



# Funding Your Community Energy & Climate Change Initiatives

A guide to funding and resources  
for British Columbia local governments

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## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

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

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

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

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

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

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

While this guide presents numerous funding sources and resources for action on climate change, it is not intended to provide information for adaptation to climate change impacts.

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## Updates

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Funding programs and resources continue to change frequently. Please check the website [www.communityenergy.bc.ca](http://www.communityenergy.bc.ca) for further updates.

# CROSS REFERENCE TABLE – FUNDING GUIDE

Funding Guide	Category				Financial Incentives			Non-Financial Resources					
	Buildings	Infrastructure	Renewables	Transportation	Planning/studies	Implementation	Grants	Loans/Tax breaks	Information	Assistance	Workshops	Advocacy	Other
1. BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program	●	●	●	●	●		●						
2. Community Action on Energy & Emissions (CAEE)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●		
3. Federal Tax Exemptions	●	●	●	●		●		●					
4. Foundations and Non-profit Grant Providers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●						
5. Gas Tax Agreement – Community Works Fund	●	●	●	●	●	●	●						
6. Gas Tax Agreement – Innovations Fund	●	●	●	●	●	●	●						
7. Gas Tax Agreement – Strategic Priorities Fund	●	●	●	●	●	●	●						
8. Green City Awards	●	●	●	●			●						●
9. Green Municipal Funds	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
10. Provincial Sales Tax Exemptions	●	●	●	●			●	●					
11. Remote Community Electrification Program	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●			
12. Smart Development Partnership Program	●	●	●	●	●		●	●					
13. Technology Early Action Measures (TEAM)	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●			
14. Towns For Tomorrow	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
15. Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) Program	●				●		●	●	●				
16. EcoENERGY Retrofit - Buildings	●				●	●	●	●					
17. Efficient Boiler Program	●				●	●	●	●					
18. Power Sense	●				●	●	●	●					
19. Power Smart High Performance Building Program	●				●	●	●	●	●				
20. Power Smart Partners	●				●	●	●	●	●				
21. Power Smart Product Incentive Program	●				●	●	●	●	●				
22. CANMET Energy Technology Centre	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●			
23. Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund		●				●	●	●					
24. Cycling Infrastructure Partnership Program (CIPP)		●		●		●	●	●					
25. Local Motion		●		●		●	●	●					
26. EcoENERGY for Renewable Heat			●			●	●	●					●
27. EcoENERGY for Renewable Power			●			●	●	●					
28. ecoAUTO				●		●	●	●					

# CROSS REFERENCE TABLE – RESOURCE GUIDE

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	Buildings	Infrastructure	Renewables	Transportation	Planning/studies	Implementation	Grants	Loans/Tax breaks	Information	Assistance	Workshops	Advocacy	Other
1. Community Energy Association (CEA)	●	●	●	●					●	●			
2. Office of Energy Efficiency	●	●	●	●					●				
3. Partners for Climate Protection	●	●	●	●					●				●
4. Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development	●	●	●	●					●	●		●	
5. Smart Growth BC	●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●	
6. Sustainable Development Technology Canada	●	●	●	●		●	●						
7. Energy Star	●								●				
8. Green Buildings BC	●					●	●		●				
9. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)	●												●
10. ecoENERGY Retrofit	●						●						
11. R-2000 HOME Program	●								●				●
12. Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC)	●		●			●	●		●		●		
13. Energuide	●		●						●				
14. BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)			●						●			●	
15. BC BioFleet			●	●					●	●			
16. E3 Fleets			●	●					●				●
17. Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST)				●					●			●	●
19. Moving On Sustainable Transportation (MOST)				●									
20. Victoria Transport Policy Institute (VTPI)				●					●				

# FUNDING GUIDE

## 1. BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program

Category: All

### Description

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

<b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts	<b>Funding Available</b> Up to \$10,000. Grants over \$5,000 must have matching funds. Grant applications accepted on an ongoing basis.	<b>Contact</b> Ministry of Community Services: Municipal Engineering Services Branch (250) 387-4060 lgsi@gov.bc.ca <a href="http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lgd//infra/library/infra_planning_grant_program_guide.pdf">www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lgd//infra/library/infra_planning_grant_program_guide.pdf</a>
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## 2. Community Action on Energy & Emissions (CAEE)

Category: All

### Description

Community Action on Energy & Emissions is an initiative of the provincial Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources, administered by the Fraser Basin Council. It provides funding and research assistance towards studies, policy work, and implementation.

