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Funding Your Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives

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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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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. Farm Credit Canada – AgriSpirit Fund	●	●				●	●	
10. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Green Municipal Fund	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
11. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Asset Management Program	●	●			●	●	●	
12. FortisBC Climate Action Partners	●	●	●	●		●	●	
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14. FortisBC – Commercial Product Rebates (Natural Gas)	●					●	●	
15. FortisBC – Custom Energy Efficiency Programs for Existing Buildings	●				●	●	●	
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17. FortisBC – New Construction Capacity Building						●		
18. Funders' Network & Urban Sustainability Directors Network – Partners for Places Grant Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
19. Infrastructure Canada – Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Fund (DMAF)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
20. Infrastructure Canada – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
21. Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF) – CAP: Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program	●	●	●		●	●	●	
22. Island Coastal Economic Trust – Grant Programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
23. JW McConnell Family Foundation – Grant Programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
24. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC) Program			●			●	●	
25. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)	●	●	●		●	●	●	
26. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Go Electric Incentive Program				●		●	●	

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28. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
29. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Infrastructure Planning Grant Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
30. Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program				●	●	●	●	
31. Natural Resources Canada - Energy Innovation Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
32. Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society – Grant Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
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34. Northern Development Initiative Trust - Grant Writing Support	●	●	●	●			●	
35. Real Estate Foundation of BC – Grant Program	●	●			●	●	●	
36. Sitka Foundation – Grant Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
37. Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust - Grant Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
38. Sustainable Development Technology Canada and Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources - SDT & ICE Funds	●	●	●	●		●	●	
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40. Union of BC Municipalities – Asset Management Planning Program	●	●			●	●	●	
41. Union of BC Municipalities – Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
42. Union of BC Municipalities - Gas Tax Agreement Funds	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
43. Vancity – Envirofund™	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
44. Western Economic Diversification Canada – Western Diversification Program	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
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1. BC Hydro	●					●	●	
2. FortisBC	●					●	●	●
3. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Homes	●					●	●	
4. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Buildings	●					●	●	
5. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Go Electric EV Charger Rebate Program				●			●	
6. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – SCRAP-IT Program				●		●	●	

Local Government Funding Program

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	Funding Available	Contact
No specific application deadlines. Contact BCBN directly.	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.	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	Funding Available	Contact
The 2020 application deadline has past. Visit BC Housing's website in the fall for applications and guidelines for the 2021 program.	Up to $30,000.	BC Housing 1-844-648-6400 BuildingExcellence@bchousing.org https://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/research-education-grants

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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 and local governments can apply for these incentives.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	Varies but incentives on average cover about 25% of energy efficiency upgrades. They could fund up to 75% of costs. Incentives depend on hours of operation, energy savings, project cost and payback period.	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	Funding Available	Contact
Applications are due by February 2, 2018. Email BC Hydro for an application form.	Up to $20,000 for eligible local governments with city-wide Energy Step Code regulations for new Part 9 buildings.	BC Hydro bertine.stelzer@bchydro.com

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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), Interns and UBC Sustainability Scholars

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
CEEP, Planning, CEM, Intern and QuickStart funding are available on an ongoing basis. Internship, Co-op Student assistance is offered once annually. Local governments should consult their Key Account Manager to obtain an application form.	CEEP: Up to 50% of costs to a maximum of $60,000. Community plans: Up to $20,000 per plan. CEM: 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. QuickStart: The Community Energy Association will deliver a CEEP webinar and workshop, develop the CEEP and provide coaching and peer network support for implementation.	BC Hydro 604-522-4713 / 1-866-522-4713 sustainablecommunities@bchydro.com https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/business/programs/sustainable-communities/overview.html

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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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
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.	Grants fund eligible project costs.	Bullitt Foundation 206-343-0807 grants@bullitt.org http://www.bullitt.org/grants/grantmaking-process/ and http://www.bullitt.org/programs/

7. Columbia Basin Trust - Grant Programs

Category: All

Description

Columbia Basin Trust (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, such as construction or renovation of community facilities/capital assets and community based research and planning (e.g. feasibility studies, community planning processes). Recreation & Physical Activity 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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
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: Funding amount is not provided but CBT prefers to not be the only funder. Recreation & Physical Activity Grants: Up to 50% of total project costs to a maximum of $500,000. Environment Grants: Small grants are $5,000 or less, while large grants are over $5,000.	Columbia Basin Trust 1-800-505-8998 communitydevgrants@cbt.org envirogrants@cbt.org recgrants@cbt.org https://ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/ Community Development Program Grants:

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Community Development Program. 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.		https://ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/community-development-program/ Recreation & Physical Activity Grants: https://ourtrust.org/our-work/recreation-and-physical-activity/ Environnent Grants: https://ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/environment-grants/

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. They also 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	Funding Available	Contact
Call for proposals for projects in 2019-2020 is closed. Please refer to the ECC website for the 2021 deadline.	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.	Environnent & 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. Farm Credit Canada - AgriSpirit Fund

Category: Building & 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	Funding Available	Contact
Next application intake begins in March 2020.	$5,000-25,000 per project.	Farm Credit Canada agrispirit-agriespirit@fcc-fac.ca https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/community/giving-back/agrispirit-fund.html

10. 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. GMF funding is available for: 1) community efficiency financing; 2) sustainable affordable housing; 3) brownfield renewal. FCM's website provides examples of funded initiatives in each area. The Community Energy Financing Initiative, announced on April 1, 2020, will provided around $55M each year to support municipalities and partner organizations to accelerate home energy efficiency projects through innovative funding models. Check the website for upcoming announcements on Sustainable Affordable Housing funding.

Application Dates	Funding Available through CEE Initiative	Contact
For Community Energy Efficiency program, the first call for applications is between March 31 – June 30 for those with programs ready to initiate. An additional round will take place between June 30 – October 31, 2020. The program will evolve to continuous intake after that.	Grants: For studies, capital programs and credit enhancement by varying amounts. Low interest loans: For capital programs and credit enhancement. See website for more information.	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 1-877-997-9926 programs@fcm.ca https://fcm.ca/en/programs/green-municipal-fund

11. 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	Funding Available	Contact
Applications are accepted on a continuous basis until June 2020 or funding is depleted.	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.	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 1-877-997-9926 programs@fcm.ca https://fcm.ca/en/programs/municipal-asset-management-program or https://fcm.ca/sites/default/files/documents/funding/mamp/application-guide-mamp.pdf

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12. FortisBC – Climate Action Partners Program

Category: All

Description

FortisBC's Climate Action Partners program offers capacity to help local governments, indigenous communities and other organizations achieve their climate action goals and while making progress toward FortisBC's 30BY30 climate commitment. The program funds a Senior Energy Specialist (SES) role, a designated team resource dedicated to applying FortisBC's suite of low carbon and renewable energy solutions such as corporate and community energy efficiency, low and zero carbon transportation, and renewable gas to help achieve the organization's climate action goals.

Examples of initiatives led by Senior Energy Specialists include: BC Energy Step Code implementation plans, updating corporate or community energy and emissions plans, organizing builder training and engagement, supporting community energy conservation programs, identifying corporate energy efficiency opportunities and funding incentives, developing building energy retrofit strategies, developing low and zero carbon vehicle fleet plans, energy conservation education campaigns, assessing the opportunity of renewable natural gas to reduce emissions, and assessing the potential of developing renewable natural gas supply from community infrastructure.

The program is available for local governments with populations of more than 75,000 residents, regional districts where multiple smaller local governments could benefit, and provides a tailored approach for Indigenous communities.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
No application is necessary. Intake is ongoing and eligibility is based on meeting minimum size requirements and is contingent on developing a 2 year work plan that meets the program requirements.	FortisBC provides the following funding per year to support a temporary full time, two year, renewable Senior Energy Specialist position. FortisBC's natural gas service territory: Year 1: 100% funding up to $100,000 Year 2: 80% funding up to $80,000 FortisBC gas and electric service territory: Year 1: 100% funding up to $100,000 Year 2: 100% funding up to $100,000	FortisBC climateactionpartners@fortisbc.com https://www.fortisbc.com/about-us/environment/partnering-for-climate-action

13. FortisBC - Commercial Product Rebates (Electricity)

Category: Buildings & Infrastructure

Description

FortisBC offers rebates for the purchase of high efficiency electrical equipment and lighting for buildings, exterior and parking garages and LEC street lights. Product rebates apply to HVAC, refrigeration, kitchen, irrigation, pumping, and compressed air equipment as well as different forms of lighting. FortisBC also provides rebates for infrastructure efficiency improvements (i.e., street lighting, waste water treatment, potable water pumping). Incentives are available to 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.

