

List of Funding Opportunities for Clean Energy Projects Led by Indigenous Nations and Local Governments

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This document provides an overview of funding and resources for energy efficiency and clean energy projects led by Indigenous Nations and Local Governments in British Columbia.

About this List of Funding and Resources

This document is intended to help British Columbian Indigenous Nations and local governments, find appropriate funding to support energy planning, energy efficiency, and clean energy generation projects. This list provides summary information about each program/funding opportunity, including the program title, description, details on eligibility, funding available, funding organization, contact information, and website address.

Funding opportunities are organized alphabetically by program or resource name and have been categorized according to the focus of each program: general funding; regionally specific funding; funding for Indigenous groups; funding for Local Governments; upcoming funding; and non-funding programs. A cross-reference table allows for quick identification of program eligibility based on community and project characteristics.

The information is up to date as of June 30th, 2020. It will be updated periodically as funding details change: please check the document link below for the latest version.

Disclaimer

Every effort is made to provide accurate information. However, information provided in this document may deviate from actual program information over time. Therefore, it is recommended that readers contact each program as required to confirm the details herein.

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Document Link

<https://gov.bc.ca/cleanenergyprojects-fundingopportunities>

Note: Resource Guidelines and Funding Deadlines Change

This guide is a living document updated regularly by the Community Clean Energy Branch at BC Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources. Check website for recent changes.

If you find a resource in this document that you think applies to you, we strongly recommend checking the website listed in the entry.

Please send us updates or give us feedback on the Guide: charles.burnett@gov.bc.ca

For Your Information:

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Who is excluded as a public utility?

- Municipalities or regional districts operating or providing services within their own boundaries;
- Producers who do not resell the service or commodity beyond themselves, their employees or tenants;
- Entities within the petroleum industry or in the wellhead production of oil, natural gas or other natural petroleum substances; and
- Entities engaged in geothermal production.

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Cross-Reference Table

The cross-reference table allows for quick identification of program eligibility based on community and project characteristics. The table uses the following definitions:

Communities

- Indigenous Nations – Indigenous communities and administrative groups are eligible to apply. This includes Indigenous Nation development corporations and Nation-owned companies.
- Local Governments – Local/civic governments are eligible to apply. Where a local government does not exist, a higher-level governing body like a Regional District may apply.

Types

- Efficiency – Energy projects relating to improving building energy efficiency are eligible.
- Renewables – Energy projects relating to energy generation are eligible. Including: hydro, geothermal, geo-exchange, bioenergy, solar (thermal and photovoltaic), wind, renewable district energy, waste-to-energy, renewable natural gas, and energy storage.

Eligible Expenses

- Capacity Building – Capacity building (e.g. staff hiring and/or training) expenditures are eligible.
- Community Energy Planning – Planning expenditures (e.g. community meetings, facilitation, community energy plans, community energy management plans, community energy & emissions plans) are eligible.
- Prefeasibility/Feasibility – Feasibility, design and estimate studies are eligible.
- Construction – Capital expenditures (funds for building) are eligible.

	Communities		Types		Eligible Expenses			
	Indigenous Nations	Local Governments	Efficiency	Renewables	Capacity Building	Community Planning	Prefeasibility / Feasibility	Construction
1. Local Governments and Indigenous Nation Communities								
1.1. BC Hydro – Conservation Programs for Residential and Commercial Customers	•	•	•					•
1.2. BC Hydro – New Construction Market Transformation	•	•	•		•			•
1.3. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) – Funding Programs	•	•	•		•		•	•
1.4. FortisBC – Conservation and Energy Management	•	•	•					•
1.5. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Buildings	•	•	•					•
1.6. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Homes	•	•	•			•		•
1.7. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities	•	•		•				•
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1.11. Western Economic Diversification Canada – Regional Innovation Ecosystems (RIE)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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2. Regional Areas								
2.1. Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) – Community Development Program	•	•	•	•	•			•
2.2. Gwaii Trust Society – Major Contributions Grant	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
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2.4. Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society – Funding Programs	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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4.2. BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Infrastructure Planning Grant Program		•	•	•		•	•	
4.3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund (GMF)		•	•	•			•	•
4.4. Union of BC Municipalities – Gas Tax Funding		•	•	•		•	•	•
5. Upcoming Funding								
5.1 BC Ministry of Energy – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)	•	•	•	•				•
5.2. New Relationship Trust (NRT) – Capacity Initiative Grants	•	•		•				•
5.3. Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) – General Grants Program	•	•		•				•
5.4. Vancity – Community Partnerships	•		•	•	•			







Calendar: Application Deadlines by Program

Programs with continuous intakes or programs not currently accepting applications are not included in the calendar below.


Year-round Applications: [FCM Green Municipal Fund](#)

2020 Jun		Jul	28th Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society	Aug	20th NRCAN Indigenous Forestry Initiative
Sep		Oct	1st EMPR CleanBC RERC (EOI) 21st Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society 22nd ICIP - RNC	Nov	1st EMPR CleanBC RERC (Full) 7th Columbia Basin Trust 12th ICIP - CCF
Dec		Jan 2021	(Check website) Gwaii Trust Major Contributions ; BCICEI 15th LEDSP Core & MAH Infrastructure Planning Grant Program 31st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund	Feb	3rd Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund
Mar	15th Catalyst 20/20	Apr	3rd Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund	May	31st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund





LEGEND



 Efficiency	 Renewables	 Capacity Building
 Community Planning	 Feasibility / Prefeasibility	 Construction



1. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND INDIGENOUS NATION COMMUNITIES



1.1. BC Hydro – Conservation Programs for Residential and Commercial Customers		 
<p>Conservation programs and incentives are available to help save energy and money in your home or small business. Whether you're looking to purchase new appliances or new electronics, or you plan to make upgrades to your home or small business, there are programs to support you.</p> <p>Some of the programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Power Smart Energy Saving Kit Energy Conservation Assistance Program Home Renovation Rebates Social Housing Retrofit Support Program Business Energy Savings Incentives 		
Application Deadlines Varies by program.		Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/energysavings



1.2. BC Hydro – New Construction Market Transformation		   
<p>We provide financial support to local governments and indigenous communities to create access to the skills, practices, and resources required to build to higher energy efficiency standards, such as the BC Energy Step Code. We also support communities in hosting industry events that support outreach and knowledge sharing on energy codes and standards, as well as demonstration projects to exemplify leadership in high performance building design, construction and compliance.</p>		
Application Deadlines Varies. Please contact us for more information.	Funding Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education partnerships for professional development focused events (e.g. Builder Breakfasts) • Step Code Builder Incentive Funding 	Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 sustainablecommunities@bchydro.com




1.3. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) – Funding Programs		
   		
<p>CMHC provides various programs, financial assistance, grants, and awards to help create new affordable housing and encourage research and initiatives that lead to solutions to the housing needs of Canadians. CMHC also provides funding and support for First Nations housing, skills development, development planning for future housing construction, and energy initiatives.</p> <p>Please see website links or contact the BC Regional Business Centre for more details on the various supports available. CMHC funding programs include:</p> <p>Seed Funding</p> <p>Preservation Funding</p> <p>National Housing Co-Investment Fund</p> <p>Affordable Housing Innovation Fund</p> <p>Federal Lands Initiative</p> <p>Rental Construction Financing Initiative (Direct Insured Lending)</p> <p>Mortgage Loan Insurance (MLI) & MLI Flex</p> <p>Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)</p> <p>Home Modifications for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP-D)</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Varies - please see the CMHC website for details.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding is dependent on geographic region, specific program requirements, and availability.</p>	<p>Contact Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation BC Regional Business Centre 1-800-309-3388</p>


