



Funding Your Community Energy Initiatives

A guide to funding and resources
for British Columbia local governments

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide for BC local governments is divided into two parts: a Funding Guide and a Resource Guide.

The **Funding Guide** is a comprehensive listing of programs for which BC local governments are eligible, that provide financial incentives for energy planning, efficiency, or renewable energy related activities.

The **Resource Guide** is a listing of programs and organizations that provide non-financial resources to local governments to support energy planning, efficiency, or renewable energy. These resources include information, advice, workshops, and advocacy work. The Resource Guide also includes information on programs that provide financial incentives for which local governments are not eligible, but for which non-profit organizations, community groups, or local businesses may be able to apply.

Each entry includes the program title, description, restrictions on eligibility, organization, contact information, and a website address. The Funding Guide also includes information on the amount of funds available, while the Resource Guide includes the types of support offered.

Both guides are organized by category: Buildings, Infrastructure, Renewables, and Transportation. Many programs are applicable to more than one, or sometimes all of the categories.

The cross-reference table enables quick identification of programs within categories, and types of incentives or non-financial resources available.

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21. Victoria Transport Policy Institute (VTPI)				●					●				

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1. Aboriginal & Northern Community Action Program (ANCAP)

Category: All

Description

ANCAP provides funding for initiatives that facilitate the engagement of Aboriginal peoples and northerners in energy-related activities, and facilitate community-driven strategies for addressing the use and provision of energy.

Eligibility

First Nations

Funding Available

Grants of up to \$100,000 for planning and up to \$250,000 for implementation.

Contact

Indian & Northern Affairs Canada
Jesse George
819-994-7425
John McEwan
819-997-3109
www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/clc

2. BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program

Category: All

Description

This program offers funding for local government planning activities that support energy and climate change action. The Infrastructure Planning (Study) Grants can be used for community energy planning or feasibility studies. The Grants are provided for projects to study the feasibility, costs, technology, and location of proposed sewer, water, drainage, transportation, or other local government infrastructure.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Up to \$10,000. Grants over \$5,000 must have matching funds.
Grant applications accepted quarterly.

Contact

Ministry of Community Services:
Municipal Engineering Services Branch
Elizabeth Davidge
(250) 387-4060
Elizabeth.Davidge@gov.bc.ca
www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/library/infra_planning_grant_program_guide.pdf

3. Federal Tax Exemptions

Category: All

Description

The Federal Government provides a number of tax exemptions in the areas of renewables and energy efficiency. Ethanol, methanol, and biodiesel are exempt from the 10% federal excise tax on motor fuels. Investments in certain energy-producing and renewable energy equipment are eligible for an accelerated write-off under Class 43.1, Schedule II of the Income Tax Act.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Tax exemptions and write-offs

Contact

Canada Revenue Agency
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html

4. Foundations and Non-profit Grant Providers

Category: All

Description

There are many charitable foundations and non-profit organizations that provide funding in the form of grants for energy and sustainability initiatives. These organizations usually require charitable status from the applicants, for which local governments qualify. However, most applicants are non-profit organizations, and any application from a local government would likely need to include significant community involvement or broad community benefits to be considered. Applications from smaller communities with fewer resources available may be more likely to be accepted.

Eligibility

Varies

Funding Available

Varies

Contact

TD Friends of the Environment, VanCity, Vancouver Foundation, Victoria Foundation, others

5. Green Municipal Funds

Category: All

Description

Municipalities may apply to the Green Municipal Fund for funding for planning, field tests, feasibility studies, community sustainability plans, and project implementation towards energy/GHG reduction. The fund supports implementation projects through both grants and lower-interest loans. Applications for studies are accepted on a continuous basis. For implementation funding, an RFP is issued at least once per year for each project category: Energy, Waste, Brownfields, Water, and Transportation. A letter of intent is required first, followed by a full application if accepted.

Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available For studies and planning, up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$350,000. Total annual funds available are \$8 - \$12 million for planning and studies, \$7 - \$10 million for implementation grants, and \$50 - \$70 million for implementation loans.	Contact Federation of Canadian Municipalities: The Centre for Sustainable Community Development Simona Birea, Applications Coordinator (613) 241-5221 ext. 238 sbirea@fcm.ca www.sustainablecommunities.ca/GMF/
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6. Gas Tax Agreement – Community Works Fund

Category: All

Description

Established to support local priorities that are in alignment with the desired outcomes of reduced GHG emissions, cleaner air and cleaner water. It provides funding directly to eligible local governments, with no application required. Level of funding to local governments depends on the Tier they fit into as defined by the Gas Tax Agreement.