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Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
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.	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	Technical Advisors FortisBC Contact list with phone numbers businessrebates@fortisbc.com https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/

14. 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	Funding Available	Contact
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.	Boiler for space heating: Up to $45,000. Water heater: Up to $15,000. Kitchen equipment: Up to $3,500 per appliance.	Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities FortisBC 604-576-7268 commercialrebates@fortisbc.com https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/

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

Category: Buildings and Infrastructure (Electricity)

Description

This program provides financial support for energy efficiency projects in current buildings and energy-related municipal infrastructure projects. 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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Ongoing intake of applications. Contact Key Account Manager or Technical Advisor to apply.	Energy Study: Up to 50% of the study cost to a maximum of $25,000. 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. Implementation Bonus: Up to $25,000 for implementing approved conservation measures.	Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities (Natural Gas) FortisBC 604-576-7268 commercialrebates@fortisbc.com Technical Advisors (Electricity) FortisBC Contact list with phone numbers businessrebates@fortisbc.com https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/

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

Category: Buildings and Infrastructure (Electricity)

Description

This FortisBC program offers funding to support the construction of new high performance buildings and municipal energy-related infrastructure projects. Specific criteria applies for natural gas versus electrical customers.

Natural Gas:

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).

Electrical:

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).

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.

FortisBC also supports projects that can project renewable natural gas, solar installations, EV charging, and LNG/CNG for transit, ferries, hauling vehicles, etc.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Ongoing intake of applications. Contact Key Account Manager or Technical Advisor to apply.	Energy Study: Up to 50% of the study cost to a maximum of $15,000. 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.	Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities (Natural Gas) FortisBC 604-576-7268 commercialrebates@fortisbc.com Technical Advisors (Electricity) FortisBC Contact list with phone numbers businessrebates@fortisbc.com https://betterbuildingsbc.ca/incentives/fortisbc-custom-performance-program/ or https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/RebatesOffers/

17. FortisBC - Low and Zero Carbon Transportation Infrastructure Program

Category: Transportation

Description

Vehicle incentives: FortisBC provides financial incentives to reduce the cost of upgrading to compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) medium and heavy duty natural gas vehicles, which provide operational cost savings and emissions reduction benefits. The incentives apply to vehicles in local and Indigenous government fleets for the following vehicle types: transport trucks, flusher trucks, sweeper trucks, sewer trucks, refuge, dump trucks, buses, airport/port vehicles.

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Station opportunities: FortisBC has extensive experience designing, constructing and commissioning CNG fuelling solutions, as well as owning and operating electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. FortisBC is also expanding its service to new hydrogen station opportunities.

FortisBC, in collaboration with the Province of British Columbia and BC Hydro, offer rebates to BC residents, companies, building owners and strata councils for purchasing and installing EV charging stations for workplaces and multi-unit residential buildings. Incentives are also available for homes.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Ongoing, 60 per cent incentive funding available until December 2020. EV Charging: on-going, 50% of eligible purchase and installation costs, up to $2,000 per station, to a maximum of $14,000 per application	10 to 60 per cent of the incremental cost of upgrading to a CNG or LNG-fueled vehicle fueled with CNG or LNG, compared to an equivalent diesel vehicle.	FortisBC.com https://www.fortisbc.com/est/about-us/contact-our-cng-lng-team https://www.fortisbc.com/est/truck-fleets/medium-heavy-duty-natural-gas-truck-fleet-incentives https://www.fortisbc.com/rebates/business/ev-charging-stations-for-multi-unit-residential-buildings-and-workplaces

18. FortisBC – New Construction Capacity Building

Category: Implementation

Description

FortisBC offers funding to support events or activities which help build capacity within local the industry to design and construct high performance buildings. Funding can be requested for residential, commercial and industrial new construction events with builders, trades, designers, energy advisors and building inspectors.

To apply for funding, complete our online application at least one month in advance of your event. For more information email fundingrequest@fortisbc.com.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Ongoing intake of applications. Complete an online application one month in advance of your event.	All reasonable event costs will be considered.	fundingrequest@fortisbc.com https://www.fortisbc.com/in-your-community/municipal-builder-event-funding

19. Funders' Network & Urban Sustainability Directors Network – Partners for Places Grant Program

Category: All

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.