1.4. FortisBC – Conservation and Energy Management		 
<p>The Energy Conservation Assistance Program provides income-qualified households with a free home energy evaluation, energy-saving products, and advice. Some homes may also qualify for free Energy Star refrigerator; insulation in walls, attics and/or crawlspaces; and an Energy Star natural gas furnace. The Home Renovation Rebate program provides rebates for insulation and draftproofing, windows and doors, high efficiency heating systems and water heaters, and household appliances. The New Home program provides up to \$8,500 per unit when building energy efficient homes.</p> <p>Community and commercial buildings can receive design support and rebates for high-efficiency appliances, equipment and more.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Varies. Review FortisBC website for current programs and offers.</p>	<p>Funding Available See website for details.</p>	<p>Contact FortisBC Conservation and Energy Management For Electricity: electricrebates@fortisbc.com 1-866-436-7847 For Natural Gas: rebates@fortisbc.com 1-800-663-8400 www.fortisbc.com/rebates For Climate Action Partners: climateactionpartners@fortisbc.com</p>


1.5. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Buildings		 
<p>The CleanBC Better Buildings program helps businesses and other organizations save energy and reduce their environmental footprint. There are several incentive offers available in the program, including those that support replacing fossil fuel (i.e. oil, propane, or natural gas) heating systems with electric heat pump systems, upgrading to high-efficiency natural gas equipment, and installing improved windows, doors and insulation that minimize heat loss.</p> <p>Better Buildings incentive offerings provide up to \$20,000 for an energy study, and up to \$200,000 for a commercial or social housing building to switch to high-efficiency heating equipment or make building envelope improvements. Better Buildings is jointly funded by the Province and the Government of Canada under the Low Carbon Economy Fund. Program offers are administered by BC Hydro, FortisBC, and BC Housing.</p>		
<p>Application Dates Program offers opened in September 2018 and will be a continuous application.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please check the Better Buildings website for incentive amounts (varies by type and eligibility)</p>	<p>Contact Better Buildings Energy Coaches 1-844-881-9790 or 1-250-412-0489 Contact form: www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/connect/ www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/</p> <p>Small Buildings Energy Coach Contact: smallbuildings@betterbuildingsbc.ca www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/incentives/cleanbc-small-building-energy-coach/</p>


1.6. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Homes			
<p>The CleanBC Better Homes program helps people save energy and reduce their environmental footprint. Financial rebates through the program can take multiple forms, including replacing a fossil fuel (i.e. oil, propane or natural gas) heating system with an electric air-source heat pump, upgrading to a high-efficiency natural gas furnace or installing improved windows, doors and insulation that minimize heat loss.</p> <p>Better Homes, along with partner programs, will provide up to \$14,000 for a home to switch to high-efficiency heating equipment or make building envelope improvements. Better Homes is jointly funded by the Province and the Government of Canada under the Low Carbon Economy Fund. Program offers are administered by BC Hydro, and FortisBC, with further support from several local governments.</p>			
<p>Application Dates Program offers opened in September 2018 and will be a continuous application.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please check the Better Homes website for rebates amounts (varies by type and eligibility).</p>	<p>Contact BetterHomesBC Energy Coaches 1-844-881-9790 or 1-250-412-0489 Contact form: www.betterhomesbc.ca/connect/ www.betterhomesbc.ca/</p>	


1.7. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC)		 
<p>As part of CleanBC, the Province of B.C.’s Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC) Program will assist remote communities in BC reduce their reliance on diesel by funding the capital costs of renewable electricity projects. The RERC Program is a key part of the Province’s Remote Community Energy Strategy, announced in the CleanBC Plan. The Strategy aims to reduce province-wide GHG emissions from diesel electricity generation in remote communities by 80 per cent by 2030. Coast Funds and the Fraser Basin Council are administering the program on behalf of the Province. Coast Funds is responsible for delivering the RERC Program with First Nations located in the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii regions. The funds administered by Coast Funds were fully allocated during the first intake in 2019-20. There are no further Coast Funds intakes at this time.</p> <p>Fraser Basin Council is responsible for delivering the RERC Program with all other eligible remote communities in B.C. The funds administered by the Fraser Basin Council were not fully allocated during the first intake in 2019-20. A second Fraser Basin Council intake is planned for later in 2020 and will be announced in summer 2020.</p>		
<p>2020 Proposed Eligible Applicants/Regional Districts (RD) in Fraser Basin Council’s second intake:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anahim Lake – Cariboo RD ● Big Bar – Thompson Nicola RD ● Bull Harbour – Tlatlasikwala First Nation ● Crescent Spur – RD of Fraser Fort-George ● Dome Creek – RD of Fraser Fort-George ● Eastgate – RD of Okanagan Similkameen ● Elhlateese – Uchucklesaht Tribe Government ● Firvale – Central Coast RD ● Fort Ware - Kwadacha First Nation ● Germansen Landing – Bulkley Nechako RD ● Good Hope Lake - Dease River First Nation ● Hagensborg – Central Coast RD ● Hot Springs Cove – Hesquiaht First Nation ● Iskut – Iskut First Nation ● Jade City ● Kluskus Lake – Lhoosk’uz Dené ● Lasqueti Island – qathet RD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● McBride – Village of McBride / RD of Fraser Fort-George ● Nimpo Lake – Cariboo RD ● Nuchatlaht First Nation ● Sandspit – Skeena – North Coast RD ● Savary Island – qathet RD ● Seymour Arm – Columbia-Shuswap RD ● Takla Lake - Takla Lake First Nation ● Telegraph Creek – Tahltan Band Council ● Tlell - Skeena- North Coast RD ● Toad River – Northern Rockies Regional Municipality ● Tsay Keh Dene Nation ● Village of Masset ● Village of Port Clements ● Village of Queen Charlotte ● Xení Gwet’in First Nations Government ● Yuquot (Friendly Cove) – Mowachaht Muchalaht 	
<p>Application Deadlines Expressions of Interest: October 1, 2020 Full Applications: November 1, 2020</p> <p>Funding Available \$2.5 million</p> <p>Program guides and application forms will then be made available on the Fraser Basin Council website.</p>	<p>Contacts Coast Funds Ashley Hardill, <i>Director, Project Investment</i> ashley@coastfunds.ca 1-604-684-0223 ext. 5 www.coastfunds.ca/</p> <p>Fraser Basin Council Jim Vanderwal, <i>Senior Manager</i> jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca 1-604-897-5350 www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/lerc.html</p>	<p>Ministerial Contact Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources Eryn Fitzgerald Senior Policy Analyst Community Clean Energy Branch 1-778-974-4437 www.gov.bc.ca/renewable-energy-remote-communities</p>