<b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts	<b>Funding Available</b> Varies.	<b>Contact</b> Jim Vanderwal 604-488-5359 jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca <a href="http://www.bcclimateexchange.ca/index.php?p=caee">www.bcclimateexchange.ca/index.php?p=caee</a>
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## 3. Federal Tax Exemptions

Category: All

### Description

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

<b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts	<b>Funding Available</b> Tax exemptions and write-offs	<b>Contact</b> Canada Revenue Agency <a href="http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html">www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html</a>
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## 4. Foundations and Non-profit Grant Providers

Category: All

### Description

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

<b>Eligibility</b> Varies	<b>Funding Available</b> Varies	<b>Contact</b> TD Friends of the Environment, VanCity, Vancouver Foundation, Victoria Foundation, others
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<b>5. Gas Tax Agreement – Community Works Fund</b>		<b>Category: All</b>
<p><b>Description</b> Established to support local priorities in alignment with the desired outcomes of reduced GHG emissions, cleaner air and cleaner water. The program provides funding directly to eligible local governments, with no application required. Level of funding to local governments depends on the their Tier as defined by the Gas Tax Agreement.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> GVRD communities not eligible</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$191 million over 5 years.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Union of British Columbia Municipalities Brenda Gibson, General Manager (250) 356-0862 bgibson@civicnet.bc.ca www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=294</p>

<b>6. Gas Tax Agreement – Innovations Fund</b>		<b>Category: All</b>
<p><b>Description</b> The Innovations Fund is established to support projects that reflect an innovative approach to achieving the intended outcomes of reduced GHG emissions, cleaner air and cleaner water. Grants may fund up to 100% of project costs. Some funding is reserved for local government capacity buildings and integrated community sustainability planning.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$32 million over 5 years. \$1.6 million reserved for capacity building and integrated community sustainability planning.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Union of British Columbia Municipalities Brenda Gibson, General Manager (250) 356-0862 bgibson@civicnet.bc.ca www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=294</p>

<b>7. Gas Tax Agreement – Strategic Priorities Fund</b>		<b>Category: All</b>
<p><b>Description</b> The Strategic Priorities Fund provides funding for strategic investments that work towards the desired outcomes of reduced GHG emissions, cleaner air, and cleaner water. The SPF is for projects that are large in scale or regional in impact. Grants may fund up to 100% of project costs.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> Only communities outside GVRD</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$106 million over 5 years.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Union of British Columbia Municipalities Brenda Gibson, General Manager (250) 356-0862 bgibson@civicnet.bc.ca www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=294</p>

<b>8. Green City Awards</b>		<b>Category: All</b>
<p><b>Description</b> The Green City Awards provide cash awards to local governments achieving integrated design and management that encourages physical activity, energy conservation and environmental benefits. The awards recognize activities throughout the community, rather than specific projects.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$500,000 annually for 5 years for the program. There are 8 categories based on population, with awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000.  Winners announced at UBCM convention.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Ministry of Community Services Infrastructure &amp; Finance Division 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca www.greencityawards.gov.bc.ca</p>

9. Green Municipal Funds		Category: All
<p><b>Description</b> Municipalities may apply to the Green Municipal Fund for funding for planning, field tests, feasibility studies, community sustainability plans, and project implementation towards energy/GHG reduction. The fund supports implementation projects through both grants and lower-interest loans. Applications for studies are accepted on a continuous basis. For implementation funding, an RFP is issued at least once per year for each project category: Energy, Waste, Brownfields, Water, and Transportation. A letter of intent is required first, followed by a full application if accepted.</p> <p><b>Note: Acceptance of applications for funding for planning and studies has been suspended until Jan 22, 2008.</b></p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> For studies and planning, up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$350,000. Total annual funds available are \$8 - \$12 million for planning and studies, \$7 - \$10 million for implementation grants, and \$50 - \$70 million for implementation loans.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Centre for Sustainable Community Development Simona Birea, Applications Coordinator (613) 241-5221 ext. 238 sbirea@fcm.ca www.sustainablecommunities.ca/GMF/</p>

