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The CSLA applauds the launch of a new federal fund to help reduce the impact of climate change

Ottawa –In response to the federal government’s allocation of new moneys for climate change adaptation projects, Nastaran Moradinejad, President of the CSLA, expressed that:

“This important initiative will allow landscape architects to accommodate both the needs of our communities and those of the natural environment – all the while respecting the cultural landscapes of the past and planning sustainably for the future.”

On May 17th, 2018, the Government of Canada announced the launch of its Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), a 10-year, \$2 billion national program designed to help communities better withstand current and future hazards by helping address climate risks and protect communities from natural disasters.

The CSLA applauds the launch of the DMAF by the Government of Canada. According to Colleen Mercer Clarke, Chair of the CSLA’s Committee on Climate Adaptation:

“This program supports the CSLA’s belief that to ensure a prosperous future within a changing climate we must create a society which has an enhanced capacity for resilience, a willingness to transform to a better state, and a commitment to ensuring the long-term sustainability of environments, cultures and well-being.”

Landscape architects play an integral role in the planning, design and management of projects that mitigate the impact of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The work of landscape architects promotes ingenuity and builds resilience in individuals and organizations and supports the sustainability of our natural environment.

The deadline for expressions of interest for the program is July 31, 2018. For more information on the fund, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2018/05/backgrounder-disaster-mitigation-and-adaptation-fund-dmaf.html>



The **Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)** is a professional organization representing more than 2000 landscape architects nationally, including associate (or intern) members and members who are students of landscape architecture. As the voice of the profession in Canada, the CSLA is an advocate for its members on issues such as urban design, urban renewal, sustainable development, climate change and cultural heritage.

The **CSLA Committee on Climate Adaptation** has as its objective to provide national and local perspectives on our changing environment, promote improved understanding of new science, and facilitate the dissemination of emerging tools and lessons learned from shared experience.

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