Eligibility GVRD communities not eligible	Funding Available \$191 million over 5 years.	Contact Union of British Columbia Municipalities Brenda Gibson, General Manager (250) 356-0862 bgibson@civicnet.bc.ca www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=294
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7. Gas Tax Agreement – Innovations Fund

Category: All

Description

The Innovations Fund is established to support projects that reflect an innovative approach to achieving the intended outcomes of reduced GHG emissions, cleaner air and cleaner water. Grants may fund up to 100% of project costs.

Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available \$32 million over 5 years. Application deadline Feb 16, 2007.	Contact Union of British Columbia Municipalities Brenda Gibson, General Manager (250) 356-0862 bgibson@civicnet.bc.ca www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=294
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8. Gas Tax Agreement – Strategic Priorities Fund

Category: All

Description

The Strategic Priorities Fund provides funding for strategic investments that work towards the desired outcomes of reduced GHG emissions, cleaner air, and cleaner water. The SPF is for projects that are large in scale or regional in impact. Grants may fund up to 100% of project costs.

Eligibility Only communities outside GVRD	Funding Available \$106 million over 5 years. Application deadline Feb 16, 2007.	Contact Union of British Columbia Municipalities Brenda Gibson, General Manager (250) 356-0862 bgibson@civicnet.bc.ca www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=294
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9. Provincial Sales Tax Exemptions

Category: All

Description

The Provincial Government offers a number of PST Exemptions for: Material and equipment used to conserve energy, alternative fuels, energy-efficient residential furnaces, boilers and heat pumps, and fuel-efficient vehicles.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

PST exemption (7%)

Contact

Government of British Columbia:
Ministry of Small Business and Revenue
1-877-388-4440
www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/publications/bulletins/sst_011.pdf

10. Remote Community Electrification Program

Category: All

Description

BC Hydro has established a Remote Community Electrification Program to provide power to communities who wish to be served by BC Hydro. This program has funding available to eligible remote communities for preparation of Remote Community Energy Plans.

Eligibility

Remote (off grid) communities only.

Funding Available

Varies

Contact

BC Hydro
Nick Hawley, Program Manager
(604) 453-6240
Nick.Hawley@bchydro.bc.ca
www.bchydro.com

11. Smart Development Partnership Program

Category: All

Description

This program aims to improve land use planning and development in BC by fostering partnerships. Funding is available for projects that represent new and innovative approaches to specific issues or opportunities related to land use planning. The local government must partner with at least one other organization (eg. industry associations, financial institutions, non-profit associations, etc.). Projects should have broad interest and transferability to other local governments.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Up to \$50,000. Grants must have matching funds.

Contact

Ministry of Community Services
Lois-Leah Goodwin
(250) 356-1128
LoisLeah.Goodwin@gov.bc.ca
www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lgd/intergov_relations/smart_development/index.htm

12. Technology Early Action Measures (TEAM)

Category: All

Description

TEAM is an interdepartmental technology investment program established by the federal government. TEAM funding is directed to support later stage development and demonstration of technology in cleaner fossil fuels, energy efficiency technology, biotechnology, hydrogen economy, and decentralized energy production.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Varies

Contact

Federal Government:
Technology Early Action Measures
1-866-322-3376
info@stdc.ca
www.team.gc.ca

13. Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) Program

Category: Buildings

Description

ACT provides grants to municipalities and other non-governmental organizations, to overcome regulatory barriers that impede innovative housing programs. It is designed to facilitate changes in residential building approval processes, planning regulations, and building regulations. Grant applications must address regulatory issues.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Up to \$5,000.
Applications accepted approximately twice per year.

Contact

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
(613) 241-5221 ext.242
info@actprogram.com
www.actprogram.com

14. Commercial Building Incentive Program (CBIP)

Category: Buildings

Description

CBIP offers a financial incentive for the incorporation of energy efficiency features in new commercial/institutional building designs. The program may also be applied to major renovations or additions, which incorporate modifications to the building envelope and energy systems. Applications will only be accepted until Dec 1, 2006.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Two times annual energy savings, to a maximum of \$60,000 per building. Maximum incentive paid to one organization is \$250,000.

Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency
Jim Clark
(613) 947-1948
www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/

15. Efficient Boiler Program

Category: Buildings

Description

Terasen Gas provides incentives to developers, builders, building owners, and owners' designated representatives such as property managers, for installing or upgrading to condensing or near-condensing boilers.

Eligibility

Lower Mainland and interior only

Funding Available

Up to \$6,000 per boiler plus \$9 per MBH plant input for condensing boilers

Contact

Terasen Gas
1-888-477-0777
www.terasengas.com/Promotions

16. EnerGuide for Existing Buildings (EEB)

Category: Buildings

Description

Formerly the Energy Innovators Initiative, the EEB encourages commercial businesses and public institutions to invest in existing buildings. After joining the initiative, members can work with EII staff to apply for retrofit incentives. The program will end Mar. 31, 2007, or sooner if funding is all committed.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Study incentives 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$25,000.
Capital incentives \$7.50/GJ energy saved to a maximum of \$250,000.

Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency
Ian Fall, Program Officer for British Columbia
(613) 996-5274
www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/

17. Power Sense

Category: Buildings

Description

This program offers financial assistance for converting to energy-efficient technologies. It also demonstrates how to save money by reducing energy consumption.

Eligibility Fortis BC customers only	Funding Available Capital incentives of 1.0 ¢/kWh saved times 5 years or the product life. Funding may also be available for energy studies.	Contact Fortis BC 1-800-363-3330 www.fortisbc.com
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18. Power Smart - Compressed Air Initiative

Category: Buildings

Description

The initiative focuses on optimizing large compressed air systems. Potential incentives are available for implementing energy savings measures.

Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available Varies	Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/business
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19. Power Smart - High Performance Building Program

Category: Buildings

Description

The Program provides financial incentives and tools to help qualified projects: identify energy saving strategies early in the design process; evaluate alternative design options; offset the incremental costs, if any, of the energy-efficient measures; and market the project's high-performance design features and benefits. There are separate programs for large and small buildings.

Eligibility New construction projects that are at least 6,000 ft	Funding Available Up to \$10,000 for studies, depending on building size. Capital incentives vary depending on energy savings.	Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/business
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20. Power Smart - Refrigeration Initiative

Category: Buildings

Description

The Initiative promotes a systems approach to optimization of refrigeration systems, focusing on the design, operation and maintenance issues of the system. Potential co-funding of system energy studies. Also incentives may be available for implementing energy savings measures identified in an energy study. This can help to reduce the payback period for your upgrade.

Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available Varies	Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/business
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21. Power Smart Partners

Category: Buildings

Description

The program enables participants to submit proposals to request funding to implement electrical energy-saving projects. Funding may also be available for energy studies or to hire an energy manager.

Eligibility Large customers only	Funding Available Capital incentives of 1.7¢/kWh saved times the product life.	Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/business
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22. Power Smart Product Incentive Program

Category: Buildings

Description

The program provides financial incentives to replace inefficient products with energy-efficient technologies. Incentives are available for the following categories of energy-efficient technologies: Lighting Products, Controls and Sensors, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC), and others as approved.

Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available Varies by product	Contact BC Hydro 1-866-522-4713 www.bchydro.com/business
23. CANMET Energy Technology Centre		Category: Buildings, Renewables
Description CANMET is a research and development arm of Natural Resources Canada. While primarily a research and technical information source, they also provide funding for pilot and demonstration projects through various programs such as the Emerging Technologies Program, Refrigeration Action Program for Buildings, and the Sustainable Buildings and Communities Group.		
Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available Varies	Contact Natural Resources Canada: CANMET Energy Technology Centre www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/es/etb/programs/index_e.html
24. Renewable Energy Deployment Initiative (REDI)		Category: Buildings, Renewables
Description REDI provides financial incentives for the installation of solar air heating systems, solar hot water systems, and high efficiency/low emissions biomass combustion systems.		
Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available 15% of Biomass cost, 25% of solar costs, to a maximum incentive of \$80,000	Contact Natural Resources Canada: Renewable and Electrical Energy 1-877-722-6600 redi.penser@nrcan.gc.ca www2.nrcan.gc.ca/es/erb/erb/english/View.asp?x=692
25. Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund		Category: Infrastructure
Description The Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund complements Canada's other infrastructure programs but differs in its orientation. It emphasizes partnerships with any combination of municipal, provincial, territorial governments, as well as the private sector, and each partnership will be governed by specifically tailored arrangements. Investments will be directed to large-scale projects of national and regional significance.		
Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available Up to 50% of project costs. Total project costs must be over \$75 million.	Contact Infrastructure Canada www.infrastructure.gc.ca/csif/index_e.shtml?menu3
26. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund		Category: Buildings, Infrastructure
Description The Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund is an initiative to improve rural and municipal infrastructure. 60% of funds are for green infrastructure projects such as water and wastewater treatment infrastructure, municipal environmental energy improvements, public transit infrastructure, and solid waste treatment infrastructure. Funds are also available for local government capacity building. Grants may cover up to 66% of project costs.		
Eligibility All local gov'ts	Funding Available Total of \$102M from federal and BC gov'ts. Application deadline is Jan 31, 2007.	Contact Ministry of Community Services (250) 387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca www.canadabcmrif.ca

