute an extra \$15,692,043 (\$1.64 per capita) from the federal Gas Tax Fund to municipalities.

Q: Why does AMO have more federal Gas Tax funds to distribute?

AMO administers more than half a billion dollars per year from the federal Gas Tax Fund to all Ontario municipalities, except the City of Toronto. AMO delivers the Fund in an efficient, innovative way at a cost of less than 0.5% of total program allocation. As a result, AMO has surplus administration funds that will be delivered to municipalities. AMO's success in administering the Fund means more money for local infrastructure.

Q: How much money will my municipality receive?

This distribution will be delivered on a per capita basis using 2006 populations. AMO will distribute \$15,692,043 in surplus administration funds which works out to approximately \$1.64 per capita. A complete allocation table is available at <http://bit.ly/AMOGasTax>.

Q: When will municipalities receive these funds?

Cheques will be issued to municipalities in mid-June 2014. AMO is in the process of contacting each municipality to share the good news and confirm the amount of additional federal Gas Tax funds that will be issued to them.

Q: Does this payment of funds affect my municipality's regular federal Gas Tax Fund allocation or payment?

No. These funds are being delivered in addition to the regular federal Gas Tax Fund allocation because AMO has a surplus in its administration. AMO is on track to issue regular federal Gas Tax Fund payments to municipalities in July, as usual.

Q: How can my municipality use these funds? Should they be treated in the same way as our regular federal Gas Tax Fund allocation?

The surplus administration funds are subject to the terms and conditions of the new federal Gas Tax Fund Municipal Funding Agreement. You should treat these additional funds the same way you treat your regular federal Gas Tax Fund payment. Refer to AMO's Municipal Funding Agreement Guide for more information.

Q: What will AMO do with any future surplus administration funds?

The AMO Board is committed to efficient delivery of the Fund so that more money is available for local infrastructure. The additional federal Gas Tax funds distributed in June 2014 will be a one-time only payment. However, if AMO has surplus administration funds in the future, they will be delivered to municipalities.

Q: What is so special about the way AMO delivers the federal Gas Tax Fund?

AMO's administration of the federal Gas Tax Fund is unique and efficient, delivering more than half a billion dollars per year to all Ontario municipalities, except the City of Toronto, at a cost of less than 0.5% of total program allocation.

In Ontario, allocation amounts are determined on a per capita basis and municipalities do not have to apply for funding. In some jurisdictions, municipalities must apply for the federal Gas Tax Fund on a project by project basis. The Ontario model ensures that municipalities have the tools and flexibility that they need to plan for the future since allocations and funding amounts are stable and predictable. AMO's successful administration means that municipalities now have more money to invest in local infrastructure.

Q: Can I share information about the Gas Tax Fund with my community?

Yes! The best way to celebrate federal Gas Tax Fund investment is to let residents, businesses and local media know that the Fund is benefitting your community. AMO has resources on hand to help you write a news release or plan a local media event. Contact gastax@amo.on.ca today for more information.

Municipalities are encouraged to share information about the federal Gas Tax Fund on social media. Connecting with residents, businesses and others on social media is a simple and effective way to communicate the benefits of the federal Gas Tax Fund. Be sure to follow and engage with @GasTaxinOntario on Twitter for even more information about AMO's administration of the Fund.

You can also direct residents to www.gastaxatwork.ca where AMO maintains an interactive map of Gas Tax funded project across Ontario.