10. Provincial Sales Tax Exemptions		Category: All
<p><b>Description</b> The Provincial Government offers a number of PST Exemptions for: material and equipment used to conserve energy, alternative fuels, energy-efficient residential furnaces, boilers and heat pumps, and fuel-efficient vehicles.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> PST exemption (7%)</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Government of British Columbia: Ministry of Small Business and Revenue 1-877-388-4440 www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/publications/bulletins/sst_011.pdf</p>

11. Remote Community Electrification Program		Category: All
<p><b>Description</b> BC Hydro has established a Remote Community Electrification Program to provide power to communities wanting to be served by BC Hydro. This program has funding for eligible remote communities for preparation of Remote Community Energy Plans.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> Remote (off grid) communities only.</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Varies</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> BC Hydro Nick Hawley, Program Manager (604) 453-6240 Nick.Hawley@bchydro.bc.ca www.bchydro.com</p>

12. Smart Development Partnership Program		Category: All
<p><b>Description</b> The Smart Development Partnership Program aims to improve land use planning and development in BC by fostering partnerships. Funding is available for projects that represent new and innovative approaches to specific issues or opportunities related to land use planning. The local government must partner with at least one other organization (eg. industry associations, financial institutions, non-profit associations, etc.). Projects should have broad interest and transferability to other local governments.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Up to \$50,000. Grants must have matching funds.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Ministry of Community Services Lois-Leah Goodwin (250) 356-1128 LoisLeah.Goodwin@gov.bc.ca www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lgd/intergov_relations/smart_development/index.htm</p>

13. Technology Early Action Measures (TEAM)		Category: All
<p><b>Description</b> TEAM is an interdepartmental technology investment program established by the federal government. TEAM funding is directed to support later stage development and demonstration of technology in cleaner fossil fuels, energy efficiency technology, biotechnology, hydrogen economy and decentralized energy production.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Varies</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Federal Government: Technology Early Action Measures 1-866-322-3376 info@stdc.ca www.team.gc.ca</p>

14. Towns For Tomorrow		Category: All
<p><b>Description</b> The Province is providing \$21 million for B.C.'s smaller communities to improve local infrastructure. Grants are available for capital investments that enhance community infrastructure, including environmental energy improvements. Eligible costs include engineering, design, capacity building and construction costs.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> Local gov'ts with a population under 5000.</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$21M over 3 years. Grants cover 80% of cost up to \$400,000. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Ministry of Community Services 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca www.townsfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca</p>

15. Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) Program		Category: Buildings
<p><b>Description</b> ACT provides grants to municipalities and other non-governmental organizations, to overcome regulatory barriers that impede innovative housing programs. The program is designed to facilitate changes in residential building approval processes, planning regulations and building regulations. Grant applications must address regulatory issues.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Up to \$5,000. Applications accepted approximately twice per year.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Federation of Canadian Municipalities (613) 241-5221 ext.242 info@actprogram.com www.actprogram.com</p>

16. ecoENERGY Retrofit - Buildings		Category: Buildings
<p><b>Description</b> The ecoENERGY Retrofit Incentive for Buildings provides financial incentives to small and medium commercial and institutional buildings, to help offset the costs of implementing energy efficiency retrofits.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$10/GJ saved, to a maximum of \$50,000 or 25% of project costs.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Office of Energy Efficiency, Natural Resources Canada 1-877-360-5500 <a href="http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/commercial/financial-assistance/existing/retrofits/index.cfm?attr=0">http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/commercial/financial-assistance/existing/retrofits/index.cfm?attr=0</a></p>

