



Funding Your Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives

A Funding Guide for
British Columbia Local Governments

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How To Use This Guide

This funding guide is intended to assist British Columbia local government staff and elected officials find appropriate funding to support local government energy planning, energy efficiency measures, renewable energy projects and sustainable transportation initiatives.

Each listing of a specific funding program includes the program title, description, eligibility criteria, available funding, application deadlines, and funding organization with contact information and website address.

The guide is organized alphabetically by funding organization and program name. Each program has been categorized according to its focus area: buildings, infrastructure, renewable energy and transportation. Some programs are applicable to more than one category. The cross-reference table at the beginning of the guide enables quick identification of programs within categories and types of incentives available.

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CEA would also like to acknowledge the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources' similar guide entitled *List of Funding Opportunities for Clean Energy Projects Led by/for First Nations and Local Governments*. The provincial document features many of the same funding programs that are applicable to both BC local governments and First Nations communities. The guide also includes programs for First Nations communities only. **CEA recommends that First Nations governments reference the provincial guide for First Nations exclusive funding opportunities. The guide is available [here](#).**

Disclaimer

The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Community Energy Association. Details related to the various funding programs in this guide may also change over time. Therefore, please contact or visit the websites of the funding organizations for the most up to date information.

About Community Energy Association

The Community Energy Association is a charitable organization that supports BC local governments with climate action in their community and own corporate operations. CEA helps to accelerate building energy efficiency, renewable energy projects and sustainable transportation through community energy planning and project implementation. To download a copy of this guide or additional resources for local governments, please visit: www.communityenergy.bc.ca.

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2. BC Housing – Building Excellence Research & Education Grants Program	●				●	●	●	
3. BC Hydro – Business Energy Saving Incentives	●					●	●	
4. BC Hydro – Residential New Construction Program	●					●	●	
5. BC Hydro - Sustainable Communities Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
6. Bullitt Foundation – Grant Programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
7. Columbia Basin Trust - Grant Programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
8. Environment & Climate Change Canada - EcoAction Community Funding Program	●	●	●	●		●	●	
9. Environment & Climate Change Canada – Low Carbon Economy Challenge	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
10. Farm Credit Canada – AgriSpirit Fund	●	●				●	●	
11. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Green Municipal Fund	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Asset Management Program	●	●			●	●	●	
13. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Climate Innovation Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
14. FortisBC - Commercial Product Rebates (Electricity)	●					●	●	

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15. FortisBC – Commercial Product Rebates (Natural Gas)	●					●	●	
16. FortisBC – Custom Energy Efficiency Programs for Existing Buildings	●				●	●	●	
17. FortisBC – Custom Energy Efficiency Programs for New Buildings	●				●	●	●	
18. Fraser Basin Council - Fleet Champions Program				●	●	●	●	
19. Funders’ Network & Urban Sustainability Directors Network – Partners for Places Grant Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
20. Infrastructure Canada – Smart Cities Challenge	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
21. Island Coastal Economic Trust – Grant Programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
22. JW McConnell Family Foundation – Grant Programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
23. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources - Clean Energy Vehicle Program				●		●	●	
24. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – SCRAP-IT Program				●		●	●	
25. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development – BC Rural Dividend	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
26. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
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38. Sustainable Development Technology Canada and Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources - SDT & ICE Funds	●	●	●	●		●	●	
39. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation – Grant Program		●				●	●	
40. Union of BC Municipalities – Asset Management Planning Program	●	●			●	●	●	
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42. Vancouver Foundation - Field of Interest Grant for Environment & Animal Welfare	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	

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43. Western Economic Diversification Canada – Western Diversification Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
44. BC Hydro	●					●	●	
45. FortisBC	●					●	●	

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FIRST NATION FUNDING PROGRAMS

1. BC Bioenergy Network – Funding Programs

Category: Renewables

Description

BC Bioenergy Network financially supports pilot and full-scale technology development as well as demonstration bioenergy capital projects. Projects should meet the following criteria: 1) significant environment benefits particularly lower GHG emissions; 2) innovative technologies (best in class or first time); 3) pilot or full-scale commercial facilities; 4) potential to be replicated in BC and/or export markets; 5) regional diversity; and 6) partnerships with private and public sector stakeholders.

In addition, BCBN provides financial assistance to enable communities and companies to develop the skills and knowledge needed to implement bioenergy initiatives. The network has supported capacity building projects related to biomass availability studies, planning and technical feasibility studies, and more.

Application Dates

No specific application deadlines Contact BCBN directly.

Funding Available

Capital projects: 10-30% of project costs. Loans are provided for projects with lower commercial risk and higher expected returns. Grants are considered for projects with greater innovation/risk and large potential.
Capacity building projects: Contact BCBN for details.

Contact

BC Bioenergy Network
604-891-1249
Scott.Stanners@bcbioenergy.ca
<http://bcbioenergy.ca/what-we-do/capital-projects/>
<http://bcbioenergy.ca/what-we-do/capacity-building/>

2. BC Housing – Building Excellence Research & Education Grants Program

Category: Buildings

Description

This grant program supports innovative research and education initiatives that enhance the quality of residential construction and strengthen consumer protection for buyers of new homes. Industry and consumer organizations, researchers and education providers are eligible to apply. Local governments qualify as educators or researchers depending on the nature of the project.

Application Dates

The 2018 application deadline has past. Visit BC Housing's website in the fall for applications and guidelines for the 2019 program.

Funding Available

Up to \$40,000.

Contact

BC Housing
1-844-648-6400
BuildingExcellence@bchousing.org
<https://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/grants-funding-opportunities>

3. BC Hydro – Business Energy Saving Incentives

Category: Buildings

Description

Financial incentives are available to replace inefficient products with energy-efficient technologies. They are offered for lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Commercial customers, including local governments, can apply for these incentives.

Application Dates

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Funding Available

Varies but incentives on average cover 35% of energy efficiency upgrade. They could fund up to 75% of costs. Incentives depend on hours of operation, energy savings, project cost and payback period.

