

Mass Timber Demonstration Program (MTDP)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. General FAQs

Questions	Answers
Who funded the Mass Timber Demonstration Program?	The Mass Timber Demonstration Program is part of StrongerBC, B.C.'s economic recovery plan. The program is led by Forestry Innovation Investment through its Wood First Program. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness.
Where do I access more information about the funding call?	Information about the funding call will be posted on the How to Apply page of the website as they are available. Please join our mailing list to stay informed of program updates as they are available.
What's the maximum amount an applicant can receive?	The maximum amount payable by MTDP will be up to 100% of a project's eligible incremental costs up to a total of \$500,000.
Is this funding for new projects only? What if my company has one already underway?	Eligible costs can only be incurred after the date on which the agreement is executed by both parties.
Why do I have to share my learnings or research?	This program intends to advance mass timber innovation in construction projects and stimulate economic activity within the development, construction sector, professional services and forest product sectors, and support forest sector diversification. Sharing of research findings and best practices is key to advancing mass timber innovation and driving the demand for its associated wood products.
How much money is available?	A total of \$3.0 million for building projects, research and testing and related activities.
Do I have to contribute my own money or secure federal or other funding to participate?	There is a range of costs of a mass timber project that will not be eligible for funding through this program - this program is focused on incremental or first-time costs of using mass timber vs traditional building materials. Funding must be directed only to eligible activities; all other costs must come from other sources and the sources of that funding should be identified in your proposal.
Do I have to pay it back?	Businesses would only need to pay back the money if any of the information they submitted was untrue or if they used the funds for purposes that are not eligible under the program.

2. Application FAQs

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How do I apply?	Applications must be submitted to info@masstimberbc.ca using the Application Form provided on the How to Apply page
When can I apply?	Interested applicants that meet the program criteria can apply until December 7, 2020 at 20:00 Pacific Standard Time. Before applying, review the eligibility criteria for required information and the Expression of Interest Guide.
What language should my proposal be in?	The working language of FII is English. All responses to this Call for Expressions of Interest must be in English.
Who is eligible to apply?	Eligible applicants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For-profit building sector organizations registered in British Columbia (e.g. Owners, Developers); • B.C. local governments, municipalities, and regional districts; and • First Nation governments and organizations.
What building heights are being funded?	Eligible building heights are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Residential (3+ stories); • Residential (7+ stories); and • Industrial (1+ storey).
What types of buildings are being funding?	Eligible building uses are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-family Residential; • Mixed-use Commercial Office; • Institutional; and • Industrial.
How much mass timber does my project need to include?	The main structural building system must be mass timber or mass timber-hybrid (such as mass timber wood frame, mass timber-concrete, or mass timber-steel).
What activities can I spend the program funds on?	Eligible activities for funding are (see the Expression of Interest Guide, Section 2.6, for more details): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design, development, permitting and construction drawings; • Construction and related activities.
What can I spend the money on?	Eligible costs are (see the Expression of Interest Guide, Section 2.7, for more details): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incremental costs associated with the mass timber solutions; • Professional, consulting, and/or technical services; • Salaries and benefits;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data acquisition and the acquisition of technical equipment or materials, software, and licenses; • Incremental insurance or other related fees associated with the premiums placed on mass timber buildings; • Publicity, design, publishing fees, promotional and printing services; and • Other unique expenses required for the implementation of the mass timber solution.
<p>Can I use this funding to buy mass timber?</p>	<p>No. This funding is not intended to be used on mass-timber materials.</p>
<p>Can I apply to this program and other funding sources?</p>	<p>Yes. Proponents must demonstrate that they have access to the funding required to successfully complete the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other government of B.C. contributions received or applied for must be clearly identified in the EOI submission.
<p>How can I make my application more competitive?</p>	<p>Outside of the mandatory criteria, applications will be assessed against the desired criteria, which are broken up as so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical Feasibility ○ Business Plan ○ Timing ○ Experience • Cost- Competitiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost-Competitiveness and Replicability • Innovation and Value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building Innovation ○ Value for Investment • Environmental Performance
<p>What documents do I need to, or should I, attach with my application form?</p>	<p>Applicants must include the following documents with their application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class “D” cost analysis and incremental cost estimates. <p>Applicants should also consider including the following documents with their application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business plan; and • A proposed project schedule (e.g. Gantt Chart).

3. Updates to FAQs

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I have multiple mass timber projects. Can I apply more than once?	Yes, Eligible Applicants may apply more than once.
Can I apply if I already work with mass timber?	Yes, applicants who have existing experience with mass timber are eligible.
Is my project eligible if the building is already under construction?	Yes, your project is eligible. Project costs incurred before signing of a contribution agreement will not be eligible costs.