## 17. Efficient Boiler Program

Category: Buildings

### Description

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

<b>Eligibility</b> Lower Mainland and interior only	<b>Funding Available</b> Up to \$6,000 per boiler plus \$9 per MBH plant input for condensing boilers	<b>Contact</b> Terasen Gas 1-888-477-0777 <a href="http://www.terasengas.com/BuildingProfessionsTrades/IncentivePrograms/EfficientBoilerProgram.htm">www.terasengas.com/BuildingProfessionsTrades/IncentivePrograms/EfficientBoilerProgram.htm</a>
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## 18. Power Sense

Category: Buildings

### Description

The Fortis BC Power Sense program offers financial assistance for converting to energy-efficient technologies. It also demonstrates how to save money by reducing energy consumption.

<b>Eligibility</b> Fortis BC customers only	<b>Funding Available</b> Funding for energy studies of 50% to a max of \$5,000. Capital incentives of 1.0 ¢/kWh saved times 5 years or the product life.	<b>Contact</b> Fortis BC 1-800-363-3330 <a href="http://www.fortisbc.com">www.fortisbc.com</a>
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## 19. Power Smart - High Performance Building Program

Category: Buildings

### Description

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

<b>Eligibility</b> New construction projects that are at least 6,000 ft	<b>Funding Available</b> Up to \$10,000 for studies, depending on building size. Capital incentives vary depending on energy savings.	<b>Contact</b> BC Hydro 1-866-453-6400 or contact your Key Account Manager <a href="http://www.bchydro.com/business">www.bchydro.com/business</a>
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## 20. Power Smart Partners

Category: Buildings

### Description

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

<b>Eligibility</b> Large customers only	<b>Funding Available</b> Capital incentives of 1.5¢/kWh saved, times the product life.	<b>Contact</b> BC Hydro Contact your Key Account Manager <a href="http://www.bchydro.com/business">www.bchydro.com/business</a>
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<b>21. Power Smart Product Incentive Program</b>		<b>Category: Buildings</b>
<p><b>Description</b> The program provides financial incentives to replace inefficient products with energy-efficient technologies. Incentives are available for the following categories of energy-efficient technologies: Lighting Products, Controls and Sensors, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC), and others as approved.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Varies by product</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> BC Hydro 1-866-522-4713 or contact your Key Account Manager <a href="http://www.bchydro.com/business">www.bchydro.com/business</a></p>

<b>22. CANMET Energy Technology Centre</b>		<b>Category: Buildings, Renewables</b>
<p><b>Description</b> CANMET is a research and development arm of Natural Resources Canada. While primarily a research and technical information source, CANMET also provides funding for pilot and demonstration projects through various programs such as the Emerging Technologies Program, Refrigeration Action Program, and the Sustainable Buildings and Communities Group.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Varies.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Natural Resources Canada: CANMET Energy Technology Centre <a href="http://www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/es/etb/programs/index_e.html">www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/es/etb/programs/index_e.html</a></p>

<b>23. Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund</b>		<b>Category: Infrastructure</b>
<p><b>Description</b> The Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund complements Canada's other infrastructure programs but differs in its orientation. It emphasizes partnerships with any combination of municipal, provincial, territorial governments, as well as the private sector, and each partnership will be governed by specifically tailored arrangements. Investments will be directed to large-scale projects of national and regional significance.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Up to 50% of project costs. Total project costs must be over \$75 million.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Infrastructure Canada <a href="http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/ip-pi/csif-fcis/index_e.shtml">www.infrastructure.gc.ca/ip-pi/csif-fcis/index_e.shtml</a></p>

<b>24. Cycling Infrastructure Partnership Program (CIPP)</b>		<b>Category: Infrastructure, Transportation</b>
<p><b>Description</b> The CIPP is a cost-shared program where the Government of British Columbia will partner with local governments in the construction of new transportation cycling infrastructure. The goal of the program is to promote transportation cycling (cycling to work, school, or errands) as a means of reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> Up to \$250,000. Must be matched by local government. Application deadline Jan 31, 2008.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Ministry of Transportation Alan Callander, Manager, Municipal Policy (250) 356-5563 <a href="mailto:alan.callander@gov.bc.ca">alan.callander@gov.bc.ca</a> <a href="http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/popular-topics/cycling/cipp.htm">www.th.gov.bc.ca/popular-topics/cycling/cipp.htm</a></p>

