

NU GIRDER FORM GRANT PROGRAM

Submission Requirements

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The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's NU Girder Form Grant Program ("NUGFGP" or "Program") offers the lower of 50% or \$200,000 of the cost of procuring the steel forms required to construct a Nebraska University ('NU') type of girder. The Program is designed to assist contractors, and precast suppliers undertaking bridge construction projects in Newfoundland and Labrador. In so doing, the Program seeks to increase the competitiveness of bridge construction in the province by ensuring that there are multiple suppliers and contractors that can produce the NU type girder.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will commit up to \$600,000 for the Program. The NUGFGP is administered by Transportation and Infrastructure, with funding awarded through a solicited proposal process. Applicants are invited to submit detailed proposals, with funding agreements to be signed with successful applicants. The application intake is currently open, and submissions are due by **Tuesday, June 2 2026**.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have previous experience as a Contractor that has constructed pre-tensioned or post-tensioned girders (at least ten girders within the last fifteen years), OR

Have previous experience as a Precast Supplier that has constructed pre-tensioned or post-tensioned girders (at least ten girders within the last fifteen years),
- Be an incorporated or other registered entity in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador,
- Have their main business base located in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Be in good standing with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and
- Have or are willing to get before March 31, 2027 one of the following qualifications:
 1. CPCQA Certification in CSA A23.4 Group B - Bridges, subcategory B1 – Precast Bridge Products, subcategory B2 – Prestressed Miscellaneous Bridge Products, subcategory B3 – Prestressed Straight Strand Bridge Members and subcategory B4 – Prestressed Deflected Strand Bridge Members.
 2. CSA A23.4 Group B - Bridges, subcategory B1 – Precast Bridge Products, subcategory B2 – Prestressed Miscellaneous Bridge Products, subcategory B3 – Prestressed Straight Strand Bridge Members and subcategory B4 – Prestressed Deflected Strand Bridge Members.

Available Funding

- NUGFGP funding shall not exceed the lesser of 50% or \$200,000 of the cost of procuring the steel girder forms.
- Costs accepted under procurement are limited to the following:
 - Steel Fabrication Costs
 - All design fees associated with the design of the steel girder forms, including shop drawings.
 - Delivery to the Contractor's/Precast Supplier's business location in NL.
 - Costs will only be paid when supported by invoicing showing the final payment amount paid. No costs will be accepted for any administrative costs incurred by the Applicant.

Payments:

A total of two payments of approved funding will be issued:

- An advance payment of 10% of eligible costs will be provided upon the signing of a funding agreement, if pre-construction conditions of the agreement are met.
- A second payment of 90% will be advanced upon certification of the steel forms, delivery to the Contractor's/Precast Supplier's business location in Newfoundland and Labrador, certification of the CPCQA or CSA certification noted above, and invoices showing full payment from all third parties.

Applicants shall be aware that payments are expected to be completed by March 31, 2027. Any payments after this date will be at the discretion of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Project Selection Committee

A Selection Committee comprised of the Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development (JGRD) and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (TI) will assess all submissions. This committee will subsequently make recommendations to the TI Deputy Minister for decision.

Program Assessment Timeline

Targeted timelines for Program delivery are as follows:

Table 1: Program Assessment Timeline

Submission of Application with Proposal	
Applications with Proposals Due	June 2, 2026
Evaluation of Applications and Proposals	June 3 – June 5, 2026
Successful Applicants and Funding Agreement	
Issuance of Letters of Commitment for successful applicants / Other applicants notified if they are not approved	June 10, 2026

Review and signing of funding agreements	Following signing of the Letter of Funding
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Required Information for Submissions

To be considered for a non-repayable contribution, Applicants are required to complete an application and provide a proposal with required documentation. Applications and proposals with documentation should be as concise as possible while providing all requested information. The application can be found in **Appendix A**.

Proposal requirements are described in **Appendix B and C**, including details on specific documents required. A Checklist for Submission is provided in **Appendix D** to assist with the completion and submission of the proposal.

Any documents that are requested but unavailable by the deadline for submission, at the Selection Committee's discretion, may be requested during the review period. This may include, for example, documentation to substantiate the previous experience required, the qualifications of the construction team members or fabricators, etc. Failure to provide required documentation may result in disqualification from consideration for the grant.

