

CIF Project #795 – RFP and Contract Support for Transition (2019)

Background

In 2018, under Project #787, the CIF approved funding to support municipalities in developing RFPs and contracts with clauses that addressed uncertainty around the transition of the Ontario Blue Box Program to Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) and changing market conditions. Given the continued demand, further funding was set aside in 2019 under this project (#795) so that municipalities could continue to receive support in this area.

Summary of Results

The CIF contracted Siskinds LLP to assist with the development of additional guidance on contractual terms and conditions to deal with current market conditions and the impending transition of the Blue Box Program. The cities of Stratford and London received direct support in developing RFPs for collection/processing to allow the CIF to ground truth some of its new procurement clauses.

Financials

The CIF set aside \$40,000 in 2019 towards this type of support and \$1,220 was used.

Learnings

With the announcement of the Province's plans to prepare to transition the Blue Box Program to IPR, demand for CIF support services associated with procurement and contract management activities have been at an all-time high. In many cases, CIF staff were able to accommodate customer inquiries within their regular duties and associated research within other projects.