1.8. Ministry of Environment / Climate Action Secretariat & Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – CleanBC Communities Fund (CCF)			  
<p>The CleanBC Communities Fund (CCF), under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is administered jointly by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy’s Climate Action Secretariat (ENV-CAS) and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH). The CCF is a component of the CleanBC plan and it supports the province’s energy, economic, environmental and greenhouse gas reduction priorities. The CCF program targets capital infrastructure projects for public use and benefit and meet the following outcomes: increased capacity to manage renewable energy; increased access to clean energy transportation; increased energy efficiency of buildings; and increased generation of clean energy.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are Local Governments and Indigenous Ultimate Recipients. Not-for-Profit organizations and For-Profit organizations can also apply when working in collaboration with a Local Government or Indigenous government.</p>			
<p>Application Dates Call for applications for the initial intake is now closed. Proposals are being reviewed and successful applicants will be informed of their status once the provincial assessment process has been completed.</p> <p>Second intake opened August 12, 2020 and closes November 12, 2020.</p>	<p>Funding Available \$47.4 million</p> <p>Please see the program website for funding splits by eligible applicant.</p>	<p>Contact Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 1-250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program/green-infrastructure/cleanbc-communities-fund</p> <p>www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program</p>	

1.9. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities (RNC)		
		
<p>The Rural and Northern Communities Program, under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) and focused on improving the quality of life in rural communities by responding to their specific needs. Investments in rural infrastructure will help grow local economies, build stronger, more inclusive communities, and help safeguard the environment and the health of Canadians. The RNC program targets capital infrastructure projects in communities with a population of 25,000 or less and provides additional funding towards projects in communities with populations of 5,000 or less. Eligible applicants are Local Governments, Indigenous Ultimate Recipients, Not-for-Profit organizations and For-Profit organizations (when working in collaboration with a local government or Indigenous government). The Program is focused on infrastructure that will support a variety of areas including food security; reliable road, air or marine access; broadband connectivity; efficient and reliable energy; Indigenous health and educational facilities; community, culture and recreation; local public transit; improved resilience to natural disaster events; and, environmental quality.</p> <p>The desired results of the energy related outcome is to increase the efficiency of electricity that is generated by a community, as well as creating energy through cleaner alternative methods. Examples include replacing diesel generated power with alternative energy sources including but not limited to solar power, wind power and biofuel.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>The application deadline for the initial intake was January 23, 2019. These projects have been announced.</p> <p>Second intake opened June 25, 2020 and closes October 22, 2020.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>First intake: \$95 million</p> <p>Second intake: \$58.7 million</p> <p>Please see the program website for funding splits by eligible applicant.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 1-250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program/rural-northern-communities</p> <p>www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program</p>

1.10. Vancity – envirofund™		
		
<p>From 2018-2022, the Vancity envirofund™ will be invested in projects that make it easier for us all to live lighter and preserve the earth’s resources for future generations. A five-year focus allows us to create true systemic change and greater access for future growth in our communities. With our focus on lighter living, we endeavor to reduce the ecological footprint of the communities we serve by making investments that will create systems change, while improving the health and well-being of our members. Lighter living is about moving beyond a simple carbon-based approach, to a more holistic understanding of what is causing us to live beyond the planet’s means. We invest in non-profits, social enterprises, co-ops, values-driven for-profits, labour unions, indigenous groups or First Nation governments to seed change and scale solutions that will enable lighter living within our trade region.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>Accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Funding ranges depending on the project, but typically between \$5,000 and \$100,000.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>envirofund@vancity.com</p> <p>enviroFund Website</p>

1.11. Western Economic Diversification Canada – Regional Innovation Ecosystems (RIE)		
<p>The regional development agencies (RDAs) are delivering the RIE program across Canada, in their respective regions. Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) is delivering RIE in western Canada. Through RIE, WD is making targeted investments in not-for-profit organizations that support businesses in priority sectors to innovate, grow and compete globally. WD is also fostering inclusive growth through supporting under-represented groups, mainly women, Indigenous peoples and young entrepreneurs, to more fully participate in the innovation economy. The RIE program builds on the federal government's Innovation and Skills Plan.</p>		
<p>RIE applications must support one of the following two priority areas:</p> <p>1.Cluster* Growth, within one of the following priority sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Technology • Clean Resources • Life Sciences • Value-added Agriculture • Advanced Manufacturing • Digital Technology <p>2. Inclusiveness, with respect to one of the following under-represented groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Peoples • Women • Youth 	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>RIE is open to not-for-profit organizations that support businesses, innovators and entrepreneurs, for start-up, growth, productivity, technology commercialization, technology adoption, export and investment attraction. Businesses must meet the following mandatory criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • post-secondary educational institutions; • Business Accelerator and Incubators; • angel networks; • Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) organizations; • social enterprises; • a group of eligible recipients such as an industry association or consortium; and • a municipality and all other municipal-type organizations. 	<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>WD is now accepting applications for RIE on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Contact</p> <p>WD British Columbia #1300 – 300 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6B 6B4 1-604-666-6256 or 1-888-338-9378 Fax: 1-604-666-2353 wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca</p> <p>www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/19775.asp</p>

1.12. Western Economic Diversification Canada - Community Futures		
<p>In western Canada, there are 90 Community Futures (CF) organizations. The CFs are non-profit corporations that take a grassroots approach to community and economic development, and are focused on creating jobs and economic opportunities outside of major urban centres. The CFs offer services to rural entrepreneurs and communities ranging from strategic economic planning, technical and advisory services to businesses, loans to small- and medium-sized businesses (of \$150,000), and self-employment assistance programs. This is a national program delivered by the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) in their respective region.</p>		
<p>Funding Deadlines</p> <p>Loan (repaid with interest) up to \$150,000</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>See website</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/254.asp</p>

2. REGIONAL AREAS

2.1. Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) – Funding Programs

Renewable and alternative energy generation has been identified as a priority for Columbia Basin residents and communities because it can support economic development, encourage self-sufficiency, enable access to affordable energy, and promote sustainability. The objective is to ensure renewable and alternative energy generation and conservation opportunities are supported and realized.

The Trust’s Energy Sustainability Grants Program funds alternative energy generation and energy efficiency upgrades/retrofits to community purpose buildings.

Service area: Columbia Basin ([map](#))


<p>Application Dates Expression of Interest deadline: Summer 2020, check the website for details</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to 75% of eligible cash expenses for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Generation, Conservation and Efficiency: up to a maximum of \$100,000 - Electric Vehicle Charging Station (level 2): up to a maximum of \$4,000 	<p>Contact Ulli Mueller umueller@ourtrust.org 1-800-505-8998 www.ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/energy-sustainability-grants/</p>
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2.2. Gwaii Trust Society – Major Contributions Grant




The Gwaii Trust Society Major Contributions Grant is designed to support larger projects in community infrastructure and planning. Our goal is to help build safer, healthier, and more attractive communities. Major Contributions is designed to help enhance the lives of all islanders and make our island a more desirable place to live, work, play and visit. **Service area:** Haida Gwaii

<p>Application Dates Deadline: January 2021, check the website for details</p>	<p>Funding Available \$400,000 available. Equity requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-profit organizations: 25% - Local governments: 50% 	<p>Contact Dana Bellis project.officer@gwaiitrust.com 1-250-626-3918 https://gwaiitrust.com/grants/major-contributions-grant/</p>
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2.3. Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) – Economic Infrastructure Program		
		
