

# Mass Timber Demonstration Program (MTDP)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. General FAQs

Questions	Answers
<b>Who funded the Mass Timber Demonstration Program?</b>	The Mass Timber Demonstration Program (MTDP) is led by Forestry Innovation Investment (FII) 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 Innovation.
<b>Where do I access more information about the funding call?</b>	Information about accessing the funding call will be posted on the <a href="#">How to Apply</a> page of the website as funds are available. Please join our <a href="#">mailing list</a> to stay informed of program updates as they are available.
<b>What's the maximum amount an applicant can receive?</b>	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.
<b>Is this funding for new projects only? What if my company has one already underway?</b>	Eligible costs can only be incurred after the date on which the agreement is executed by both parties.
<b>Why do I have to share my learnings?</b>	This program intends to advance mass timber and mass timber-hybrid innovation in construction projects and stimulate economic activity within the development, construction, professional services and forest product sectors, and support forest sector diversification. Sharing of best practices and lessons learned is key to advancing this innovation and driving the demand for its associated mass timber products.
<b>How much money is available?</b>	A minimum of 1 million dollars in overall funding will be available for this intake of the Program.
<b>Do I have to contribute my own money or secure federal or other funding to participate?</b>	There is a range of costs of a mass timber or mass timber-hybrid 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 application.
<b>Do I have to pay it back?</b>	Businesses typically 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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<b>How do I apply?</b>	Applications must be submitted to <a href="mailto:info@masstimberbc.ca">info@masstimberbc.ca</a> using the Application Form provided on the <a href="#">How to Apply</a> page
<b>When can I apply?</b>	Interested applicants that meet the program criteria can apply until Monday, October 21, 2024 at 20:00 Pacific Daylight Saving Time. Before applying, review the eligibility criteria for required information and the Expression of Interest Guide.
<b>What language should my proposal be in?</b>	The working language of FII is English. All responses to this Call for Expressions of Interest must be in English.
<b>Who is eligible to apply?</b>	Eligible applicants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For-profit organizations registered in British Columbia (e.g. owners, developers);</li> <li>• Not-for-profit organizations incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation or society formed under an Act of Canada or the Province of British Columbia and in good standing under the relevant Act;</li> <li>• British Columbia local governments (i.e. municipalities and regional districts); and</li> <li>• First Nation governments and organizations.</li> </ul>
<b>What building heights are being funded?</b>	Eligible building heights are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential (5+ stories)</li> <li>• Mixed-use Commercial (3+ stories);</li> <li>• Institutional (2+ stories); and</li> <li>• Industrial (2+ stories).</li> </ul> <p>Applications should be for buildings that meet or exceed the heights listed above. <u>However</u>, consideration may be made for funding of other heights if the applicants can clearly explain how their proposed building is uniquely innovative.</p>
<b>What types of buildings are being funding?</b>	Eligible building uses are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-family Residential;</li> <li>• Mixed-use Commercial;</li> <li>• Institutional; and</li> <li>• Industrial.</li> </ul>
<b>How much mass timber does my project need to include?</b>	The main structural building system must be mass timber or mass timber-hybrid (such as mass timber-light-frame wood, mass timber-concrete, or mass timber-steel).
<b>What activities can I spend the program funds on?</b>	Eligible activities for funding are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, development, permitting and construction drawings;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction and related activities.</li> </ul> <p>See the Expression of Interest Guide, Section 2.6, for more details.</p>
<p><b>What can I spend the money on?</b></p>	<p>Eligible costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incremental costs associated with the mass timber solutions;</li> <li>• Professional, consulting and/or technical services;</li> <li>• Salaries and benefits;</li> <li>• Data acquisition and the acquisition of technical equipment or materials, software and licenses;</li> <li>• Incremental insurance or other related fees associated with the premiums placed on mass timber buildings, (up to a maximum of 25% of the total MTDP funding request);</li> <li>• Publicity, design, publishing fees, promotional and printing services; and,</li> <li>• Other unique expenses required for the implementation of the mass timber solution.</li> </ul> <p>See the Expression of Interest Guide, Section 2.7, for more details.</p>
<p><b>Can I use this funding to buy mass timber?</b></p>	<p>No. This funding is not intended to be used on mass timber materials.</p>
<p><b>Can I use this funding towards insurance?</b></p>	<p>Yes, but only towards up to 25% of your total MTDP funding request.</p>
<p><b>Can I apply to this program and other funding sources?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Applicants must demonstrate that they have access to the funding required to successfully complete the project. Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any other federal, provincial, territorial, municipal and private sector funding received or applied for must be clearly identified in the EOI submission.</li> <li>• The total Canadian government assistance (federal, provincial and municipal) cannot exceed 100% of the total eligible incremental project costs being funded through the MTDP.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How can I make my application more competitive? Are there any priorities that may be considered?</b></p>	<p>All applicants should clearly explain how their proposed building is uniquely innovative. Priorities of the program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage the new 2024 BC Building Code provisions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enable taller encapsulated mass-timber construction (EMTC) buildings with as many as 18 storeys for residential and office buildings;</li> <li>○ Expand EMTC to new building types, such as schools, libraries, retail, light- and medium-industrial occupancies, and care facilities; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allow for more exposed mass timber in buildings, based on a building’s height and use, such as residential buildings with as many as 8 storeys.</li> <li>● Promote or are linked to repeatability of designs/projects;</li> <li>● Advance solutions for housing applications;</li> <li>● Demonstrate cost and time efficient construction;</li> <li>● Demonstrate mass timber use that has <i>not already</i> been widely accepted or commercialized in your region of British Columbia.</li> </ul> <p>Outside of the mandatory criteria, applications will be assessed against the desired criteria as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Feasibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Technical Feasibility</li> <li>○ Business Plan</li> <li>○ Timing</li> <li>○ Experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Financial Competitiveness</li> <li>● Innovation and Value: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Building Innovation</li> <li>○ Value for Investment</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Environmental Performance</li> </ul>
<p><b>What documents do I need to, or should I, attach with my application form?</b></p>	<p>Applicants <u>must</u> include the following documents with their application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class “D” cost estimate and incremental cost estimates.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should also consider including the following documents with their application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A business plan for the project specifically; and,</li> <li>● A proposed project schedule (e.g. Gantt Chart).</li> </ul> <p>Applicants can also submit a life cycle assessment (LCA) if complete already. Successful applicants will work with FII to submit an LCA near the end of their project.</p>
<p><b>I have multiple mass timber projects. Can I apply more than once?</b></p>	<p>Yes, eligible Applicants may apply more than once.</p>
<p><b>Can I apply if I already work with mass timber?</b></p>	<p>Yes, Applicants who have existing experience with mass timber are eligible.</p>
<p><b>Is my project eligible if the building is already under construction?</b></p>	<p>Yes, your project is eligible. Project costs incurred before signing of a contribution agreement will not be eligible costs.</p>