Contact

BC Hydro
604-522-4713 / 1-866-522-4713 or your Key Account Manager
incentives@bchydro.com
<https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/business/programs/express.html>

4. BC Hydro – Residential New Construction Program

Category: Buildings

Description

The Residential New Construction Program is offering BC Energy Step Code Implementation funding for local governments in BC Hydro's service area. Funding shall be allocated to provide incentives and/or rebates to residential builders to work with a licensed energy advisor for design modelling, performance testing and completion of EnerGuide rating for new residential construction. To qualify, local governments must have a council approved adoption timeline of BC Energy Step Code Step 1 or higher for Part 9 residential new construction within 6 months to 2 years of BC Building Code enforcement (December 15, 2017). In addition, they need to commit to the following actions: participation of a building official in quarterly meetings to share info on the Energy Step Code implementation process and co-promotion of builder education and training on the Energy Step Code in or near their community. For more information on the Energy Step Code, visit the [Province of BC website](#).

Application Dates

Applications are due by February 2, 2018. Email BC Hydro for an application form.

Funding Available

Up to \$20,000 for eligible local governments with city-wide Energy Step Code regulations for new [Part 9 buildings](#).

Contact

BC Hydro
bertine.stelzer@bchydro.com

5. BC Hydro - Sustainable Communities Program

Category: All

Description

Local governments can exercise influence over energy use in a community through land use controls, bylaws, regulations and compliance tools.

The Sustainable Communities Program provides financial support and technical guidance to local governments to encourage them to use the specific powers available to them in order to embed energy conservation and efficiency into community planning and development, support the adoption of new building codes and standards, drive building energy retrofits, and advance low carbon electrification initiatives. Program offers are available to support the following:

- Planning – Funding to develop and implement Community Energy and Emissions Plans (CEEPs) and to embed consideration for energy in other municipal plans and planning processes.
- People – Salary support for Community Energy Managers (CEMs) and Building Energy Managers (BEMs), Interns and UBC Sustainability Scholars
- Projects – Funding for implementation of high impact projects and initiatives that support community energy management.

Local governments with more than 75,000 residents and champion local governments (those with over 20,000 residents, a Council-approved CEEP and demonstrated leadership in demand side management) in the BC Hydro service territory are eligible to apply. Local governments with fewer than 20,000 residents are eligible for the QuickStart Program, which supports the development of Community Energy and Emissions Plans and provides coaching and peer support for ongoing CEEP implementation activities.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
<p>CEEP, Planning, CEM/BEM, Intern and QuickStart funding are available on an ongoing basis. Project Implementation funding and UBC Sustainability Scholars are offered once annually. The application deadline is February 2, 2018 for implementation funding. Email BC Hydro for an application form.</p>	<p>CEEP: Up to 50% of costs to a maximum of \$30,000 (for champion local governments) and \$60,000 (for large local governments). Planning: Up to \$20,000 per plan. CEM/BEM: Up to 50% of salary to a maximum of \$50,000 per year for two years. Interns: Up to 50% of salary to a maximum of \$7,000 per 4 month term. Project Implementation: Up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$75,000. QuickStart: The Community Energy Association will deliver a CEEP webinar and workshop, develop the CEEP and provide coaching and peer network support for implementation.</p>	<p>BC Hydro 604-522-4713 / 1-866-522-4713 sustainablecommunities@bchydro.com</p>

6. Bullitt Foundation – Grant Programs

Category: All

Description

This foundation funds projects in the Pacific Northwest Emerald Corridor that achieve positive environment impacts. Projects must fall within five program areas: energy, climate and materials; deep green buildings; resilient cities and healthy communities; regional ecosystem health; and thought leadership and innovation. Priority is given to projects fostering sustainability in Metro Vancouver, Seattle and Portland. Non-profit organizations with charitable status are eligible to apply. Local governments would need to partner with non-profit entities.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Deadlines for inquiries are March 15 and September 15 each year. Applications are due May 1 and November 1. Inquiries and applications are submitted via the online grantee portal.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Grants fund eligible project costs.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Bullitt Foundation 206-343-0807 grants@bullitt.org http://www.bullitt.org/grants/grantmaking-process/ and http://www.bullitt.org/programs/</p>
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<p>7. Columbia Basin Trust - Grant Programs</p>	<p>Category: All</p>
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Description

CBT offers a variety of funding programs, three of which are most pertinent for energy and infrastructure initiatives. Local governments and indigenous organizations within the Columbia River watershed are eligible to apply.

Community Development Program Grants support projects that address community challenges and opportunities in the region. Examples of funded projects include the construction or renovation of community facilities/capital assets and community based research and planning (e.g. feasibility studies, community planning processes).

Recreation Infrastructure Grants fund new construction or upgrades to current recreation infrastructure such as sport and recreation facilities, trails and greenways, and capital projects that foster active transportation.

Environment Grants fund initiatives that address one of four areas: 1) conserve ecosystems/species of concern and reduce the threat of invasive species to ecosystems; 2) adapt to climate change impacts or lower GHG emissions; 3) protect or restore water resources that are vital to ecosystems/species of concern and conduct water quality/quantity research; and 4) educate residents about the natural environment.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Community Development & Recreation Infrastructure Grants: Contact CBT to discuss the project. Selected projects will be forwarded an application. The deadline for Recreation Infrastructure applications is February 1, 2018. There is no specific timeline for the Community Development Program.</p> <p>Environment Grants: Applications are being accepted for small grants until February 28, 2018. For large grants, please monitor the CBT website for the next application intake in 2018.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Community Development Program: Funding amount is not provided but CBT prefers to not be the only funder.</p> <p>Recreation Infrastructure Grants: Up to 50% of total project costs to a maximum of \$500,000.</p> <p>Environment Grants: Small grants are \$5,000 or less, while large grants are over \$5,000.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Columbia Basin Trust 1-800-505-8998 communitydevgrants@cbt.org envirogrants@cbt.org recgrants@cbt.org www.ourtrust.org/funding-support/funding-support-programs</p>
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8. Environment & Climate Change Canada - EcoAction Community Funding Program

Category: All

Description

Environment & Climate Change Canada's EcoAction program supports projects that have positive impacts on the environment and involve community members. Projects should address one of four themes: clean air, climate change, clean water or nature. Furthermore, they need to meet these additional core requirements: 1) include a minimum of one key environmental indicator; 2) feature actions offering tangible results in project time frame; 3) have potential for self-sustaining continuity once program support ends; and 4) align with provincial and/or municipal bylaws. Aboriginal organizations are eligible for funding. Municipal governments are *only eligible* if they partner with a non-profit organization on a project proposal.

Application Dates

Application deadline is in the fall each year. Please refer to the ECC website for the 2018 deadline closer to the time.

Funding Available

Up to 50% of total project costs and a maximum of \$100,000. The remaining costs need to come from sources besides the federal government.