<p>The Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) provides funding support programs to create new and sustainable regional economic growth in targeted “sectors” (including energy) on central and northern Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. The Economic Infrastructure and Innovation Program supports the development of incremental economic diversification infrastructure and innovation leadership with targeted funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and Industry Productivity • Strategic Tourism Infrastructure • Innovation Infrastructure and Innovation Support <p>The Economic Development Readiness Program supports the development of targeted strategies and tools to attract economic investment, drive new sectoral growth opportunities, regional collaboration and economic well-being. Eligible applicants include local and regional governments, Indigenous communities, non-profit, regional and sectoral organizations. All previously funded projects can be viewed on the website.</p> <p>Service Area: Vancouver Island (map) – Includes Regional Districts: Alberni Clayoquot; Comox Valley; Cowichan Valley; Mount Waddington; Nanaimo; Powell River; Sunshine Coast; and Strathcona.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Please check the website for the next application intake for Economic Infrastructure and Innovation Program.</p> <p>Continuous intake for the Economic Development Readiness Program.</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to \$300,000 for the Economic Infrastructure and Innovation Program and \$30,000 for the Economic Development Readiness Program.</p>	<p>Contact Island Coastal Economic Trust #108 – 501 4th Street Courtenay, BC V9N 1H3 1-250-871-7797 info@islandcoastaltrust.ca</p> <p>Island Coastal Economic Trust Website</p>

2.4. Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund (NKDF) Society – Funding Programs		
		
<p>The Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund (NKDF) Society is a grant-making agency that assists the people of North West British Columbia and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village, by investing in sustainable economic and community stability projects in the area most affected by the Kemano project and the creation of the Nechako Reservoir. The NKDF will invest in community economic development projects that address one or more of the following key aspects of economic development in the NKDF investment area: infrastructure, planning and research, human development and promotion and brokering.</p> <p>Service Area: North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village (map)</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Upcoming proposal deadlines: July 28, 2020, October 21 2020 and February 3, 2021</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding varies. The fund will not normally cover more than 50% of project costs. Check the website or contact the fund manager to confirm proposal deadlines and to make sure your project is eligible.</p>	<p>Contact Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society Dan Boudreau, <i>Manager</i> 1-250-964-4066 manager@nkdf.org www.nkdf.org</p>

2.5. Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Funding Programs		   
<p>Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) offers a range of funding programs to municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, not-for-profit organizations, public authorities, and private sector business/companies to support economic development and diversification throughout central and northern British Columbia.</p> <p>Service Area: Central and northern British Columbia</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Application deadlines vary by programs. Some are annual (November), some are continuous, and some are quarterly.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding varies by program. Programs include economic development capacity building, economic diversification infrastructure, grant writing support, capital investment analysis, and several more. The application processes for each funding program are distinct - please review the relevant Application Guide for specific details on how to apply.</p>	<p>Contact Northern Development Initiative Trust 1-250-561-2525 info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca</p>

2.6. Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) – Funding Program		  
<p>The mission of the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) is to support regionally strategic investments in economic development projects (including energy projects) that will have long-lasting and measurable regional benefits for the Southern Interior.</p> <p>Service Area: SIDIT’s service area covers the Southern Interior of British Columbia, an area generally described as bounded by the US border to the south, the Alberta border, Hope to the west and Blue River to the north (map)</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Applications received on a continuous basis.</p>	<p>Funding Available Grants: Maximum funding \$50,000 to Non-profit organizations. Please our website for guidelines Loans: Please our website for guidelines</p>	<p>Contact Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust 1-236-420-3680 admin@sidit-bc.ca www.sidit-bc.ca/apply-funding/grants/</p>

3. INDIGENOUS and FIRST NATIONS ONLY

3.1. All Nation Trust Company (ANTCO) – Funding Programs



All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO) serves all Indigenous persons: we are not restricted to First Nations. We can support First Nations, Métis, and Inuit applicants. ANTCO offers the following three programs:

1. First Citizens' Fund (FCF) Loan

- An FCF loan offers a 40% contribution to the principal of your loan as you pay it off. The lifetime maximum individuals can borrow is \$75,000 plus the administration fee (1.5%). The lifetime maximum communities can borrow is \$225,000 plus the administration fee (1.5%).

2. New Relationship Trust Equity Matching Initiative

- This initiative will assist BC First Nations Entrepreneurs with equity-matching funds up to \$5,000, to modernize or expand a business in BC. Funds can also assist start-ups and acquisitions.

3. Business Equity Fund Grant

- Equity funding for business start-ups, expansions and acquisitions;
- Funding for business plans and related pre-operating costs.

Application Deadlines Please contact ANTCO or other partners for information on application dates.	Funding Available Please contact ANTCO for information on loans available.	Contact All Nations Trust Company 520 Chief Eli LaRue Way Kamloops BC V2H 1H1 1-778-471-4110 or 1-800-663-2959 antco@antco.bc.ca www.antco.bc.ca
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3.2. BC Hydro - Indigenous Communities Conservation Program



Indigenous communities in BC Hydro's service area can receive free energy saving products along with salary support and training for local/community installers, and rebates to implement home energy upgrades for their community members.

Application Deadlines Ongoing.	Funding Available Funding and resources are available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free energy saving products • Salary and training for energy saving product installers • Rebates for home energy upgrades/renovations • Training in best practices for air sealing and insulation retrofits 	Contact BC Hydro 1-866-266-6366 Indigenousconservation@bchydro.com www.bchydro.com/iccp
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3.3. Coast Funds – Coast Opportunity Funds



Coast Funds manages \$118 million spread over two funds:

The Conservation Fund

- Permanent endowment fund designed to support eligible programs and projects focused on sustaining or enhancing the ecological integrity of the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii.

The Economic Development Fund

- Supports environmentally sound and sustainable economic development activities throughout the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii.

Coast fund also administers the **CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC)**

- Please see funding entry 1.7 above.




<p>Application Deadlines Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, and funding decisions are made four times a year. Check the website for more details.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding allocations are available to participating First Nations and vary by fund.</p>	<p>Service Area Funding provided for First Nations in the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii</p>	<p>Contact Ashley Hardill Director, Project Investment 1-604-684-0223 ext 5 ashley@coastfunds.ca www.coastfunds.ca</p>
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3.4. First Nation Finance Authority (FNFA) – Loan Program










The First Nation Finance Authority (FNFA) is a non-profit finance authority that is governed by and serves First Nation communities. The FNFA improves access to capital by pooling borrowing through greater cooperation among First Nations, creating advantages of size and diversifying risk and revenue streams and by supplying expertise and sophisticated financial opportunities to First Nations. By pooling, the cost of borrowing is significantly reduced making capital affordable to all First Nations including small First Nations. The FNFA can also help your community engage in Independent Power Projects (IPPs). In fact, the FNFA has a dedicated expert on IPPs that can review your project and power agreements.