Any proposal or information submitted for grant consideration are submitted at the Applicant's own risk and cost with no assurance that funding will be awarded. By submitting an application in response to this time-limited program, the applicant acknowledges and accepts these conditions.

Assessment Criteria for Proposal Submissions

Proposal submissions will be evaluated based on the basis of pass/fail requirements and scoring criteria. Failure to satisfy any of the pass/fail requirements will result in disqualification. The pass/fail requirements are shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Pass/Fail Requirements

Requirements	Pass/Fail
Applicant has their main business located in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador	
Applicant has demonstrated their previous minimum experience of constructing Pre-Tensioned or Post-Tensioned Concrete Girders	
Applicant has noted their current CPCQA or CSA qualifications or has noted their willingness to obtain either of these qualifications before March 31, 2027.	
CVs/Resumes for Construction Team were provided	

The scoring criteria are shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Scoring Criteria

Category	Scoring Criteria	Available Points
Experience, and Qualifications	Demonstrates sufficient experience in the successful construction of Pre-tensioned or Post-Tensioned Concrete Members	40
Experience, and Qualification	Demonstrates qualifications of construction team 7	40
Readiness	Demonstrates ability to procure and deliver Forms before March 31, 2027	20
		100

The Selection Committee will assess the submissions and score the criteria based on the scale shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Scoring Scale

Scoring Scale – Quality of Response	Multiply Available Points by this Factor
Exceeds or fully satisfies requirements	1.0 or 0.9
Meets nearly all or most requirements	0.8 or 0.7
Meets sufficient or the minimum requirements	0.6 or 0.5
Meets less than the minimum or few requirements	0.4 or 0.3
Meets very few or none of the requirements	0.2 or 0.1

Any submission that obtains fewer than half of the available points on any scored criterion, or fewer than 60 out of 100 total points, will be disqualified.

Applicants will be ranked based on their scores, and funding will be allocated in order of ranking until the total available Program budget of \$600,000 has been fully committed. Successful applicants will receive a NUGFGP Letter of Commitment indicating conditional approval and will proceed to enter into a funding agreement with Transportation and Infrastructure.

Submitting the Application and Proposal

Completed submissions should be forwarded by **4:30 P.M. Newfoundland Time, Tuesday, June 2, 2026** via email in PDF format, to: justinegeddes@gov.nl.ca. Emails larger than 35 MB cannot be accepted.

Alternatively, if applicants wish to submit the application and proposal by mail, submissions must

be received by 4:30 P.M. Newfoundland Time Tuesday, June 2, 2026, a requirement of three (3) copies should be sent by registered mail to:

Justine Geddes
Transportation and
Infrastructure
5th Floor, West Block, 100 Prince Phillip Drive
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Please Note: Whether submissions are sent via email or by mail, late arriving submissions will not be accepted.

Any questions related to this submission requirements process should be submitted in writing to justinegeddes@gov.nl.ca on or before **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**. Questions, without attribution, and answers will be compiled and shared with all applicants on or before May 29, 2026.

Submission of an application and proposal shall constitute agreement by the Applicant to any and all requirements, terms and conditions established in this document or its annexes.

What to Expect from Approval Process

After the Selection Committee makes recommendations to the TI Deputy Minister, the Deputy Minister will make the final decision on which applicants will be offered NUGFGP funding. Based on the Deputy Minister's decisions, TI will assign a staff member to work directly with the successful applicant to reach a funding agreement.

The length of time to finalize a funding agreement is dependent on the applicant's ability to efficiently submit requested information, including, and not limited to, information requested during the submission process. All required information must be on file prior to a disbursement of funds beyond any initial preliminary advance.

All payment advances beyond the initial 10% advance will require the approval of the TI representative.

Additional documentation and information required after a successful application and proposal submission will include:

1. Execution of a Letter of Funding
2. Other information may be required, at TI's sole discretion, based on the scope and timing of the project.

Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015

Information submitted to TI in response to this Call for Proposals will be collected under the authority of section 61(c) of the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015**, for the purpose of assessing the merit of the project. Any information that may be received will be governed in accordance with the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015** and will only be used for the above noted purpose. Potential applicants may submit any questions regarding the manner in which this information will be collected, used and potentially disclosed to ATIPP-TI@gov.nl.ca.