Contact

Environment & Climate Change Canada
1-800-567-1570
ec.ecoactionouestnord-ecoactionwestnorth.ec@canada.ca
<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/ecoaction-community-program.html>

9. Environment & Climate Change Canada – Low Carbon Economy Challenge

Category: All

Description

The Low Carbon Economy Challenge will support projects that leverage ingenuity to lower GHG emissions and foster clean economic growth. Funding for this program is provided by the Low Carbon Economy Fund. Municipal governments as well as indigenous organizations and governments will be eligible to apply.

Application Dates

This program will be launched in early 2018. Please refer to the ECC website for more info.

Funding Available

\$600 million is available through this program. Specific details on funding for individual projects will be announced in early 2018.

Contact

Environment & Climate Change Canada
ec.lcef-fefec.ec@canada.ca
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-action/low-carbon-economy-fund.html>

10. Farm Credit Canada - AgriSpirit Fund

Category: Building and Infrastructure

Description

The AgriSpirit Fund provides funding for capital projects in rural communities (local government or First Nations communities) with under 150,000 people. Capital projects could include green infrastructure projects.

Application Dates

Next application intake begins in March 2018.

Funding Available

\$5,000-25,000 per project.

Contact

Farm Credit Canada
agrispirit-agriespirit@fcc-fac.ca
<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/in-your-community/giving-back/fcc-agrispirit-fund.html>

11. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Green Municipal Fund

Category: All

Description

Local governments and project partners may apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund for grants and low interest loans to support plans, feasibility studies, pilot projects, and capital projects. Environmental initiatives may fall within the following six focus areas: 1) sustainable neighbourhood and brownfields action plans; 2) energy efficiency and recovery; 3) transportation and fuel efficiency; 4) waste management and diversion; 5) water quality and conservation; and 6) brownfields. FCM's website provides examples of funded initiatives in each area.

Application Dates

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for plans, studies and pilot projects as well as brownfield capital projects. For capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste and water sectors, a two stage application process exists with specific deadlines. The next initial review deadline is March 1, 2018. The application deadline is April 15, 2018 (by FCM invitation only).

Funding Available

Grants: Up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000 for plans and feasibility studies and \$350,000 for pilot projects.

Low interest loans: Up to 80% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$5 million for capital projects. These loans are usually combined with grants, except for brownfields where only loans are offered. The maximum grant amount is 15% of the loan. High ranking projects may be eligible for a loan of up to \$10 million and grant of \$1.5 million.

Contact

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
1-877-997-9926
programs@fcm.ca
<https://fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund/what-we-fund.htm>

12. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Asset Management Program

Category: Buildings and Infrastructure

Description

This FCM program funds projects that will enhance communities' asset management practices. Projects should increase local governments' capabilities in one of the following five areas: 1) policy and governance; 2) people and leadership; 3) data and information; 4) planning and decision making; and 5) asset management practice. Examples of funded activities include asset management assessments, asset management plans/policies, data collection, and training and organization development. Both municipal governments and municipal partners are eligible to apply.

Application Dates

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis until June 2020 or funding is depleted.

Funding Available

Grants for up to 80% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000. Projects need to be completed within 11 months of funding approval.

Contact

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
1-877-997-9926
programs@fcm.ca
<https://fcm.ca/home/programs/municipal-asset-management-program/funding-mamp.htm>

13. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Climate Innovation Program

Category: All

Description

As part of MCIP, climate change staff grants will be available beginning in 2018. These grants will supplement salaries for new and current municipal staff to institute programs and projects related to climate change.

Transition 2050 will also be launched in 2018. These grants will support partner organizations in offering training, resources and information sharing to municipalities that are working to lower their greenhouse gas emissions.

Due to the high volume and quality of applications since spring 2017, submissions for grants to support climate change plans and studies that help to lower greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate impacts as well as capital projects that upgrade, build, expand, or purchase fixed assets and infrastructure are presently no longer being accepted. Please refer to FCM's website for any changes to this status.

Application Dates

Please refer to the FCM website for specific calls for applications.

Funding Available

Details are forthcoming on staff support grants and Transition 2050. Please visit FCM's website for more information.

Contact

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
1-877-997-9926
programs@fcm.ca
<https://fcm.ca/home/programs/municipalities-for-climate-innovation-program/municipalities-for-climate-innovation-program.htm>

14. FortisBC - Commercial Product Rebates (Electricity)

Category: Buildings

Description

FortisBC offers rebates for the purchase of high efficiency electrical equipment and lighting for buildings. Product rebates apply to HVAC, refrigeration, kitchen, irrigation, and compressed air equipment as well as different forms of lighting. Incentives are available to FortisBC or municipal commercial, industrial, or irrigation electricity customers. Customers must be property owners or lease holders of existing commercial buildings, or a builder/developer or owner of a new commercial construction project.

Application Dates

Email application form and supporting documentation to the address in the contact section within 1 year of the purchase or installation date, whichever comes first.

Funding Available

HVAC: numerous types - see website
Refrigeration: numerous types - see website
Kitchen: Up to \$1,000 per appliance
Irrigation: Up to \$110 per pump motor hp
Compressed air: Up to \$160 per hp
Lighting: numerous types - see website

Contact

Technical Advisors
FortisBC
[Contact list with phone numbers](mailto:businessrebates@fortisbc.com)
businessrebates@fortisbc.com
[https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/](https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/KitchenOtherElectricEquipment/Pages/default.aspx)
[https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/](https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/Lighting/Pages/default.aspx)
RebatesOffers/Lighting/Pages/default.aspx

15. FortisBC - Commercial Product Rebates (Natural Gas)

Category: Buildings

Description

FortisBC provides rebates for the purchase of high efficiency products for buildings. Products include commercial natural gas boilers for space, pool or process heating; commercial natural gas water heaters; and natural gas kitchen equipment. Rebates are available to commercial rate class natural gas customers. For boilers and water heaters, customers must also be property owners or lease holders of existing commercial buildings, or a builder/developer or property owner of a new commercial construction project. For kitchen equipment, customers must own the facility where the appliance is installed (or own the equipment). Items must be used in a commercial kitchen.

Application Dates

Email application form and supporting documentation to the address in the contact section within 1 year of the purchase or installation date, whichever comes first.

Funding Available

Boiler for space heating: Up to \$45,000.
Water heater: Up to \$15,000.
Kitchen equipment: Up to \$3,500 per appliance.