<p>Application Deadlines Varies</p>	<p>Funding Available The strength of the pool is based on its size and on the strength of the First Nation government revenues available to repay the debt.</p>	<p>Contact First Nations Finance Authority 202 - 3500 Carrington Road Westbank, BC, V4T 3C1 1-250-768-5253 or 1-866-575-3632 info@fnfa.ca https://www.fnfa.ca/en/fnfa/</p>
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3.5. First Nation Regeneration Fund – Loan Program		
  		
<p>The Fund seeks to generate renewable energy in BC and regenerate Aboriginal economies by financing Aboriginal equity stakes in renewable energy projects. The Fund has been established through a partnership between Tale’awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC), and the Tribal Resources Investment Corporation (Tricorp).</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact the FNRF for more information on how to apply to the Fund.</p>	<p>Funding Available The Regeneration Fund provides financing that enables First Nations to purchase equity positions in clean power projects. The First Nation then repays its loan through dividends and royalties from the power project. Once the loan is repaid, the dividends and royalties become long-term discretionary income that can be used by First Nations for economic and social development.</p>	<p>Contact Sandy Wong, <i>General Manager, Tale’awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC)</i> 1-604-926-5626 swong@tacc.ca First Nation Regeneration Fund Website</p>


3.6. FPInnovations - Indigenous Forestry Program		
   		
<p>FPInnovations is the world’s leading not-for-profit forest sector research organization, helping Indigenous communities to create jobs and wealth through our Indigenous Forestry Program.</p> <p>The program, aimed at expanding the number of Indigenous communities involved in the Forestry and wood products industry, is financially supported by the provincial governments of Alberta and British Columbia and by Western Economic Diversification Canada.</p> <p>Since launch of this program in 2007, FPInnovations has been helping Indigenous communities develop or enhance forestry and wood products businesses. FPInnovations works directly with community leaders to determine the products and services that are appropriate for the specific needs of each community.</p> <p>FPInnovations supports the development of the Indigenous forest sector by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to industry specialists who provide technical advice to help solve production problems, increase productivity, reduce costs and maximize the value of forest resources - On-site technical assistance and operational evaluations - Training through the delivery of workshops and seminars - Market analysis for the development of new forestry or wood products businesses 		
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact us for more information.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please contact us for more information.</p>	<p>Contact Christoph Schilling 1-604-225-5205 christoph.schilling@fpinnovations.ca www.indigenousforestry.fpinnovations.ca</p>

3.7. FortisBC - Climate Action Partners		
   		
Funding to advance development of policies, programs and actions for a low carbon and renewable energy future.		
Application Deadlines Please contact us for more information.	Funding Available Funds and resources are available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Energy Specialists (community or corporate energy managers) • Project development and implementation 	Contact Climate Action Partners climateactionpartners@fortisbc.com Fortis Climate Action Partners Website


3.8. Fraser Basin Council (FBC) – First Nations Home EnergySave		
  		
The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) is working with First Nations communities in B.C. to transition towards energy efficient housing. The First Nations Home EnergySave program supports peer learning and shares success stories among First Nations communities to reduce home energy use and build local capacity.		
Application Deadlines Expressions of Interest are invited on an ongoing basis.	Funding Available Funding is sometimes available for pilot projects, community education and staff training on retrofits and new construction; please contact Fraser Basin Council for details.	Contact Fraser Basin Council Sara Fralin, <i>Program Coordinator</i> 1-604-488-5366 sfralin@fraserbasin.bc.ca First Nations Home EnergySave Website


3.9. Indigenous Services Canada – First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)		
     		
First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) is the main program through which Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) supports general community infrastructure such as roads and bridges, broadband connectivity, cultural and recreational facilities and other, on reserve. The goal of FNIF is to improve the quality of life and the environment for First Nation communities. FNIF helps First Nations in the provinces improve and increase public infrastructure on reserves, on Crown Land, and on land set aside for the use and benefit of a First Nation. FNIF also funds those projects off reserve that are cost-shared with non-First Nation partners, such as neighbouring municipalities, or other Indigenous partners (such as self-governing First Nations or Inuit organizations).		
Application Deadlines There is no need to apply. Projects are identified, reviewed, and selected by ISC regional offices based on the First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan’s annual process and priority ranking. Check website or contact your ISC regional office for further information.	Funding Available To be selected for FNIF funding, a project must meet the requirements for at least one of the following project categories. Consideration is given to local needs and priorities, including for: planning and skills development; roads/bridges; energy systems (including fuel tanks); solid waste management; connectivity; structural mitigation; fire protection; and cultural and recreational facilities.	Contact Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1-604-775-7114 Fax: 1-604-775-7149 aadnc.projetsdimmobilisationscb-capitalprojectsbc.aandc@canada.ca First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) Website


3.10. Indigenous Services Canada – Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)		
		
<p>The Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP) provides project-based funding to First Nation and Inuit communities for a range of activities to support communities’ pursuit of economic opportunities and leverage private sector resources necessary to realize the full potential of these opportunities. Where First Nation and Inuit communities, or their representative organizations, identify opportunities and lack the financial resources to pursue them, CORP provides communities an opportunity to submit proposals to obtain additional funding.</p> <p>The CORP Regional Process is designed to support proposals requesting up to \$250,000. Projects requesting over \$250,000 are ranked and reviewed through the national CORP Prioritization Framework Process, which is designed to support projects with the most optimal economic opportunities.</p> <p>1. CORP Regional Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An annual call out letter for Statements of Intent (SOI) is issued in the fall. The SOIs are reviewed in compliance with the National CORP Guidelines. The SOIs are ranked on a regional project ranking scale. The highest ranked submissions are asked to submit a full application for further review and assessment. <p>2. CORP Prioritization Framework Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National selection process based on ranking criteria: including community benefits (full/ part-time jobs); management capacity; leveraging of funding; financial position of First Nation; scope of initiative; etc. 		
<p>Application Deadlines Call for proposals are usually issued in the fall for the following year. However, there is a continuous intake for submissions.</p> <p>Contact your Indigenous Services Canada regional office to find out more.</p>	<p>Funding Available CORP Annual Regional Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately \$2.1 million <p>Annual CORP Prioritization Framework Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget 2019 proposes to invest \$78.9 million over five years, starting in 2019–20, with \$15.8 million per year ongoing, to support Indigenous entrepreneurs and economic development. This investment, through the Community Opportunity Readiness Program, will help First Nations and Inuit communities build business plans, and provide funding to expand existing Indigenous-led businesses, and launch new Indigenous-led start-ups. 	<p>Contact Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville St, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3 1-604-775-5100 Fax: 1-604-775-7149</p> <p>www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033417/1100100033418</p>

3.11. Indigenous Services Canada – Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP)		
<p>1. Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP) Core</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core funding allocations are intended to enable recipients to carry out community economic development planning and capacity development initiatives; develop proposals and lever financial resources and carry out economic development activities. To access funding eligible recipients must submit an application. Funding is allocated on a per capita basis, taking into account remoteness factor. <p>2. Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP) Targeted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted funding allocations are designed to support communities to fill the gap in land, environment and economic development management activities and capacity, where there are limited resources in LEDSP Core allocations. This includes funding for regional and national institutions to provide capacity development services to First Nations. Applications for LEDSP Targeted funding from eligible recipients will be sought for projects based on Regional and National Indigenous Services Canada priorities. This may include different processes, including open and directed calls for applications. Priorities may include capacity initiatives, initiatives that promote environmental management and pollution prevention, additions to reserves, designations and surveys that support economic development. 		
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>LEDSP Core applications are due by January 15th.</p> <p>LEDSP Targeted calls for proposals are usually issued in the fall for the following year. However, there is a continuous intake for submissions.</p> <p>Contact your Indigenous Services Canada regional office to find out more.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Region LEDSP Core Budget: approximately \$5.16 million BC Region LEDSP Targeted Budget: approximately \$450,000 	<p>Contact</p> <p>Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville St, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC, V6E 4S3 1-604-775-5100 Fax: 1-604-775-7149</p> <p>www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426/1100100033427</p>