27. Cycling Infrastructure Partnership Program (CIPP)

Category: Infrastructure, Transportation

Description

The CIPP is a cost-shared program where the Government of British Columbia will partner with local governments in the construction of new transportation cycling infrastructure. The goal of the program is to promote transportation cycling (cycling to work, school, or errands) as a means of reducing traffic congestion and green house gas emissions. Application deadline is Jan. 31, 2007.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

Up to \$250,000. Must be matched by local government.

Contact

Ministry of Transportation
Alan Callander, Manager, Municipal Policy
(250) 356-5563, alan.callander@gov.bc.ca
www.th.gov.bc.ca/popular-topics/cycling/cipp.htm

28. Renewable Power Production Incentive (RPPI)

Category: Renewables

Description

Purpose is to stimulate the installation of up to 1,500 MW of new renewable energy electricity generating capacity, other than wind. An incentive will be introduced for eligible projects commissioned before April 1, 2011.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

1.0¢/kWh generated for first 10 years of operation

Contact

Natural Resources Canada:
Renewable and Electrical Energy
613-995-8343
reed.dere.penser@nrcan.gc.ca
www2.nrcan.gc.ca/es/erb/erb/english/View.asp?x=681

29. Wind Power Production Incentive (WPPI)

Category: Renewables

Description

Financial support for the installation of 1,000 megawatts of new capacity over 5 years. The wind farm must: be commissioned before March 31, 2007; be independently metered at the point of interconnection with the electricity grid; and have a minimum nameplate capacity of 500 kilowatts. In northern and remote locations, the minimum capacity is 20 kilowatts.

Eligibility

All local gov'ts

Funding Available

0.8¢/kWh generated for first 10 years of operation

Contact

Natural Resources Canada
Denis Bergeron
1-877-722-6600
wppi@nrcan.gc.ca
www.canren.gc.ca/programs/index.asp?Cald=107&PgId=622

RESOURCE GUIDE

1. Climate Change/Energy Pathfinder for Aboriginal Communities

Category: All

Description

The Pathfinder's role is to raise awareness and provide information and services to aboriginal communities, including community liaison for financial and technical support for climate change and energy issues.

Eligibility

First Nations

Type of Support

- Information
- Assistance

Contact

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Aboriginal and Northern Community Action Program
 Roger Smith
 (604) 671-5257
www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/clc/tp/pfg

2. Community Energy Association (CEA)

Category: All

Description

CEA is a first-stop information resource, assisting local governments and communities with energy planning and the development and implementation of energy efficiency and green energy initiatives.

Eligibility

All local governments

Type of Support

- Information
- Tools
- Assistance
- Workshops
- Awards

Contact

Community Energy Association
 Laura Porcher, Executive Director
 (250) 598-4034
lporcher@communityenergy.bc.ca
www.communityenergy.bc.ca

3. EcoAction Community Funding Program

Category: All

Description

The EcoAction Community Funding Program provides financial support to community groups for environmental projects that have measurable, positive impacts on the environment. 50% of program funding is for projects with a greenhouse gas reduction theme.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations only

Type of Support

Grants up to \$100,000

Contact

Environment Canada: Pacific and Yukon Region
 1-800-667-7779
ecoaction.pyr@ec.gc.ca
www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction

4. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Category: All

Description

The Ministry can provide advice for communities seeking to initiate or implement community energy plans. The Ministry co-manages the Community Action on Energy Efficiency pilot program, which promotes energy efficiency in buildings for select pilot communities.