25. Local Motion		Category: Infrastructure, Transportation
<p><b>Description</b> Local Motion maximizes the options for healthy, active living by giving local governments extra resources to improve air quality, safety, reduce energy consumption, and encourage all British Columbians to get out and be more active in their communities. Bike paths, walkways, and greenways are all considered eligible projects.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$40M over 4 years. Grants cover 50% of cost up to \$1M. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Ministry of Community Services 250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca www.localmotion.gov.bc.ca</p>

26. ecoENERGY for Renewable Heat		Category: Renewables
<p><b>Description</b> EcoENERGY for Renewable Heat provides incentives for the installation of solar water heating systems in commercial, institutional, and multi-family buildings. It also supports solar and geo-thermal technologies through pilot projects, training, and the development of industry standards.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> 25% of project costs, to a max of \$80,000 per installation.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Natural Resources Canada: Renewable and Electrical Energy Division ecoenergyrhp@nrcan.gc.ca <a href="http://ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/heat-chauffage/index-eng.cfm">http://ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/heat-chauffage/index-eng.cfm</a></p>

27. ecoENERGY for Renewable Power		Category: Renewables
<p><b>Description</b> ecoENERGY for Renewable Power will invest \$1.48 billion to increase Canada's supply of clean electricity from renewable sources such as wind, biomass, low-impact hydro, geothermal, solar photovoltaic and ocean energy. It will encourage the production of 14.3 terrawatt hours of new electricity from renewable energy sources.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> 1.0¢/kWh generated. Only projects over 1.0 MW in capacity are eligible.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Natural Resources Canada: Renewable and Electrical Energy Division ecoenergyrp@nrcan.gc.ca <a href="http://ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/power-electricite/index-eng.cfm">http://ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/power-electricite/index-eng.cfm</a></p>

28. ecoAUTO		Category: Transportation
<p><b>Description</b> The ecoAUTO Rebate Program encourages Canadians to buy fuel-efficient vehicles by offering performance based rebates on the purchase of eligible vehicles.</p>		
<p><b>Eligibility</b> All local gov'ts</p>	<p><b>Funding Available</b> \$1,000 to \$2,000 per vehicle.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Transport Canada 1-866-506-6804 <a href="http://www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/ecotransport/ecoauto.htm">www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/ecotransport/ecoauto.htm</a></p>

# RESOURCE GUIDE

## 1. Community Energy Association (CEA)

Category: All

### Description

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

### Eligibility

All local governments

### Type of Support

- Information
- Tools
- Assistance
- Workshops
- Awards

### Contact

Community Energy Association  
 Laura Porcher, Executive Director  
 (250) 598-4034  
[lporcher@communityenergy.bc.ca](mailto:lporcher@communityenergy.bc.ca)  
[www.communityenergy.bc.ca](http://www.communityenergy.bc.ca)

## 2. Office of Energy Efficiency

Category: All

### Description

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

### Eligibility

All

### Type of Support

- Information

### Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency  
[www.oeo.nrcan.gc.ca](http://www.oeo.nrcan.gc.ca)

## 3. Partners for Climate Protection

Category: All

### Description

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

### Eligibility

Municipal governments and regional districts

### Type of Support

- Information
- Accreditation

### Contact

Federation of Canadian Municipalities: FCM Sustainable Communities  
 Amy Seabrooke  
 613-241-5221, ext. 332  
[aseabrooke@fcm.ca](mailto:aseabrooke@fcm.ca)  
[www.sustainablecommunities.ca/Capacity%5FBuilding/Energy/PCP/](http://www.sustainablecommunities.ca/Capacity%5FBuilding/Energy/PCP/)