Contact

Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities
FortisBC
604-576-7268
commercialrebates@fortisbc.com
<https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/EfficientBoilerProgram/Pages/default.aspx>
<https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/EfficientCommercialWaterHeaterProgram/Pages/default.aspx>
<https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/EfficiencylaCarte/Pages/default.aspx>

16. FortisBC - Custom Energy Efficiency Programs for Existing Buildings (Natural Gas & Electricity)

Category: Buildings

Description

This program provides financial support for energy efficiency projects in current buildings. To qualify, customers need to possess a medium to large sized commercial, institutional, light industrial or multi-unit residential building/facility. Additional criteria applies for natural gas versus electrical customers.

Natural Gas:

Be a current commercial rate class natural gas customer and save at least 1,200 GJ of natural gas per year on the project.

Electrical:

Be a current FortisBC or municipal commercial, industrial, or irrigation electricity customers as well as save at least 50,000 kWh of electricity per year on the project.

Three types of funding are available: 1) energy study of facility to determine cost saving opportunities for natural gas or electricity; 2) capital incentives to institute cost effective conservation measures from the study; and 3) implementation bonus for successfully implementing the preceding measures.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Ongoing intake of applications. Contact Key Account Manager or Technical Advisor to apply.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Energy Study: Up to 50% of the study cost to a maximum of \$25,000.</p> <p>Capital Incentives: No specific amount indicated but the designated funds cover the extra cost of instituting an energy conservation measure from the energy study compared to an equivalent, less efficient one.</p> <p>Implementation Bonus: Up to \$25,000 for implementing approved conservation measures.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities (Natural Gas) FortisBC 604-576-7268 commercialrebates@fortisbc.com</p> <p>Technical Advisors (Electricity) FortisBC Contact list with phone numbers businessrebates@fortisbc.com</p> <p>https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/CustomEnergyEfficiencyProjectsExistingBuildings/Pages/default.aspx</p>
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<p>17. FortisBC - Custom Energy Efficiency Programs for New Buildings (Natural Gas & Electricity)</p>	<p>Category: Buildings</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>This FortisBC program offers funding to support the construction of new high performance buildings. Specific criteria applies for natural gas versus electrical customers.</p> <p><u>Natural Gas:</u></p> <p>Be a new or current commercial rate class natural gas customer and save at least 1,200 GJ of natural gas annually on the project (or have a minimum floor area of 85,000 square feet).</p> <p><u>Electrical:</u></p> <p>Be a new or current FortisBC or municipal commercial, industrial, or irrigation electricity customers as well as save at least 50,000 kWh of electricity per year on the project (or have a minimum floor area of 85,000 square feet).</p> <p>Two types of funding are available: 1) energy study to determine cost saving opportunities for natural gas or electricity; and 2) capital incentives to institute cost effective conservation measures from the study.</p>	

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Ongoing intake of applications. Contact Key Account Manager or Technical Advisor to apply.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Energy Study: Up to 50% of the study cost to a maximum of \$15,000.</p> <p>Capital Incentives: No specific amount indicated but the designated funds cover the extra cost of instituting an energy conservation measure from the energy study compared to an equivalent, less efficient one.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities (Natural Gas)</p> <p>FortisBC 604-576-7268 commercialrebates@fortisbc.com</p> <p>Technical Advisors (Electricity)</p> <p>FortisBC Contact list with phone numbers businessrebates@fortisbc.com</p> <p>https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/CustomElectricityUpgrades/Pages/default.aspx</p>
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<p>18. Fraser Basin Council - Fleet Champions Program</p>	<p>Category: Transportation</p>
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Description

To increase the deployment of clean energy vehicles in fleets, technical and financial support is provided through this program. EV sustainability assessments are available at no cost for fleets of less than ten vehicles. Applications are also accepted for complimentary EV Telematics with FleetCarma if EVs are currently being used in fleets. These services can help municipalities understand the costs and savings of using electric vehicles versus gas and diesel vehicles and increase EV adoption. Charging infrastructure incentives are also available through the Fleet Champions Program for Level 2 stations. Fleets may also be eligible for free site assessments. To participate, the West Coast Electric Fleet pledge needs to be signed.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Ongoing intake of applications. Visit the website to apply.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Charging Infrastructure incentives: Rebate of 33% up to a maximum of \$2,000 for the purchase and installation of Level 2 stations. Submit rebate once operational.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Fraser Basin Council 604-488-5369 pluginbc@fraserbasin.bc.ca http://pluginbc.ca/charging-program/incentives-for-fleets/</p>
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<p>19. Funders' Network & Urban Sustainability Directors Network – Partners for Places Grant Program</p>	<p>Category: All</p>
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Description

The Partners for Places Grant Program funds projects that advance sustainability goals in Canadian and US communities. Eligible projects need to help create or advance an important component of one of the following plans: 1) sustainability, climate action, climate adaptation or comprehensive plan provision that addresses sustainability or 2) multi-use plan that states and pursues the objective of integrating economic development, environmental quality and equity.

Local governments and place based foundations partner to carry out the project. Applications need to be submitted by the Sustainability Director of a municipality and a representative of a local place based foundation. Eligible grant recipients are the foundation, a local charity created by the local government to accept grants, or a partnering non profit organization.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>RFPs are issued in June and December each year with applications due the following month. Refer to the Funders' Network website for RFP calls.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Grants from \$25,000-75,000 are available for 1 year projects.</p> <p>Grants from \$50,000-150,000 are considered for 2 year projects.</p> <p>1:1 matching funding is required from at least one place based foundation.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Funders' Network 617-524-9239 ashley@fundersnetwork.org https://www.fundersnetwork.org/partners-for-places/</p>
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<h2>20. Infrastructure Canada – Smart Cities Challenge</h2>	<p>Category: All</p>
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Description

This challenge is available to local governments as well as indigenous communities of all sizes across Canada. The competition will empower communities to address local issues and improve the lives of their residents by using a smart cities approach: achieving meaningful outcomes through the use of innovation, data and connected technology. Communities set their own goals and the pathways to achieve them. Each community begins its application process by defining its Challenge Statement, which will guide the proposal and define the outcome(s) a community aims to achieve by implementing its proposal.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Application deadline is April 24, 2018. Finalists will be selected in summer 2018 and be given grants to support the development of detailed proposals and business cases.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Finalists receive a \$250,000 grant to develop their proposals and business case. Winners receive funds to implement their initiatives. Four final prizes will be awarded ranging from up to \$5 million to up to \$50 million depending on the size of the community.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Infrastructure Canada infsc-vi.infsc@canada.ca https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/smart-cities</p>
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<h2>21. Island Coastal Economic Trust – Grant Programs</h2>	<p>Category: All</p>
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Description

The Island Coastal Economic Trust offers two grant programs: the Economic Infrastructure Program and Economic Development Readiness Program. The former program supports economic diversification investment to stimulate sustainable economic growth. Projects should show regional impact, long term sustainability, collaboration with other organizations or local governments, alignment with development plans, and additional economic benefits and development.