3.12. Indigenous Services Canada – New Approach for Housing Support in British Columbia (NAHS)		
		
<p>The New Approach for Housing Support (NAHS) is the ISC British Region program for Housing subsidies. The NAHS program provides a wider range of eligible activities and flexibility for First Nations than the previous Housing Subsidy Program. The NAHS is specific to BC Region only therefore the national First Nations On-reserve Housing Program does not apply in BC.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines NAHS is delivered through a continual intake application process throughout the year. Although there is not a formal “Call” for applications, First Nations should ensure their proposed Housing projects are included in their annual First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan.</p>	<p>Funding Available The NAHS provides funding toward three components of the housing continuum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance/Capacity: provides funding to help First Nations establish a housing strategy that works for their community, including planning, policy development, and training/capacity building opportunities • Single-Year Subsidy: provides subsidy funding for housing construction or renovation within a fiscal year. • Multi-Year Subsidy: provides subsidy funding that support a Community’s Housing Plan for up to a 3 year period. 	<p>Contact First Nations assigned Capital Management Officer or Housing Officer at Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville Street, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC, V6E 4S3 1-604-775-5100 or 1-800-567-9604 (toll free) aadnc.infopubs.aandc@canada.ca www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1460572397817/1460572439929</p>

3.13. Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF)		
		
<p>The FNCEBF aims to promote increased Indigenous community participation in the clean energy sector within their asserted traditional territories and treaty areas through agreements between the BC Government and the eligible applicant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Funding: Provide capacity development funding to support applicants to undertake activities such as feasibility studies or to engage with proponents of clean energy projects. • Equity Grant: Provide grants to qualifying applicants to support capital costs related to the implementation of community energy efficiency and demand-side management projects within their community. Potential help acquire equity positions in clean energy projects or in the construction of renewable energy projects • Revenue Sharing: Share in the revenues from clean energy projects based on new, net, incremental revenues to government derived from water rentals, land rents, and wind participation rents. 		
<p>Application Deadlines Due to the unprecedented circumstances posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund is extending the May 2020 application deadline for project applications until January 31, 2021.</p>	<p>Funding Available Capacity Funding – up to a maximum of \$50,000 Equity Funding – up to a maximum of \$500,000 Please refer to the MIRR website for guidelines and eligibility.</p>	<p>Contact First Nations Clean Energy Business Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Sarah Barnes, A/Senior Fiscal Advisor 1-778-698-7301 or 1-800 880-1022 (toll free) Sarah.Barnes@gov.bc.ca First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF) Website</p>

3.14. Natural Resource Canada – Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI)		
<p>The Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI) encourages Indigenous participation in the forest economy by supporting Indigenous economic development. The activities funded are to promote greater participation by Indigenous communities in in Canada’s forest sector. Proposed projects must be aimed at achieving economic development through one of the following activity areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean technology and participation in the forest bioeconomy (e.g. a project that promotes using biomass for heat and power to reduce reliance on diesel fuel) • Environmental stewardship (e.g. a project that focuses on climate change mitigation and adaptation, land reclamation, or environmental/ecological services) • Use and management of forest resources (e.g. a project to start a sawmill or other type of wood processing facility) 		
<p>Application Deadlines IFI accepts proposals throughout the year, as funds allow.</p> <p>Applications received by Thursday, August 20, 2020, 23:59 PDT will be reviewed at the next evaluation panel scheduled for September 2020. A second review deadline is anticipated in winter 2020-2021.</p> <p>If you are interested in applying for funding under the Indigenous Forestry Initiative, contact the BC Regional Coordinator. Your Regional Coordinator will work with you to determine your eligibility, provide advice, and support you during the application process.</p>	<p>Funding Available The IFI invests \$1 million annually to support forest-based Indigenous economic development projects across Canada. In June 2017, the Government of Canada expanded the program with \$10 million in funding over three years. More recently, in Budget 2019, Canada announced 3 years of top-up funding to the IFI, for up to \$12.6 million starting in 2020-21.</p>	<p>Contact Maureen Scott, <i>Regional Liaison Officer</i> Pacific Forestry Centre 1-250-298-2343 maureen.scott@canada.ca www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/federal-programs/13125</p>

3.15. New Relationship Trust (NRT) – BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI)		
<p>The New Relationship Trust implements the British Columbia Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) to provide support and capacity-building funds to Indigenous communities working on the development of clean energy projects.</p> <p>Funded through the Federal Government’s Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) and the Province of B.C.’s CleanBC plan, the BCICEI supports the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing local clean energy and energy efficiency projects in Indigenous communities; • Building Indigenous capacity; • Creating benefits including ownership, revenue sharing, business development, and local employment; and • Identifying pathfinding opportunities for further funding and partnerships on clean energy. <p>The BCICEI funding supports projects that follow community engagement (such as a community energy plan). This includes activities needed to advance projects to construction stage of the project. Examples of such activities include: feasibility and site selection; environmental review and permitting; project design and engineering; demand side management, clean energy (small scale installation non-utility scale); and pre-construction/COD (capital and non-capital costs are eligible). The initiative also supports clean energy development in remote, off-grid, diesel dependent or end of line communities.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines The next BCICEI intake deadline will be in early 2021.</p>	<p>Funding Available Eligible BCICEI projects could receive support through contributions up to \$500,000 in assisted project costs; however, project support levels will be determined based on demand for funds, the strength of applications, and project development category funding caps. Categories of project development phases under the BCICEI include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility and Site Selection • Environmental Review and Permitting • Project Design and Engineering • Demand Side Management • Clean Energy (small scale installation/non-utility scale) • Pre-Construction/Pre-Commercial Operation Date (COD) 	<p>Contact Cole Sayers, <i>New Relationship Trust</i> 1-604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338 csayers@nrtf.ca www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/bcicei/</p>

3.16. Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) – Funding Programs



Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) has several loan/fund options and individuals and businesses are encouraged to reach out for more information. Below are some loan/fund examples:

1. FCF (First Citizens' Fund) Loan

- An FCF loan offers a 40% contribution to the principal of your loan as you pay it off. The lifetime maximum you can borrow is \$75,000 plus the administration fee (1.5%).

2. Aboriginal Business Development Fund - BDC (Business Development Bank of Canada) MicroLoan

- A BDC loan fund to start a micro (very small) business. The fund offers lots of flexibility and support.

3. Equity Matching Initiative

- This initiative will assist BC Aboriginal Entrepreneurs with equity-matching funds up to \$5,000, modernize or expand a business in BC.

4. Business Equity Program

- NEDC delivers or co-delivery the Business Equity Program for Aboriginal clients on Vancouver Island. This program provides contributions to support eligible business projects including business planning, acquisitions, expansions and others.