## 4. Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development

Category: All

### Description

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

### Eligibility

All

### Type of Support

- Information
- Assistance
- Advocacy

### Contact

Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development  
 Matt Horne  
 (604) 874-8558  
[matth@pembina.org](mailto:matth@pembina.org)  
[www.pembina.org](http://www.pembina.org)

<b>5. Smart Growth BC</b>		<b>Category: All</b>
<b>Description</b> Smart Growth BC is a non-governmental organization devoted to fiscally, socially and environmentally responsible land use and development. It provides information, guidance, and workshops on urban development strategies for sustainable communities.		
<b>Eligibility</b> All	<b>Type of Support</b> - Information - Assistance - Workshops - Advocacy	<b>Contact</b> Smart Growth BC (604) 915-5234 www.smartgrowth.bc.ca

<b>6. Sustainable Development Technology Canada</b>		<b>Category: All</b>
<b>Description</b> Sustainable Development Technology Canada is an initiative created by the Government of Canada that operates a fund to finance and support the development of clean technologies.		
<b>Eligibility</b> Non-profits Corporations Educational institutes	<b>Type of Support</b> - Funding	<b>Contact</b> Sustainable Development Technology Canada (613) 234-6313 applications@sdtc.ca www.sdtc.ca

<b>7. Energy Star</b>		<b>Category: Buildings</b>
<b>Description</b> Energy Star is an international rating system that identifies the most efficient equipment available. It includes appliances, consumer electronics, heating & cooling equipment, windows and doors, and other equipment.		
<b>Eligibility</b> All	<b>Type of Support</b> - Information	<b>Contact</b> Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency 1-888-782-7936 www.oeo.nrcan.gc.ca/energystar

<b>8. Green Buildings BC</b>		<b>Category: Buildings</b>
<b>Description</b> A program providing tools and resources to help BC's education and health care agencies undertake new construction projects or comprehensive portfolio-wide retrofits of their facilities to significantly improve their energy and water efficiency. Resources include guidance on the procurement process and a credit facility arrangement.		
<b>Eligibility</b> Health and education facilities	<b>Type of Support</b> - Information - Credit facility	<b>Contact</b> Green Buildings BC www.greenbuildingsbc.com

<b>9. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)</b>		<b>Category: Buildings</b>
<b>Description</b> The LEED® Canada Rating System recognizes leading edge buildings that incorporate design, construction, and operational practices that combine healthy, high-quality and high-performance advantages with reduced environmental impacts.		
<b>Eligibility</b> New commercial and institutional buildings	<b>Type of Support</b> - Accreditation	<b>Contact</b> Canadian Green Building Council (604) 681-7002 www.cagbc.org

## 10. ecoENERGY Retrofit - Homes

Category: Buildings, Renewables

### Description

The ecoENERGY retrofit program provides incentives up to \$5,000 to homeowners for upgrading the efficiency of their homes. Actual grant amount depends on pre and post-retrofit Energuide ratings, as determined through a residential energy efficiency assessment. Includes incentives for solar water heaters.

### Eligibility

Home owners

### Type of Support

- Incentives

### Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency  
<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/home-improvement.cfm?attr=0>

## 11. R-2000 HOME Program

Category: Buildings

### Description

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

### Eligibility

Home builders

### Type of Support

- Information  
- Design guidelines  
- Accreditation

### Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency  
[www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/new-homes/r-2000/About-r-2000.cfm?attr=4](http://www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/new-homes/r-2000/About-r-2000.cfm?attr=4)

## 12. Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC)

Category: Buildings, Renewables

### Description

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

### Eligibility

Industrial companies  
registered with Industrial  
Energy Innovators

### Type of Support

- Information  
- Workshops  
- Incentives up to \$50,000 for  
retrofit projects and process  
integration studies.