The Economic Development Readiness Program supports economic development strategies, technology attraction strategies, sectoral development strategies, regional collaboration or marketing strategies, tools that attract economic investment, and quick implementation initiatives from economic development strategies. Local governments and First Nations within the North Island/Sunshine Coast and Central South Island Regions are eligible to apply.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Economic Infrastructure Program: 3 application intakes in 2018 – Feb., May and Nov. Exact dates vary per island region.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Economic Infrastructure Program: Up to \$400,000. Additional matching funding is required. The matching ratio depends on the economic vitality of the community.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Island Coastal Economic Trust 250-871-7797 ext. 227 or 230 info@islandcoastaltrust.ca http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/programs</p>
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<p>1 step application process for funding requests of \$50,000 or under; 2 step process for requests over \$50,000.</p> <p>Economic Readiness Program: Continuous intake of applications. Contact ICET to validate project prior to application submission.</p>	<p>ICET will fund between 25-50% of project costs.</p> <p>Economic Readiness Program: Up to 50% of project costs or \$30,000. Amount varies per sub-program stream.</p>	
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<h2>22. JW McConnell Family Foundation – Grant Programs</h2>	<p>Category: All</p>
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Description

This foundation offers three types of grant programs that could apply to municipal governments: responsive granting, social innovation fund and foundation initiatives. Responsive grants are awarded to organizations whose initiatives seek large systems change and may have national impact. The Social Innovation Fund enhances the capacity of early stage innovators or organizations to take their work to the next level. Lastly, grants are awarded by invitation or RFP from the foundation for initiatives that address the foundation’s priority areas including the environment and healthy communities. All proposals are evaluated against three criteria: project viability, organizational capacity and track record, and strategic alignment with the foundation’s priorities.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Ongoing intake of applications. Submit proposal through the foundation’s online portal.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>There is no pre-established limit for grants. Generally, short term grants are not made for local projects.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>JW McConnell Family Foundation 514-288-2133 information@mcconnellfoundation.ca https://mcconnellfoundation.ca/granting/</p>
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<h2>23. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources - Clean Energy Vehicle Program</h2>	<p>Category: Transportation</p>
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Description

Funding is provided for the point of sale purchase or lease of cleaner cars such as electric, plug in hybrid and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. In addition, rebates are available for specialty use vehicles such as electric or hydrogen motorcycles, low speed utility trucks, heavy duty transport trucks, buses, and airport/port vehicles. These incentives apply to vehicles in local and First Nation government fleets.

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Ongoing until March 31, 2020 (or when program funding is depleted). The dealership submits the application to the New Car Dealers Association for incentive reimbursement.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Up to \$5,000 off MSRP of new battery electric, fuel cell and plug in hybrid vehicles above 15 kWh capacity.</p> <p>Up to \$2,500 off MSRP of new plug in hybrid vehicles with capacity over 4 kWh and under 15 kWh.</p> <p>Additional \$1,000 for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Vehicles above \$77,000 in any category are not eligible.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Clean Energy Vehicle for BC Program https://www.cevforbc.ca/clean-energy-vehicle-program or https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/transportation-energies/clean-transportation-policies-programs/clean-energy-vehicle-program/cev-for-bc</p>
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<p>Ongoing until March 31, 2020 (or when program funding is depleted). Purchaser submits application for rebates within 90 days of specialty vehicle purchase.</p>	<p>Up to 35% of specialty use vehicle MSRP regardless of total eligible incentive per vehicle category. Incentives range from \$2,000 to \$50,000 depending on the category. Visit program websites for more info.</p>	<p>CEV Specialty Use Vehicle Incentive Program http://pluginbc.ca/suvi/ or https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/transportation-energies/clean-transportation-policies-programs/clean-energy-vehicle-program/suvi</p>
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<h2>24. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – SCRAP-IT Program</h2>	<p>Category: Transportation</p>
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Description

This program provides incentives to vehicle owners to replace their older, higher emission vehicle with more sustainable modes of transportation. An electric vehicle incentive is one of four types of incentives provided. This incentive may be combined with those offered through the Clean Energy for BC Program. Other incentives pertain to electric bikes and scooters, transit passes, car sharing memberships, and cash.

<p>Application Dates Continuous intake of applications. Submit online application form.</p>	<p>Funding Available EV: \$6,000 for new vehicle or \$3,000 for used vehicle. Refer to website for details on other incentive options described above.</p>	<p>Contact SCRAP-IT Program 604-273-8552 or 1-855-377-7717 https://scrapit.ca or https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/transportation-energies/clean-transportation-policies-programs/scrap-it-program</p>
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<h2>25. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development – BC Rural Dividend</h2>	<p>Category: All</p>
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Description

The BC Rural Dividend supports rural communities (local government and First Nations) with a population of 25,000 or less to diversify and reinvigorate their economies. Funded projects may fall within one of four categories: 1) community capacity building; 2) workforce development; 3) community and economic development; and 4) business sector development.

<p>Application Dates Applications for the 4th intake closed in December 2017. Please refer to the province’s website for announcements on future application intakes.</p>	<p>Funding Available \$25 million in funding is available per year through the program. Funding falls within 3 streams: 1) Project Development - Up to 100% of project costs to maximum of \$10,000. Supports preliminary work for projects (e.g. feasibility assessments and business cases). 2) Single Applicant - Up to 80% of project costs to maximum of \$100,000. Funds implementation of community led initiatives.</p>	<p>Contact BC Rural Dividend Program 250-356-7950 ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/rural-economic-development/rural-dividend</p>
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	3) Partnerships - Up to 60% of project costs to maximum of \$500,000. Supports implementation of community led projects.	
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26. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program	Category: All
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Description

CARIP is a grant offered to local governments that have signed the BC Climate Action Charter. The funds help municipalities with initiatives to lower greenhouse gas emissions and meet the Charter’s goals. A completed and signed Carbon Tax Calculation Form must be submitted to the email address listed below in addition to a completed CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey. As part of receiving these funds, local governments also need to publicly report on their progress toward achieving their climate action goals.