Application Deadlines

Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on application dates. Only one loan application required to access all NEDC loans.

Funding Available

Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on loans available.

Service Area


Loans eligibility: all Indigenous individuals or Indigenous businesses, as long as they are based on Vancouver Island.

Contact


Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation
7563 Pacific Rim Highway
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2
1-250-724-3131 or 1-866-444-6332

nedc@nedc.info

www.nedc.info/aboriginal-business-loans/

3.17. Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) – Funding Programs			
<p>Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) offers the following funding programs in the Coast Salish Territories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FCF (First Citizens' Fund) Loan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An FCF loan offers a 40% contribution to the principal of your loan as you pay it off. The lifetime maximum you can borrow is \$75,000 plus the administration fee (1.5%). 2. Equity Matching Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative will assist BC Aboriginal Entrepreneurs with equity-matching funds up to \$5,000, modernize or expand a business in BC. 3. Business Equity Program (BEP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BEP provides funding to Aboriginal entrepreneurs, communities, and organizations. The maximum contribution for individual owned businesses is \$99,000. The maximum contribution for Band and community-owned businesses is \$250,000. Funding is based on a viable business plan and subject to other financing being in place. 			
Application Deadlines Please contact TACC or other partners for information on application dates.	Funding Available Please contact TACC for information on loans available	Service Area Funding for Aboriginal entrepreneurs and First Nation communities in the Coast Salish Territory.	Contact Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation 508 – 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver, V7T 1A2 1-604-926-5626 or 1-800-779-7199 info@tacc.ca www.tacc.ca

3.18. Vancity – Indigenous Start-up Loans and Growth Capital		
<p>For Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses, VanCity offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller start-up loans for indigenous entrepreneurs who have completed the Business and Entrepreneurship Skills Training program call Aboriginal BEST; and Growth capital for small or medium sized high growth enterprises that have a positive social, environmental, or other unique and innovative impact in the community. 		
Application Deadlines Accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.	Funding Available Micro-loans up to \$50,000. Growth capital up to \$5 million.	Contact microfinance@vancity.com AboriginalBEST VanCity AboriginalBEST microloans VanCity Growth Capital

3.19. Indigenous Services Canada - Reserve Lands and Environment Management Program (RLEMP)		
<p>The Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP) provides funding to First Nations to develop the capacity needed to manage and exercise increased responsibility over their reserve land, resources and environment under the Indian Act. There are three levels of responsibility under RLEMP: Level 1: Training and development, Level 2: Operational and Level 3: Delegated authority. As First Nations progress from one level to the next, they develop the lands and environmental management capacity required to manage their reserve lands.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines There is no deadline to apply. RLEMP accepts applications throughout the year. But there are deadlines to apply for Level 1: Professional Land Management Certification Program.</p>	<p>Funding Available Not specified</p>	<p>Contact INAC Public Enquiries 1-800-567-9604 rlemp@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca Website: https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1399400428303/1399400494019</p>

3.20 Indigenous Services Canada - Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development (ABED)		
<p>ABED works with Aboriginal entrepreneurs and its partners to provide a range of services and supports that promote the growth of a strong Aboriginal business sector in Canada. Support will vary depending upon the needs of the client, the availability and sources of funding, the eligibility of costs, the economic benefits, and the project viability. ABED can help Aboriginal entrepreneurs, communities and organizations to achieve their business goals.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Applications accepted on a continual basis.</p>	<p>Funding Available Not specified</p>	<p>Contact National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association 1-844-827-0327 info@nacca.ca Website: https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1375202816581</p>

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ONLY

4.1 BC Hydro –Sustainable Communities Program



Financial, technical, and research support is available to assist local governments in advancing community-scale energy and climate action.

BC Hydro Sustainable Communities also supports Peer Networks on Energy Step Code and Electric Vehicles for local government staff to connect, collaborate, and leverage one another’s work and knowledge to further advance climate action goals and achieve greater impact in their communities.

Application Deadlines

Varies. Review the Sustainable Communities program website or contact us for more information.

Funding Available

- Funds and resources are available for:
- Community Energy and Emissions Plans
 - Community Plans
 - Community Energy Managers
 - Building Energy Managers
 - Interns and Co-op Students
 - UBC Sustainability Scholars
 - Project Implementation

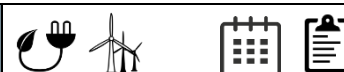
Contact

BC Hydro Sustainable Communities
1-604-522-4713 (Lower Mainland) or 1-800-522-4713 (toll free)

sustainablecommunities@bhydro.com

[Sustainable Communities Program Website](#)

4.2 BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Infrastructure Planning Grant Program



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.

Application Deadlines

Next deadline: Summer 2020. Please refer to the program website for updates or contact the Ministry

Funding Available


Up to \$10,000. Grants over \$5,000 must have matching funds.


Contact

British Columbia Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
1-250-387-4060

infra@gov.bc.ca

[Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Website](#)

4.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Green Municipal Fund (GMF)		
		
<p>Canadian municipalities can apply for funding through Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for municipal projects that improve air, water, and soil quality, and reduce energy consumption.</p> <p>Grants are available for plans, feasibility studies, and pilot projects. Low-interest loans combined with grants are available for environmental capital projects.</p> <p>FCM's Green Municipal Fund can also help municipalities achieve their goals with its resources, peer learning and training activities, knowledge sharing products (including webinars, guidebooks and case studies), as well as networking opportunities.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Applications for plans, studies, and pilot projects are accepted year-round. Applications for environmental capital projects are accepted on an on-going basis starting in April 1st 2020.</p>	<p>Funding Available For studies and plans, grants of up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000. For pilot projects, grants of up to 50 or 80% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$500,000. For capital projects, financing for up to 80% of eligible costs, with a grant of up to 15% of the loan amount</p>	<p>Contact Federation of Canadian Municipalities 1-877-997-9926 programs@fcm.ca www.fcm.ca/en/funding</p>

4.4 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) – Gas Tax Funding		
		
<p>This fund provides funding for local governments in B.C for capital infrastructure and capacity building projects including those in community energy systems, integrated community sustainability planning, public transit, solid waste, drinking water, waste water. Three funding streams are available.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for more details around application processes.</p>	<p>Funding Available The Gas Tax Agreement in British Columbia is delivered through three program streams: Community Works Fund; Strategic Priorities Fund; and Greater Vancouver Regional Fund. Community Works Funding is provided twice annually to local governments.</p>	<p>Contact Union of BC Municipalities, Gas Tax Program Services 1-250-356-5134 ubcm@ubcm.ca Gas Tax Funding Website</p>

5. UPCOMING FUNDING

The programs listed below will be launched in the coming months or are existing programs that are in the process of being renewed. Please visit the program websites periodically for updates.

5.1 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)



Description

The Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP) provides funding to energy efficiency and clean energy projects owned by local governments or First Nations. This funding supports communities in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, increasing energy efficiency, stimulating economic activity, and promoting partnerships with industry to advance British Columbia's growing clean energy sector. Eligible projects must meet the following criteria:

1. Clean energy projects or energy efficiency projects
2. Incorporate community ownership
3. Capital projects, including construction, renewal, retrofit, expansion, or material enhancements (CELP does not fund community energy planning, project design or feasibility studies).