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

20. Infrastructure Canada – Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF)

Category: All

Description

The DMAF is a national, competitive, contribution program with the objective to increase community resilience to natural hazards and extreme weather events. Eligible projects include: 1) new construction of public infrastructure, such as natural infrastructure; and 2) modification and/or reinforcement of existing public infrastructure, which also includes natural infrastructure. Projects must also meet at least one of the national significance criteria, such as decreasing impacts on critical infrastructure, costs of recovery and replacement, health and safety of Canadians, disruptions of economic activity, and vulnerable regions.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
First intake was completed in July, 2018. Check website for upcoming information about future intakes.	Up to $20 million in eligible expenditures. Expenditures include design and planning and capital cost among other costs that help meet program requirements. Land acquisition is only available for some natural infrastructure projects.	Infrastructure Canada info@infc.gc.ca 613-948-1148 https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/dmaf-faac/index-eng.html

21. Infrastructure Canada – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia

Category: All

Description

The Investing in Canada Plan is currently investing $3.917 billion in BC infrastructure projects over 10 years. The program is an opportunity between the Governments of Canada and British Columbia, local governments and other partners to cost-share infrastructure investments. The Government of Canada has assigned four priority areas: 1) community, culture & recreation infrastructure; 2) rural & Northern Communities Infrastructure; 3) Green Infrastructure (Including the CleanBC Communities Fund and Environmental Quality Program); 4) Public transit.

Currently, only the Green Infrastructure- Environmental Quality Program is accepting applications. It is a cost-sharing program for public infrastructure related to wastewater and/or storm water treatment, access to potable water, and capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil and/or air pollutants. Contact the BC government for more funding application information.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Ongoing program but deadline – check website for new funding opportunities and deadlines. Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program application deadline is Feb. 26, 2020.	The funding for the cost-share program changes depending on the program details within the larger Infrastructure Program. Green Infrastructure-Environmental Quality Program funding is available up to 73.33% of eligible project costs.	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Infrastructure & Finance Branch 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program Infrastructure Canada info@infc.gc.ca 613-948-1148 https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nrp-pnr-prog-eng.html#contact

22. Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF) – CAP: Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program

Category: Buildings, Infrastructure & Renewables

Description

The Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program offers funding for innovative projects that advance the sector through agriculture and agrifood products, practices, technologies, or processes. Eligible projects must involve one of the following: 1) late-stage research projects that have the potential to be in the pilot or demonstration phase within 2 years; 2) pilot and demonstration projects that should result in market-ready solutions that can be commercialized or adopted; and 3) commercialization and adoption of innovative products, technologies, and practices related to the sector that reduce financial and business risks. Eligible applicants range from BC agri-food sector producers and processors to regional districts, local governments and First Nations.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Deadline for applications is Friday, March 27th, 2020.	Up to 75% of costs of project covered through funding if the potential	**IAF** Funding(at)iafbc.ca

	benefit to industry is demonstrated to be substantial.	https://iafbc.ca/agri-innovation/#1550093662332-3988139f-a150 **AgriService BC** 1-888-221-7141 AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/canada-bc-agri-innovation

23. Island Coastal Economic Trust – Grant Programs

Category: All

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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Economic Infrastructure Program: 2 application intakes in 2020 – April and October. Exact dates vary per island region. 1 step application process for funding requests of $50,000 or under; 2 step process for requests over $50,000. Economic Readiness Program: Continuous intake of applications. Contact ICET to validate project prior to application submission.	Economic Infrastructure Program: Up to $300,000. Additional matching funding is required. The matching ratio depends on the economic vitality of the community. ICET will fund between 25-50% of project costs. Economic Readiness Program: Up to 50% of project costs or $30,000. Amount varies per sub-program stream.	Island Coastal Economic Trust 250-871-7797 ext. 227 or 230 info@islandcoastaltrust.ca http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/programs

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24. JW McConnell Family Foundation – Grant Programs

Category: All

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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Ongoing intake of applications. Submit proposal through the foundation's online portal.	There is no pre-established limit for grants. Generally, short term grants are not made for local projects.	JW McConnell Family Foundation 514-288-2133 information@mcconnellfoundation.ca https://mcconnellfoundation.ca/granting/

25. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC) Program

Category: Renewable

Description

The CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC) program will fund capital costs of renewable electricity projects in order to help remote communities reduce their reliance on diesel. The program is an a part of CleanBC's Remote Community Energy Strategy (RCES) with the goal to 80% reductions in remote diesel consumption for generating electricity by 2030. Eligible communities are listed on the website.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Program details are announced in December and applications are due in January of each year.	Coast Funds: $7.9 million Fraser Basin Council: $8.5 million	Coast Funds: Ashley Hardill, *Director, Project Investment* ashley@coastfunds.ca; 1-604-684-0223 ext. 5 www.coastfunds.ca/apply/ Fraser Basin Council: Jim Vanderwal, *Senior Manager, Climate Change & Air Quality* jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca; 1-604-897-5350 www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/rerc.html

26. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)

Category: Buildings, Infrastructure & Renewables

Description

The Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP) provides funding to support local government and First Nations investments in energy efficiency and clean energy projects. Projects must: 1) be clean energy or energy efficiency projects 2) involve community ownership 3) be capital projects, such as construction, renewal, retrofit, expansion, or material enhancements. The funding excludes community energy planning, project design or feasibility studies.

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Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Round four funding intake is now closed but CELP recommends communities to contact program staff to discuss their proposed project for future funding intakes.	From $10,00 to $175,000 for construction costs of each project. Overall, up to a $2 million dollar for total project cost.	Nairn Albrecht, *Senior Policy Analyst*, Community Clean Energy Community Clean Energy Branch, B.C. Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources T: 778-698-7166 E: celp@gov.bc.ca www.gov.bc.ca/communityenergyleadershipprogram

27. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Go Electric Incentive Program

Category: **Transportation**

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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Ongoing until March 31, 2020 (or when program funding is depleted).	Up to $5,000 off MSRP of new battery electric, fuel cell and plug in hybrid vehicles above 15 kWh capacity. Up to $2,500 off MSRP of new plug in hybrid vehicles with capacity over 4 kWh and under 15 kWh. Additional $1,000 for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Vehicles above $77,000 in any category are not eligible. 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.	Go Electric Incentive Program https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/transportation-energies/clean-transportation-policies-programs/clean-energy-vehicle-program Links to find out more information about incentives supported through the program, such as CEVforBC and CEV Special Use Vehicle Incentive, can be found in the "Resources" section on the right hand side of the Go Electric Incentives Program webpage.

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28. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development – BC Rural Dividend

Category: All

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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Applications for last intake was in 2019; program is suspended for 2020. Please refer to the province's website for announcements on any future application intakes.	$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. 3) Partnerships - Up to 60% of project costs to maximum of $500,000. Supports implementation of community led projects.	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/program-details2

29. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program

Category: All

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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Carbon Tax Calculation Form submitted by June 1	100% of carbon taxes paid to BC government.	Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/climate-action-revenue-incentive-program-carip

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30. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Infrastructure Planning Grant Program

Category: All

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).

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Continuous intake of applications with usually two review rounds per year.	Up to $10,000. Grants over $5,000 must have matching funds.	Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program

31. Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants 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. The program includes 2 grant options: 1) Active Transportation Network Planning Grant to fund the creation of an active transportation network plan for communities with populations under 25,000 and 2) Active Transportation Infrastructure Plan for projects that are part of a 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. Examples of projects the program funds include: multi-use protected travel lanes, pedestrian and cycling safety improvements, end-of trip facilities and other amenities, and lighting and way-finding. Projects must be ready for construction and completed by March 2021 or March 2022.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
The next application deadline is February 20, 2020.	Active Transportation Network Planning Grant: Up to 50% of costs for cycling network planning or $50,000. Active Transportation Infrastructure Plan: The local government cost-shares with province to a maximum of $500,000 per project. The amount the province cost-shares also depends on type and size of community.	B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program 778-974-5469 BCATgrants@gov.bc.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/active-transportation-infrastructure-grants

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32. Natural Resources Canada – Energy Innovation Program

Category: All

Description

The Clean Energy Innovation Program (EIP) 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. Local governments and Indigenous organizations are eligible to apply.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
EIP has no open calls at this time but check the website for updates.	EVID: Expected to be 50% of total project costs or up to $3 million per project. The funding requested needs to be a minimum of $250,000. The amount is repayable.	Better Buildings Energy Coaches 1-844-881-9790 or 1-250-412-0489 Contact form: www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/connect/ www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/