<p>Application Dates Carbon Tax Calculation Form submitted by June 1</p>	<p>Funding Available 100% of carbon taxes paid to BC government.</p>	<p>Contact Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/greencommunities/carip.htm</p>
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27. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Infrastructure Planning Grant Program	Category: All
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Description

This program offers funding to support the development of sustainable community infrastructure, including evaluating the technical, environmental and/or economic viability of municipal infrastructure projects (e.g. sewer, water) as well as developing long term plans (e.g. community energy plans, storm water management plans, liquid waste management plans, and water plans).

<p>Application Dates Continuous intake of applications with usually two review rounds per year.</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to \$10,000. Grants over \$5,000 must have matching funds.</p>	<p>Contact Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/infrastructure_grants/infrastructure_planning_grant.htm</p>
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28. Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – BikeBC Program

Category: Transportation

Description

Financial support is available for new and upgraded cycling infrastructure that is part of a local government or First Nations community's bicycle network plan. Applicable projects increase bike commuting between home and work, school or errands. In addition, they provide a safe cycling environment as well as lower GHG emissions and traffic congestion. The most preferable types of infrastructure funded include (in order): separate bike paths, cyclist bridges/overpasses, buffered bike lanes, cycling lanes, and shoulder bikeways. Projects must be ready for construction and completed within a year. Communities with populations under 15,000 and no existing cycling network plan can apply for funding to create a plan.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
The next application deadline is February 9, 2018.	<p><i>Communities with more than 15,000 residents:</i></p> <p>Up to 50% of eligible project costs for infrastructure or \$1 million (whichever is less).</p> <p>Up to 15% of eligible project costs for end of trip facilities/amenities.</p> <p><i>Communities with less than 15,000 residents:</i></p> <p>Up to 75% of eligible project costs for infrastructure or \$1 million (whichever is less) .</p> <p>Up to 50% of costs for cycling network planning</p> <p>Up to 15% of eligible project costs for end of trip facilities/amenities.</p> <p>*Third party contributions will be deducted.</p>	<p>Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure 250-356-0771</p> <p>MoTCycling@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/cycling-infrastructure-funding</p>

29. Natural Resources Canada – Clean Energy Innovation Program

Category: All

Description

The Clean Energy Innovation Program (CEIP) funds energy innovation in the following areas: renewable energy, smart grid technology and energy storage systems; decreased diesel use in industrial operations in northern/remote communities; reduced methane emissions; lower GHG emissions in buildings; greater industrial efficiency; and carbon capture and storage. Projects may be demonstration projects, front end engineering design studies (FEED) or R&D initiatives. The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstrations (EVID) component of the Clean Energy Innovation Program supports FEED studies and demonstrations to facilitate the cost effective deployment of charging infrastructure. Eligible projects under CEIP need to advance a pre-commercial technology. Local governments and indigenous organizations are eligible to apply.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
<p>Watch for calls for proposals or EOIs on NR Can website. There is a call for EVID Expressions of Interest (EOI). Submit an EVID registration form to receive an application package. Fill in the EOI application by February 8, 2018.</p>	<p>EVID: Expected to be \$1-5 million per project. The amount is repayable.</p>	<p>Natural Resources Canada</p> <p>nrcan.energyinnovation-innovationenergetique.nrcan@canada.ca</p> <p>http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/science/programs-funding/18876 and</p> <p>http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/science/programs-funding/18386</p>

30. Natural Resources Canada – Clean Energy for Remote Communities Program

Category: All

Description

This forthcoming funding program will help to minimize the reliance on diesel fuel in remote, northern and indigenous communities by supporting sustainable energy initiatives. At the time of developing this funding guide, the program features the following components: 1) innovative technology demonstrations – e.g. energy efficiency technologies, renewable energy, energy storage or smart grid technologies, waste to energy, and clean transportation; 2) renewable energy technology deployment; and 3) bio-heating - installation or retrofit of biomass based heating or combined heat and power systems.

Application Dates

A call for proposals will be announced in early winter 2018. Refer to website for more information.

Funding Available

To be announced.

Contact

Natural Resources Canada

<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/science/programs-funding/19791>

31. Natural Resources Canada - Clean Growth Program

Category: All

Description

This federal program provides funding for clean technology R&D and demonstration projects in the energy, mining and forestry sectors. Eligible projects advance a pre-commercial technology between technology readiness levels 3-9 (see Appendix D of Applicant Guide). They also fall within five focus areas: 1) lower GHG and other air emissions; 2) enhance waste management; 3) increase the use of advanced materials and bio-products; 4) improve energy efficiency; or 5) reduce water use and impacts on ecosystems. Provincial support (financial or in kind) is required by the full project proposal phase to obtain funding through the Clean Growth Program. Both local governments and indigenous organizations can apply.

Application Dates

The deadline for a Letter of Interest is February 7, 2018. Successful LOI applicants will be asked to submit a full project proposal in spring 2018.

Funding Available

The program has \$155 million available for projects.

R&D projects: Up to 75% of project costs to a maximum of \$5 million (most submissions will be between \$300,000 - \$2 million).

Demo projects: Up to 50% of project costs to maximum of \$10 million (most submissions will be between \$500,000 - \$5 million).

Contact

Natural Resources Canada

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/cleangrowth/20254>

32. Natural Resources Canada – Electric Vehicle & Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative

Category: Transportation

Description

This EV initiative supports the development of a network of EV fast charging stations on the national highway system, the deployment of natural gas refuelling stations in important freight corridors, and the establishment of hydrogen stations in key metropolitan areas. Local governments and indigenous organizations are eligible to apply. Please refer to the program website for criteria on eligible projects and technologies.

Application Dates

Complete the application package request form to receive a package. Submit application by March 22, 2018.

Funding Available

Maximum of \$5 million per project. The amount is repayable.
 EV fast chargers: Up to 50% of project costs to maximum of \$50,000 per unit. EV fast charger projects in BC are automatically eligible for non-repayable provincial funding. The CEV Public Fast Charging Program covers 25% of project costs up to \$25,000 per charger.
 Natural gas & hydrogen stations: Up to 50% of project costs to maximum of \$1 million per station.