Appendices:

Appendix A Application

Appendix B NU Girder Dimensions

Appendix C Proposal Requirements (including required documentation)

Appendix D Checklist for Submission

Appendix A- Application



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Application

Clear Form

SECTION 1: INSTRUCTIONS

- A Proposal and other required documentation are required with the Application for a complete submission.
- If inadequate space is provided in the application for any information required, please add the information to the Proposal.
- Retain a copy of the complete submission for your records.

SECTION 2: APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Legal Name:

Operating As:

Contact Person:

Title:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Mailing address:

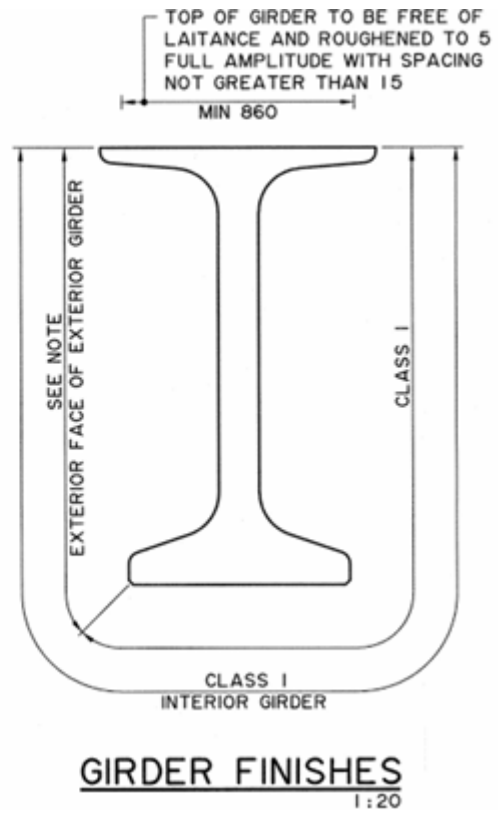
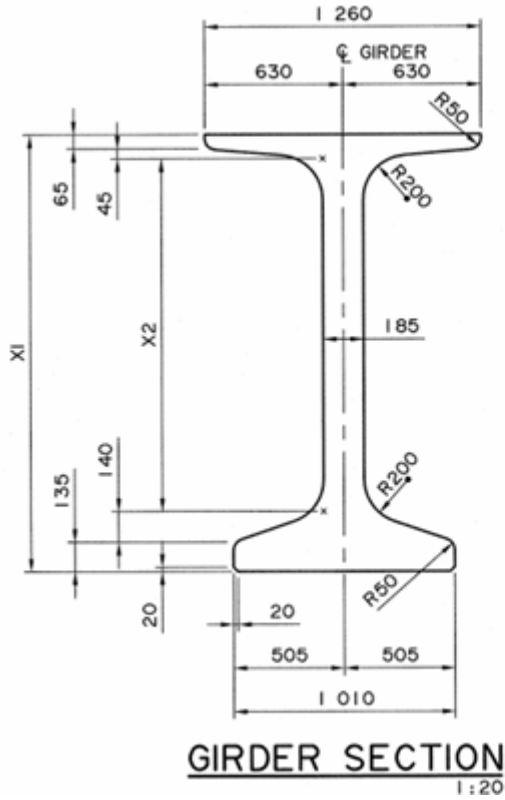
SECTION 4: PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY, CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