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 including, local governments and First Nations organizations in the region. 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	Funding Available	Contact
There are up to four intakes annually. Please refer to the website for specific dates.	Up to 50% of project costs.	Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund 250-964-4066 manager@nkdf.org https://nkdf.org/how-to-apply/program-guidelines

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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	Funding Available	Contact
Quarterly intake of applications for programs except economic development capacity building projects, which is annually. The application deadline is March 31st.	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 development capacity building projects: Up $50,000 of total costs.	Northern Development Initiative Trust 250-561-2525 info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/community-development/

35. Northern Development Initiative Trust - Grant Writing Support

Category: All

Description

The Northern Development Initiative Trust provides annual grand funding to offer a grant writing position in a local government or First Nation band across central and northern BC. The funding program has a total of $432,000 in funds to support up to 54 grant writing positions that will help provide the applicant's communities with the tools to be involved in economic development projects and initiatives throughout the region.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Applications intake period is from November 1st to midnight on January 31st each year.	Up to $8,000 in funding to a maximum of 76% of eligible grant writer wages each year.	Northern Development Initiative Trust 250-561-2525 info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/community-development/

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36. Real Estate Foundation of BC – Grant Program

Category: Buildings & 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	Funding Available	Contact
Two application intakes per year with the next one on February 28, 2020. The second one for 2020 will be in September.	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.	Real Estate Foundation of BC 604-343-2626 nick@refbc.com http://www.refbc.com/grants

37. 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	Funding Available	Contact
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.	Specific amounts are not listed. Please consult with the foundation for more information.	Sitka Foundation cbeaty@sitkafoundation.org https://sitkafoundation.org

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38. 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	Funding Available	Contact
Applications are accepted on an on-going basis.	Grants for community economic initiatives: Up to $50,000 or 25% of total project costs per applicant.	Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust 236-420-3680 admin@sidit-bc.ca https://sidit-bc.ca/apply-funding/

39.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).

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until March 31, 2020. Contact either fund to obtain instructions to submit an online application.	The contribution from each fund will not exceed 33% of eligible project costs. The maximum amount funded through ICE is $3 million.	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-sdtc-partnership-in-clean-energy-technology

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40. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation – Grant Program

Category: Infrastructure

Description

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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Application deadlines are January 15 and July 15, 2020.	Funding requests are needs based. Thus, there are no set minimum or maximum amounts. Most awarded grants range from $2,000-8,000.	TD Friends of the Environment Foundation mandip.kharod@td.com https://fef.td.com/funding/

41. Union of BC Municipalities – Asset Management Planning Program

Category: Buildings and Infrastructure

Description

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.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Applications are currently not being accepted for this program (program is on hold).	Asset Management Planning Program: Up to $15,000 for matching grants. Asset Management training subsidies: Up to 50% of registration fees for up to three staff to attend Asset Management BC NAMS training events.	Union of British Columbia Municipalities 250-356-2947 lgps@ubcm.ca www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/asset-management-planning.html

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42. Union of BC Municipalities – Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program

Category: All

Description

The Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program helps decrease the potential risk and impact of wildfires to communities in BC. Funding is available or local governments and First Nations in BC. The program currently primarily includes offers funding to create community-based FireSmart planning and activities that promote the resilience of communities to wildfires. Successful applications suggest projects that utilize FireSmart planning and activities. Regional, collaborative projects may also be considered but the application must prove that the requested funding amount will be used efficiently.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Applications are currently not being accepted for the 2020 program but check back later in the year to apply for 2021.	Up to $25,000 for low-risk communities. Up to $150,000 per year for communities with higher risk.	Union of British Columbia Municipalities (250) 356-2947; cri-swpi@ubcm.ca https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-resiliency-investment.html

43. Union of BC Municipalities - Gas Tax Agreement Funds

Category: All

Description

Funding through the Gas Tax Agreement is delivered through three program streams: Community Works Fund (CWF), Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF), and Greater Vancouver Regional Fund (GVRF).