Contact

Natural Resources Canada
NRCan.TAF-TCR.RNCan@Canada.ca
<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/alternative-fuels/fuel-facts/ecoenergy/18352>

33. Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society – Grant Program

Category: All

Description

The NKDF Society financially supports sustainable economic activity in northern communities that have been impacted by the Kitimat-Kemano project. Therefore, local governments and First Nations organizations in the region are eligible to apply for funding. Projects should address at least one of the following areas of economic development: 1) infrastructure – e.g. transportation, water, sewer systems; 2) planning and research – e.g. market research or strategic planning for specific sectors; 3) human development – e.g. workshops and courses to increase employment and economic activity; and 4) promotion and brokering – e.g. marketing plans and joint ventures.

Application Dates

There are up to four intakes annually. Please refer to the website for specific dates.

Funding Available

Up to 50% of project costs.

Contact

Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund
 250-964-4066
manager@nkdf.org
<http://www.nkdf.org/how-to-apply/program-guidelines>

34. Northern Development Initiative Trust - Grant & Loan Programs

Category: All

Description

The Northern Development Initiative Trust offers a variety of funding programs for community infrastructure. Grants and loans support economic diversification infrastructure, feasibility studies for capital infrastructure investment, community hall and recreational facility sustainability and capacity upgrades, marketing initiatives, and economic development capacity building. Funding is available to both local governments and First Nations located within central and northern BC.

Application Dates

Quarterly intake of applications for programs except economic development capacity building projects, which is annually. The deadline for these projects is January 31, 2018.

Funding Available

Economic Diversification Infrastructure Grants: Up to 70% of eligible project costs or \$250,000. Loans are also available (amounts are not disclosed).
Capital Investment Analysis Grants: Up to 50% of eligible project budget or \$10,000.
Community Hall and Recreation Facilities Grants: Up to 70% of the eligible project costs or \$30,000. Loans are also available (amounts are not disclosed).
Marketing Initiatives: Up to 50% of eligible project budget or \$20,000.
Economic capacity building projects: Up to 100% or \$50,000 of total costs. A minimum of \$5,000 must fund collaborative projects with another local government, First Nation, non profit organization, or industry association.

Contact

Northern Development Initiative Trust
250-561-2525
info@northernddevelopment.bc.ca
<http://www.northernddevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/community-development/>

35. Real Estate Foundation of BC – Grant Program

Category: Buildings and Infrastructure

Description

This program provides funding for research, education, initiatives supporting law and policy reform, and more. Projects should fall within one of five interest areas: sustainable land use, built environment sustainability, freshwater sustainability, local and sustainable food systems, or professional excellence in real estate. In addition, projects should meet REFBC's mandate as well as certain criteria such as leadership and innovation in a particular field, partnership and collaboration with other groups, scalability and replicability to other BC communities, and longevity of the project. Local governments and First Nations communities are both eligible for REFBC grants.

Application Dates

Two application intakes per year with the next one on February 28, 2018. The second one for 2018 will be in September.

Funding Available

Up to 50% of cash portion of project budget. REFBC does not usually act as the sole funder. Grants are generally allocated to human resource related costs.

Contact

Real Estate Foundation of BC
604-343-2626
nick@refbc.com
<http://www.refbc.com/grants>

36. Sitka Foundation – Grant Program

Category: All

Description

The Sitka Foundation provide grants for initiatives that support one of the following focus areas: 1) land, water and ocean conservation; 2) scientific research for nature and the environment; 3) public engagement related to the importance of a healthy environment; and 4) innovative conservation programs in communities. Municipal governments are eligible to apply.

Application Dates

Request an application by completing the online form on the foundation’s website. After a conversation, applicants may receive an application form. Typically, there are four grant reviews a year.

Funding Available

Specific amounts are not listed. Please consult with the foundation for more information.

Contact

Sitka Foundation
cbeaty@sitkafoundation.org
<https://sitkafoundation.org>

37. Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust - Grant Program

Category: All

Description

The Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust provides loans and equity funding for business ventures and grant funding for community economic and educational initiatives in the following economic sectors: agriculture, economic development, energy, forestry, mining, pine beetle recovery, small business, tourism, and transportation. Initiatives should emphasize the following: enhance commercial revenues, create or retain jobs, diversify the economy, contribute to small community economic sustainability, have regional impact, and create strategic alliances including public/private partnerships. Local governments and First Nations within the Thompson-Okanagan and Columbia-Kootenay regions are eligible to apply for grants for community economic projects.

Application Dates

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

Funding Available

Grants for community economic initiatives: Up to \$25,000 or 25% of total project costs per applicant.

Contact

Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust
236-420-3680
admin@sidit-bc.ca
<https://sidit-bc.ca/apply-funding/>

38. Sustainable Development Technology Canada and Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – SDT & ICE Funds

Category: All

Description

The provincial and federal governments are each contributing \$20 million through their respective Innovative Clean Energy Fund and Sustainable Development Tech Fund to jointly fund clean energy projects and technologies that mitigate GHG emissions and improve energy efficiency in BC. Projects may include prototype deployment, field pilot testing and commercial scale demonstrations. Besides lowering emission, eligible initiatives should also support the commercialization of technologies and economic growth. Private sector applicants are required to develop a project consortium with non-related partners (e.g. technology co-developers or customers such as local governments).

<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until March 31, 2020. Contact either fund to obtain instructions to submit an online application.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>The contribution from each fund will not exceed 33% of eligible project costs. The maximum amount funded through ICE is \$3 million.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>ICE Fund or SDTC icefund@gov.bc.ca applications@sdtc.ca or 613-234-6313 https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/innovative-clean-energy-solutions/bc-sdtd-partnership-in-clean-energy-technology</p>
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<p>39. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation – Grant Program</p>		<p>Category: Infrastructure</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>The foundation funds various environmental initiatives; however, it mostly focuses on environmental education and green space programs. Examples of eligible projects include: park revitalization/restoration, trail building/restoration, community gardens, and recycling/composting programs. Both municipalities and aboriginal organizations are eligible for funding.</p>		
<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Application deadlines are January 15 and July 15, 2018.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Funding requests are needs based. Thus, there are no set minimum or maximum amounts. Most awarded grants range from \$2,000-8,000.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>TD Friends of the Environment Foundation mandip.kharod@td.com https://fef.td.com/funding/</p>

<p>40. Union of BC Municipalities – Asset Management Planning Program</p>		<p>Category: Buildings and Infrastructure</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>The Asset Management Planning Program helps local governments to deliver sustainable services by supporting activities that extend and deepen their asset management planning and practices. These may include developing an Asset Management Plan, Policy or Strategy; conducting risk assessments; providing asset management training, among other activities. The program also facilitates better integration of asset management planning with long term financial planning.</p>		
<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Application deadline is March 31, 2018.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Asset Management Planning Program: Up to \$15,000 for matching grants.</p> <p>Asset Management training subsidies: Up to 50% of registration fees for up to three staff to attend Asset Management BC NAMS training events.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Union of British Columbia Municipalities 250-356-2947 lgps@ubcm.ca www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/asset-management-planning.html</p>

41. Union of BC Municipalities - Gas Tax Agreement Funds

Category: All

Description

Funding through the Gas Tax Agreement is delivered through three program streams; however, funding through the Strategic Priorities Fund has been fully allocated for 2018.