Some examples of projects CELP funds include the capital costs for district energy/heating systems; energy efficient retrofits of community-owned facilities like recreation centres; and solar photovoltaic-energy storage hybrid micro-grid systems for remote communities. Please visit CELP's website for [case studies and examples of projects CELP has funded](#). Funding for CELP comes from the BC Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund.

Application Dates

The CELP Round 4 Funding Intake closed in May 2019.

Future funding intakes are not currently scheduled but CELP encourages communities to contact program staff to discuss their proposed project, to confirm alignment with the program, and to receive support / advice.

Funding Available

Ranges from \$10,000 - \$175,000 per project for eligible construction costs.

Maximum total project cost for this intake is limited to \$2 million dollars or less.

Contact

Nairn Albrecht, *Senior Policy Analyst*, Community Clean Energy

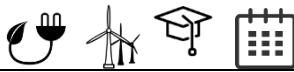
Community Clean Energy Branch, B.C. Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources

1-778-698-7166

celp@gov.bc.ca

www.gov.bc.ca/communityenergyleadershipprogram

5.2 New Relationship Trust (NRT) – Capacity Initiative Grants		
		
<p>Direct Support funding is intended to help First Nation communities build capacity in the areas that they need it most. A total of \$1.5 million was allocated for direct support in 2019-2020. Funding is available in two streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of \$25,000 per project is available to individual First Nations • A maximum of \$50,000 per project is available to groups of three First Nations who are collaborating on a capacity building initiative. 		
<p>Application Deadlines Intake is currently closed. Please check the NRT website for updates.</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to \$25,000 for individual First Nations communities.</p>	<p>Contact Marie Alaimo, <i>Senior Project Officer, New Relationship Trust</i> 1-604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338</p> <p>www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/direct-support/</p>

5.3 Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) – General Grants Program		
		
<p>REFBC’s General Grants support projects that address current land use challenges and help communities to plan for the future. To apply for an REFBC grant, the lead applicant must be a registered non-profit organization or a Community Contribution Company (C3). Examples of non-profit organizations include: charities, non-governmental organizations (NGO), post-secondary institutions, professional associations, societies, local and regional governments, and First Nations governments.</p> <p>REFBC funds research, public education, education for professionals, and work on policy analysis and law reform related to land use. There are five interest areas: land use, built environments, fresh water, food lands, and real estate profession. For further information, see REFBC’s website and info sheet.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines REFBC typically has two intakes a year for General Grants and applications are open to any non-profit organization doing projects related to land use in British Columbia.</p> <p>2019/2020 intakes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2020 applications closed in March 2020 (decisions in June 2020 and September 2020) • The fall 2020 General Grant intake has been cancelled due to the financial impact of COVID-19. <p>http://www.refbc.com/grants/deadlines</p>	<p>Funding Available Grants are made available to a wide range of projects in any of the five interest areas, ranging from smaller, grassroots projects (typically between \$10,000 and \$20,000) to larger, multi-year initiatives (up to approx. \$300,000). Larger grants may be limited in 2021 due to the financial impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>Grant funds are typically allocated for costs associated with human resource needs (capital costs are not eligible), that target real estate and land use professionals, planners, policy makers, decision makers and/or key public audiences.</p>	<p>Contact Jen McCaffrey, <i>Grants Program Manager</i> 1-866-912-6800 jen@refbc.com</p> <p>www.refbc.com/grants</p> <p>Please contact the Grants Coordinator to briefly discuss your proposal before submitting a full application.</p> <p>Register for the REFBC Newsletter for notifications.</p>

5.4 VanCity - Community Partnership Program		   
<p>Vancity’s Community Partnership Program, funded through our Shared Success program, welcomes opportunities to work with local not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises, co-operatives, labour unions, Indigenous organizations or First Nation governments that align with our values. Projects considered for investment through the Community Partnership Program will focus on the following three areas where we feel we can make the most impact in creating healthy communities. These themes of co-operative principles and practices, social justice and financial inclusion, and environmental sustainability are Vancity’s guiding principles, and they are core to our vision, values, and mission as a member-owned financial co-operative. We will only consider investing in projects that have measurable results within one or more of the guiding principles.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>The Community Partnership Program is currently on hold until further notice.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns regarding existing CPP applications from 2019, you can connect with us at communitypartnerships@vancity.com</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Maximum funding amount: \$10,000.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>communitypartnerships@vancity.com</p> <p>Vancity Community Partnership Program Website</p>

6. NON-FUNDING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR FIRST NATIONS

6.1. Indigenous Clean Energy – 20/20 Catalysts Program

The 20/20 Catalysts Program is an intensive Indigenous clean energy capacity-building program unlike any other. The Program provides practical and applied learning about renewable energy projects, community energy planning, energy efficiency and conservation, and advanced energy systems. Participants ('Catalysts') are supported to move clean energy projects forward on-the-ground.

- Taking place from May-July every year, the 20/20 Catalysts Program is led by 35+ of the most knowledgeable and experienced Indigenous leaders and clean energy practitioners from across the country. The program includes: engaging in-class learning sessions; one-on-one clean energy mentoring; access to personal and professional coaching; Indigenous clean energy project tours at every on-site; and online monthly webinar sessions.
- It also includes unlimited access to tools, resources and networks on the Indigenous Clean Energy Network - www.indigenouscleanenergy.com/ice-network

The 20/20 Catalysts Program video includes some testimonials from past Energy Champions who took part in the 20/20 Catalysts Program - www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4Iri1QUiBA

Application Deadlines

Now accepting applications. Deadline to apply: March 15th annually.

Contact

Ian Scholten, Catalyst Coordinator
1-613-562-2005 x 235

ischolten@indigenouscleanenergy.com

www.indigenouscleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/

6.2. BC First Nations Clean Energy Working Group – First Nations Clean Energy Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to assist First Nations in understanding the kinds of clean/renewable energy there are, how to begin looking into doing a clean energy project, pre-feasibility, feasibility, developing, financing, relationship building, opportunities, and where to find resources.

Link to Document

www.cleanenergybc.org/reports-publications/b

Steps to a Successful Grant Application

Preparing an Application

1. Review the Funding Guide 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 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 the proposal on time in the required format.

Application Content

1. Follow the recommended format of the 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 the success of the project.
4. Identify partners and note how you will 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 the 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.

(Source: Community Energy Association funding guide for community energy and climate change initiatives)

Other Online Funding Guides:

- BC Climate Action Toolkit toolkit.bc.ca
- Community Energy Association funding guide for community energy and climate change initiatives communityenergy.bc.ca/publications
- CivicInfo BC (searchable grants database) www.civicinfo.bc.ca/grants
- BC Government Economic Development Funding & Grants (searchable grants database) www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/funding-and-grants
- Natural Resource Canada Directory of Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Programs in Canada (searchable grants database) oee.nrcan.gc.ca/corporate/statistics/neud/dpa/policy_e/programs.cfm?programtypes=4&categoryid=all§oranditems=all%7C0&searchtype=default®ionaldeliveryid=11
- Funding Sources and Grants for BC Businesses www.womensenterprise.ca/business-loans/grant-programs-bc-businesses
- BC Indigenous Small Business Resources www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/aboriginal_small_business_resource_hand_out_web.pdf