Eligibility

Local governments

Type of Support

- Information
- Pilot projects

Contact

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources:
 Alternative Energy Policy Branch
 Andrew Pape-Salmon
 (250) 952-0819
www.em.gov.bc.ca/AlternativeEnergy

5. Office of Energy Efficiency

Category: All

Description

OEE is the central web portal for federal government programs related to energy efficiency and conservation. It provides a wide variety of information and publications related to technologies, regulations, and statistics, as well as information about NRCan incentive programs.

Eligibility

All

Type of Support

- Information

Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency
www.oeo.nrcan.gc.ca

6. Partners for Climate Protection

Category: All

Description

The PCP program is a network of more than 132 Canadian municipal governments who have committed to reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) and acting on climate change. The PCP program is based on a 5-step framework used to guide municipalities to reduce GHG emissions: developing a GHG inventory, setting a GHG reduction target, adopting a GHG action plan, implementing the plan, and monitoring and evaluating the results.

Eligibility

Municipal governments and regional districts

Type of Support

- Information
- Accreditation

Contact

Federation of Canadian Municipalities: FCM Sustainable Communities
Devin Causley, Program Officer
613-241-5221, ext. 370
dcausley@fcm.ca
www.sustainablecommunities.ca/Capacity%5FBuilding/Energy/PCP/

7. Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development

Category: All

Description

Pembina provides policy research and educational programs in the areas of Energy Watch, Climate Change, Sustainable Energy, and Community Eco-Solutions.

Eligibility

All

Type of Support

- Information
- Assistance
- Advocacy

Contact

Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development
Matt Horne
(604) 874-8558
matth@pembina.org
www.pembina.org

8. Smart Growth BC

Category: All

Description

Smart Growth BC is a non-governmental organization devoted to fiscally, socially and environmentally responsible land use and development. It provides information, guidance, and workshops on urban development strategies for sustainable communities.

Eligibility

All

Type of Support

- Information
- Assistance
- Workshops
- Advocacy

Contact

Smart Growth BC
(604) 915-5234
www.smartgrowth.bc.ca

9. Sustainable Development Technology Canada

Category: All

Description

Sustainable Development Technology Canada is an initiative created by the Government of Canada that operates a fund to finance and support the development of clean technologies.

Eligibility Non-profits Corporations Educational institutes	Type of Support - Funding	Contact Sustainable Development Technology Canada (613) 234-6313 applications@sdtc.ca www.sdtc.ca/en/about/index.htm
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10. Energy Star

Category: Buildings

Description

Energy Star is an international rating system that identifies the most efficient equipment available. It includes appliances, consumer electronics, heating & cooling equipment, windows and doors, and other equipment.

Eligibility All	Type of Support - Information	Contact Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency 1-888-782-7936 www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energystar
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11. Green Buildings BC

Category: Buildings

Description

A program providing tools and resources to help BC's education and health care agencies undertake new construction projects or comprehensive portfolio-wide retrofits of their facilities to significantly improve their energy and water efficiency. Resources include guidance on the procurement process and a credit facility arrangement.

Eligibility Health and education facilities	Type of Support - Information - Credit facility	Contact Green Buildings BC www.greenbuildingsbc.com
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12. Industrial Building Incentive Program (IBIP)

Category: Buildings

Description

IBIP provides a financial incentive for energy efficient designs of new industrial buildings or processes.

Eligibility Industrial companies registered with Industrial Energy Innovators	Type of Support - Incentives up to \$80,000	Contact Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency Jim Clark (613) 947-1948 www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca//industrial/financial-assistance/new-buildings/index.cfm?attr=0
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13. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)

Category: Buildings

Description

The LEED® Canada Rating System recognizes leading edge buildings that incorporate design, construction, and operational practices that combine healthy, high-quality and high-performance advantages with reduced environmental impacts.

Eligibility New commercial and institutional buildings	Type of Support - Accreditation	Contact Canadian Green Building Council (604) 681-7002 www.cagbc.org
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14. R-2000 HOME Program

Category: Buildings

Description

The R-2000 HOME Program encourages the building of energy-efficient houses that are environmentally friendly and healthy to live in. Home builders volunteer to meet the R-2000 standard, which exceeds the efficiency level required by building codes and other regulations. The program includes: a continually upgraded energy efficiency standard for new houses; comprehensive training and education courses for home builders; testing and certification of new houses; and promotional activities.