The SPF funding is allocated through an application process while the CWF and GVRF funding allocations are calculated at a per-capita rate. The SPF program is available to local governments and others outside of the MVRD to help infrastructure and capacity building projects. The program accepts projects that are large in scale and regional in impact or innovative. The projects must also promote economic growth and a clean environment that leads to strong communities.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
All funds have been allocated for 2020. When another intake for SPF occurs, UBCM will share an announcement with communities within BC.	**CWF & GVRDF:** 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. **SPF:** Funding has been fully allocated for 2020.	Union of British Columbia Municipalities (250) 356-2947 gastax@ubcm.ca https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/renewed-gas-tax-agreement/community-works-fund.html

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44. Vancity – envirofund™

Category: All

Description

The Vancity envirofund™ is focused on funding initiatives that result in a lighter living, which means that the projects enable communities to have more time for themselves and to engage with others and the natural world through quality goods, affordability, health, service to communities, security, and wellbeing. The program's current topic runs for 5 years – from 2018- 2022 – to help create systemic change that helps communities consume and waste less while also coming together and living more fulfilling lives.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.	Between $5,000 and $100,000, depending on project.	envirofund@vancity.com https://www.vancity.com/AboutVancity/InvestinginCommunities/Grants/enviroFund/

45. 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	Funding Available	Contact
The latest application intake has closed. Refer to the WEDC website for annual future calls for proposals.	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.	Western Economic Diversification Canada 1-888-338-9378 wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca http://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/301.asp

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Residential & Commercial Funding Programs to Support Communities

1. 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	Funding Available	Contact
See website for more info.	Refer to website as varies per product.	BC Hydro https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential.html

2. 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. Non-profit housing societies may access funding for energy evaluations, implementation support and rebates on energy efficient upgrades. Rental apartments may receive a free energy assessment, installation of energy efficient products and implementation and rebate support. FortisBC also provides low-interest loans (1.9%) in its electricity service territory to support the purchase of heat pumps. Local governments may wish to promote these opportunities to citizens.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
See website for more info.	Refer to website as varies per product/program.	FortisBC residential programs www.fortisbc.com/rebates Non-profit organizations and apartment rentals https://www.fortisbc.com/rebates-and-energy-savings/rebates-and-offers/rebates-business

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3. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Buildings

Category: Buildings

Description

CleanBC Better Buildings program provides funding for businesses and other organizations to reduce GHG emissions and save energy. There are a variety of incentives within the program for upgrades such as replacing fossil fuel heating systems and electric heat pump stations and improving window and door insulation.

There is also funding available for an energy study and if a commercial or social housing building switches to high-efficiency heating equipment or an update in building envelopes.

Local governments may wish to promote these opportunities to citizens.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Continuous application intake.	Funding amount varies depending on what is upgraded or installed. Up to $20,000 for an energy study. Up to $200,000 for commercial or social housing building upgrades.	Better Buildings Energy Coaches 1-844-881-9790 or 1-250-412-0489 Contact form: www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/connect/ www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/

4. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Homes

Category: Buildings

Description

CleanBC Better Homes program provides funding for residential homes to reduce GHG emissions and save energy. There are a variety of incentives within the program for upgrades such as replacing fossil fuel heating systems and electric heat pump stations and improving window and door insulation.

There is also funding available for a home to upgrade to high-efficiency heating equipment and building envelope.

Local governments may wish to promote these opportunities to citizens.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Continuous application.	Funding amount varies depending on what is upgraded or installed. Check the website for details.	BetterHomesBC Energy Coaches 1-844-881-9790 or 1-250-412-0489 Contact form: www.betterhomesbc.ca/connect/ www.betterhomesbc.ca/

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5. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Go Electric EV Charger Rebate Program

Category: Transportation

Description

The CleanBC Go Electric EV Charger Rebate Program offers financial incentives for retrofitting existing building with EV charging equipment and can also include services for retrofit planning and implementation. The program provides incentives for three different categories of buildings to install the infrastructure, including single-family homes, multi-unit residential buildings (MURBs) and workplaces. The program also offers support and consultation on EV charging infrastructure for MURBS and workplaces.

Local governments may wish to promote these opportunities to citizens.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Continuous application intake. Look at details for funding of your building type on the website for specific information.	Single-family home: up to $350 Multi-unit residential building (MURB): up to $2,000 Workplace: up to $2,000	Province of BC – CleanBC Go Electric BC https://goelectricbc.gov.bc.ca/#rebates

6. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – SCRAP-IT Program

Category: Transportation

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.

Local governments may wish to promote these opportunities to citizens.

Application Dates	Funding Available	Contact
Continuous intake of applications. Submit online application form.	EV: $6,000 for new vehicle or $3,000 for used vehicle. Refer to website for details on other incentive options described above.	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

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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/**

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