### Contact

Natural Resources Canada  
Ann Martineau, Senior Program Manager  
(613) 944-6133  
[www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/cipec.cfm?attr=0](http://www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/cipec.cfm?attr=0)

## 13. Energuide

Category: Buildings, Transportation

### Description

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

### Eligibility

All

### Type of Support

- Information

### Contact

Natural Resources Canada: Office of Energy Efficiency  
1-888-782-7937  
[www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energuide](http://www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energuide)

## 14. BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)

Category: Renewables

### Description

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

### Eligibility

All

### Type of Support

- Information  
- Advocacy

### Contact

BC Sustainable Energy Association  
Peter Ronald, Coordinator  
(250) 744-2720  
[www.bcsea.org](http://www.bcsea.org)

<b>15. BC BioFleet</b>		<b>Category: Renewables, Transportation</b>
<b>Description</b> The purpose of the BC Biofleet program is to transform the biodiesel market in British Columbia by building awareness and consumer confidence through education and biodiesel demonstrations.		
<b>Eligibility</b> Public & private sector vehicle fleets	<b>Type of Support</b> - Workshops - Information	<b>Contact</b> Dennis Rogoza, Director (250) 381-5550 drogoza@fleetchallenge.ca www.bcbiofleet.ca

<b>16. E3 Fleets</b>		<b>Category: Renewables, Transportation</b>
<b>Description</b> E3 is Canada's only independent, non-profit managed system for "greening" Canada's fleets. E3 stands for Energy, Environment, and Excellence – the core focus of the system. E3 Fleets provides a rating system for fleet efficiency and information including an emissions calculator, ratings handbook, newsletter, and alternative fuelling station map.		
<b>Eligibility</b> Public & private sector vehicle fleets	<b>Type of Support</b> - Information - Rating system	<b>Contact</b> Fraser Basin Council Jim Vanderwal, Program Manager 1-888-70-FLEET info@e3fleet.com www.e3fleet.com

<b>17. Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST)</b>		<b>Category: Transportation</b>
<b>Description</b> BEST promotes sustainable transportation and pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-oriented neighbourhoods. It provides programs to reduce greenhouse gas emission and climate change.		
<b>Eligibility</b> All	<b>Type of Support</b> - Information - Advocacy - Events	<b>Contact</b> Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (604) 669-2860 www.best.bc.ca

<b>18. ecoMOBILITY</b>		<b>Category: Transportation</b>
<b>Description</b> The ecoMOBILITY Program seeks to cut urban-passenger transportation emissions by encouraging commuters to choose public transit or other sustainable transportation options like car-pooling. Working with cities and municipalities across Canada, this initiative will help develop programs, services and products that are used in cities around the world, to improve choice and quality of life for Canadians in urban areas across the country.		
<b>Eligibility</b> All	<b>Type of Support</b> - Information	<b>Contact</b> Transport Canada www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/ecotransport/ecomobility.htm

## 19. Moving On Sustainable Transportation (MOST)

Category: Transportation

### Description

The MOST Program will provide funding to help support projects that falls into one of five project proposal categories.  
Category 1 - Studies or analyses that contribute to greater understanding of sustainable transportation issues.  
Category 2 - Development of new and innovative sustainable transportation tools and practices.  
Category 3 - Pilot projects that test new sustainable transportation approaches or alternatives.  
Category 4 - Workshops and information sessions to support new sustainable transportation ideas or approaches.  
Category 5 - Education and outreach programs that inform the Canadian public about sustainable transportation.

### Eligibility

Non-profit organizations, associations, education institutes, and businesses

### Type of Support

- Incentives up to \$100,000

### Contact

Transport Canada: Office of Environmental Affairs  
(613) 998-6607  
MOST@tc.gc.ca  
www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/most

## 20. Victoria Transport Policy Institute (VTPI)

Category: Transportation

### Description

VTPI is an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative and practical solutions to transportation problems. It provides a variety of free resources on its website to help improve transportation planning and policy analysis.

### Eligibility

All

### Type of Support

- Information

### Contact

Victoria Transport Policy Institute  
(250) 360-1560  
info@vtpi.org  
www.vtpi.org

# FUNDING YOUR COMMUNITY ENERGY INITIATIVES

Produced by the Community Energy Association

## About this Guide

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

## About the Community Energy Association

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

## Feedback

We welcome your feedback. Please send updates, comments and suggestions via the contact information below.

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