Eligibility

Home builders

Type of Support

- Information
- Design guidelines
- Accreditation

Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency
www.oeenrncan.gc.ca/residential/personal/new-homes/r-2000/About-r-2000.cfm?attr=4

15. Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC)

Category: Buildings, Renewables

Description

CIPEC is a partnership between industry and the federal government. It provides information, workshops, and incentives to help companies cut costs and increase profits by improving energy efficiency.

Eligibility

Industrial companies registered with Industrial Energy Innovators

Type of Support

- Information
- Workshops
- Incentives up to \$5,000 for energy audits.

Contact

Natural Resources Canada
Ann Martineau, Senior Program Manager
(613) 944-6133
www.oeenrncan.gc.ca/industrial/cipec.cfm?attr=0

16. Energuide

Category: Buildings, Transportation

Description

Energuide is a Canadian rating system that provides information on the energy consumption of major appliances, heating and cooling equipment, houses, and vehicles.

Eligibility

All

Type of Support

- Information

Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency
1-888-782-7937
www.oeenrncan.gc.ca/energuide

17. BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)

Category: Renewables

Description

BCSEA is a non-profit association of citizens, professionals, and practitioners, who are committed to promoting the understanding, development, and adoption of sustainable energy and energy conservation and efficiency in British Columbia.

Eligibility

All

Type of Support

- Information
- Advocacy

Contact

BC Sustainable Energy Association
Peter Ronald, Coordinator
(250) 744-2720
www.bcsea.org

18. BC BioFleet

Category: Renewables, Transportation

Description

The purpose of the BC Biofleet program is to transform the biodiesel market in British Columbia by building awareness and consumer confidence through education and biodiesel demonstrations.

Eligibility

Public & private sector vehicle fleets

Type of Support

- Workshops
- Information

Contact

Fraser Basin Council
Dennis Rogoza, Director
(250) 381-5550
dragoza@fleetchallenge.ca

		www.bcbiofleet.ca
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19. Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST)	Category: Transportation
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Description
 BEST promotes sustainable transportation and pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-oriented neighbourhoods. It provides programs to reduce green house gas emission and climate change.

Eligibility All	Type of Support - Information - Advocacy - Events	Contact Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (604) 669-2860 www.best.bc.ca
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20. Moving On Sustainable Transportation (MOST)	Category: Transportation
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Description
 The MOST Program will provide funding to help support projects that falls into one of five project proposal categories.
 Category 1 - Studies or analyses that contribute to greater understanding of sustainable transportation issues.
 Category 2 - Development of new and innovative sustainable transportation tools and practices.
 Category 3 - Pilot projects that test new sustainable transportation approaches or alternatives.
 Category 4 - Workshops and information sessions to support new sustainable transportation ideas or approaches.
 Category 5 - Education and outreach programs that, inform the Canadian public about sustainable transportation.

Eligibility Non-profit organizations, associations, education institutes, and businesses	Type of Support - Incentives up to \$100,000	Contact Transport Canada: Office of Environmental Affairs (613) 998-6607 MOST@tc.gc.ca www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/most
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21. Victoria Transport Policy Institute (VTPI)	Category: Transportation
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Description
 VTPI is an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative and practical solutions to transportation problems. It provides a variety of free resources on its website to help improve transportation planning and policy analysis.

Eligibility All	Type of Support - Information	Contact Victoria Transport Policy Institute (250) 360-1560 info@vtpi.org www.vtpi.org
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FUNDING YOUR COMMUNITY ENERGY INITIATIVES

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About this Guide

This funding and resource guide is intended to assist British Columbia local government staff and elected officials find appropriate funding and information to support local government energy planning, efficiency, and renewable energy projects. Due to limited space, it is only possible to include key information about each program. Contact the Community Energy Association, or the individual program managers, for more detailed information.

About the Community Energy Association

The Community Energy Association is a charitable organization assisting BC local governments to promote energy efficiency and alternative energy through community energy planning and project implementation. For contact information and many more local government resources, including a downloadable version of this guide or updated versions, please visit: www.communityenergy.bc.ca. CEA intends to update this guide annually.

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