- I _____ (name) am the _____ (position) of _____ (full legal name), the applicant making the attached submission. I have the authority to make this submission and bind and make representations for the _____ (named applicant). Through this submission, we agree to all the terms and conditions of the NU Girder Form Grant Program, Guidelines and Forms, and we agree to be bound by statements and representations made in this submission.
- The Province will only use the personal information collected or provided as part of this application process for purposes directly related to the operation of the relevant programs and for statistical reports.
- Information Applicants provide in confidence, both personal and business-related, will be kept confidential unless:
 - Applicants approve its release, or
 - Government is required or authorized by laws such as the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) Act** to release it.
- This information is collected for the purpose of administering the NU Girder Form Grant Program. This information is being collected in accordance with section 61(c) of the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (ATIPPA, 2015)**. All information provided will be maintained in a secure manner and confidentiality will be protected, as required by the **ATIPPA, 2015**. If you have questions regarding privacy and confidentiality, contact the Access and Privacy Coordinator, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, phone: (709) 729-xxxx, or email: ATIPP-TI@gov.nl.ca.
- By signing and dating the application below the Applicant hereby authorizes and acknowledges the following statements:
 - The Applicant declares that all the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.
 - The information provided in this application is for the express purpose of expressing an interest in obtaining a grant from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in accordance with the terms and criteria of the NU Girder Form Grant Program.
- We certify that neither the Officers nor Directors have any actual or potential conflict of interest between our interests and the interests of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure under this process. We acknowledge that if a conflict exists, Transportation and Infrastructure may, at its discretion, withhold consideration of our submission. Further, we understand that the applicant may be required to execute a statutory declaration with respect to potential conflicts of interest.

- We understand and agree that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador reserves the right of final approval for this proposal and that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure may refuse to accept this proposal in its sole and absolute discretion.

Name of Authorized Signing Officer: (please print)	
Signature of Authorized Signing Officer:	
Date:	
Name of Authorized Signing Officer: (please print)	
Signature of Authorized Signing Officer:	
Date:	

Appendix B- NU Girder Dimensions



X1 – minimum 1000 mm, maximum 2400 mm

Appendix C- Proposal Requirements

Applicants are asked to provide a concise proposal to capture additional information that is not contained within the application. In addition to the information provided in the Proposal, applicants will also be required to provide a copy of certain documentation in support of the submission, which validates the applicant's suitability.

The proposal and supporting documentation should include, but not be limited to:

1. Qualifications Summary

- i. The proposal will identify previous projects in the last 15 years where the applicant's company constructed Pre-tensioned or Post-tensioned concrete girders, details that shall be included are; location of project, bridge owner, value of construction, and type and number of girders
- ii. The proposal shall include either evidence of, or a statement attesting, to the applicant's willingness to get one of the following qualifications before March 31, 2027:
 1. CPCQA Certification in CSA A23.4 Group B - Bridges, subcategory B1 – Precast Bridge Products, subcategory B2 – Prestressed Miscellaneous Bridge Products, subcategory B3 – Prestressed Straight Strand Bridge Members and subcategory B4 – Prestressed Deflected Strand Bridge Members.
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- iii. The proposal will identify the applicant's current employees' technical expertise and previous experience in Pre-tensioned or Post-tensioned concrete girders.

2. Fabrication Summary

- i. The proposal will identify the fabrication supplier of the NU girder forms. The fabrication supplier shall be certified from either the Canadian or American Institute of Steel Construction.
- ii. The proposal must indicate that fabrication of the Girder Form will be constructed to produce the NU Girder shape shown on Appendix B.

3. Technical Considerations

The applicant will be responsible for compliance with industry codes or standards and/or provincial

or federal legislation or by-laws, and/or accurate design. By submitting a proposal, the applicant acknowledges in its sole responsibility to meet industry standards. This will also be a condition of funding, if successful.

The applicant must also ensure that the girder form is compliant with the following standards:

- CSA – S6 Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code
- CSA – W59 Welded Steel Construction
- Mill Certificates, Samples and Tests as per Section 910 of the Highway Specifications Book
- CSA-G40.21 Structural Quality Steels
- CSA S16.1 Limit States Design of Steel Structures – Identification of structural steel provisions.

4. Inspection of Project

Inspections of the girder forms shall be completed and certified by qualified personnel.

5. Funding and Schedule

Outline the expected costs of procurement and schedule from procurement to delivery of the Girder Forms to the applicant.

6. Other Documentation

The following additional documentation is required:

- A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation for the Applicant and Certificate of Good Standing for the Applicant from the Department of Digital Government and Service NL must be submitted with the application and proposal.
- Any additional information or documentation which may be required by TI.

Appendix D: Checklist for Submission

Submissions are due by 4:30 P.M. (Newfoundland Time) on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026**, and must include the following:

- Application
- Proposal
- Certificate of Incorporation and Certificate of Good Standing from Government Services with current annual return files.
- Letter from a steel supplier confirming that they can supply the NU girder form as described in Appendix B and C.