The Community Works Fund supports local government projects that pertain to transportation, community energy systems, drinking water and waste management infrastructure, sports and cultural infrastructure, disaster mitigation, and capacity building to develop integrated community sustainability plans, asset management and long term infrastructure plans. The fund is available to all local governments in BC.

The Greater Vancouver Regional Fund provides financial support to regional transportation investments in the GVRD (now Metro Vancouver).

Application Dates

Not applicable.

Funding Available

Community Works Fund: Funding is automatically provided twice annually based on a per capita formula with an estimated amount of \$519 million in total from 2014/15 to 2018/19.

Greater Vancouver: \$652.4 million in investments are expected from 2014/15 to 2018/19 for TransLink projects approved by the GVRD board.

Contact

Union of British Columbia Municipalities
250-356-5134

gastax@ubcm.ca

<http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/renewed-gas-tax-agreement.html>

42. Vancouver Foundation - Field of Interest Grant for Environment & Animal Welfare

Category: All

Description

The Vancouver Foundation offers three grants in its Environment and Animal Welfare Field of Interest. Develop grants enable applicants to collect information and meet with important stakeholders in order to better understand an issue and determine a viable project to best address it. These grants also support the capacity of project teams. Test grants assist applicants in testing the effectiveness of a social innovation on a specific issue. Grow grants facilitate the expansion of a social innovation to new geographic areas, new levels of institutions, or further within current systems. Local governments can apply.

Application Dates

2018 applications dates for should be posted on the website soon. Intakes are usually as follows:

Develop Grants – mid March to mid April.

Test & Grow Grants - June

Funding Available

Develop Grants: Up to \$10,000 for one year.

Test Grants: Up to \$75,000 per annum for up to three years.

Grow Grants: Up to \$50,000 per annum for up to three years.

Contact

Vancouver Foundation
604-688-2204

info@vancouverfoundation.ca

<https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/grants/field-interest-grants>

43. Western Economic Diversification Canada – Western Diversification Program

Category: All

Description

This program funds projects that help to develop and diversify the economy in western Canada. Applications must support clean technology and/or indigenous economic growth (IEG). Preference is given to projects that show industry support / participation, support priority clean technology initiatives determined by industry, or are IEG applications from indigenous organizations or ones with First Nations partners. Both municipal governments and First Nations organizations are eligible.

Application Dates

The latest application intake has closed. Refer to the WEDC website for future calls for proposals.

Funding Available

Usually less than 50% of costs are eligible. Funding assessment will consider other funding sources available to applicants. Preference is given to projects that leverage funds from provincial government, private sector and other sources.

Contact

Western Economic Diversification Canada
1-888-338-9378

wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca

<http://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/301.asp>

RESIDENTIAL FUNDING PROGRAMS THROUGH BC UTILITY COMPANIES

44. BC Hydro

Category: Buildings

Description

BC Hydro offers a variety of rebates on energy efficient products for residents to save money on electricity. Lower income households are also eligible for free energy saving products. For residents carrying out home renovations, rebates are available on energy efficiency upgrades such as draft proofing and insulation. Residents that are having new homes constructed are encouraged to build high performance, energy efficient houses. Local governments may be interested in promoting these energy saving opportunities to community members.

Application Dates

See website for more info.

Funding Available

Refer to website as varies per product.

Contact

BC Hydro

<https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential.html>

45. FortisBC

Category: Buildings

Description

FortisBC provides rebates on a wide range of energy efficient products for residents to save money on their natural gas and electricity bills. Rebates are available for residents that wish to upgrade appliances, renovate their current home, or build a new home. Lower income households may be eligible for a free Energy Savings Kit and may qualify for the Energy Conservation Assistance Program. Local governments may wish to promote these opportunities to citizens.

Application Dates

See website for more info.

Funding Available

Refer to website as varies per product/program.

Contact

FortisBC

<https://www.fortisbc.com/NaturalGas/Homes/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.fortisbc.com/Electricity/CustomerService/ForHomes/Pages/default.aspx>

Community Energy Association



Steps to a Winning Grant Application

Preparing an Application

1. Review Community Energy Association's ***Funding your Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives*** or other funding guides to determine if programs are available to support your project.
2. Ensure a good fit. Check your project's goals and objectives against those of the funding program. Review evaluation criteria and ensure that your proposal responds directly to each, or as many as possible.
3. Contact funding agency. Describe your project and ask:
 - Does this project meet the funding program's goals and objectives?
 - What are key elements of past successful applications?
 - What are the evaluation criteria (if not listed on form)?
 - Can supporting material (such as letters of support) be submitted after the closing date?
 - Are previous applications available for review?
 - Is Council or Board endorsement of the application required?
4. Create a timeline for application preparation and an application package checklist, including:
 - Obtaining executive committee, Council or Board endorsement, if required
 - Identifying and/or obtaining supporting funding
 - Identifying possible partners and reaching agreements
 - Writing the proposal and ensuring senior management review and final edits
 - Securing letters of support
 - Developing a budget
 - Copying and filing
 - Submission deadline, format and method of delivery (postmarked document, email, etc.)
5. Review application package checklist and ensure that all requirements have been met.
6. Submit proposal on time in the required format.

Application Content

1. Follow the recommended format of proposal.
2. Focus on key elements and ensure that you clearly address evaluation criteria. Include everything you think is important, but be succinct – longer is not better.
3. List resources your agency has committed or will commit to ensure success of project.
4. Identify partners and note how will you work with them to ensure success.
5. Describe any planned community engagement processes, if required. Consider using innovative approaches.
6. Facts and figures are helpful. If possible, calculate or estimate magnitude of benefits of the project.
7. A budget can be either calculated or estimated but it should not necessarily reflect the maximum amount of funding available, unless you can justify it. Provide a reasonable level of detail for costs, itemize matching funds, and mention in-kind contributions, if any.

Funding your Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives can be found at <http://communityenergy.bc.ca/publications/>