

Support Program Guide for First Nation & Civic Community Energy Efficiency & Clean Energy Projects

TABLE OF CONTENTS

CIVIC AND FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES	3
BC Rural Dividend.....	3
Columbia Basin Trust - Community Development Program.....	3
EcoAction Community Funding Program.....	4
Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.....	4
Foundations and Non-Profit Grant Providers	4
Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) General Grants Program.....	5
Ministry of Energy and Mines - Innovative Clean Energy Fund (ICE Fund).....	5
Island Coastal Economic Trust	6
Ministry of Energy and Mines – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP).....	6
Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund.....	6
Northern Development Initiative Trust Funding Programs	7
BC Bioenergy Network.....	7
FortisBC PowerSense Program.....	7
BC Hydro - Power Smart – Residential/Business/Builders/Communities Incentives	8
Fraser Basin Council - Remote Community Implementation Program.....	8
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Programs	8
SD Tech Fund.....	8
New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund (NBCF-SCF)	9
Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust	9
Western Diversification Program.....	9
FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES ONLY:.....	10
Aboriginal Business Canada / Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development	10
New Relationship Trust - Capacity Initiative Grants	11
New Relationship Trust - BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (ICEI)	11
INAC - Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP).....	12

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation - First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF).....	12
Coast Opportunity Funds	13
Aboriginal Forestry Initiative.....	13
Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) – Aboriginal Business Loans	14
First Nation Finance Authority.....	14
INAC - First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF).....	15
First Nation Regeneration Fund.....	15
Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI).....	16
CIVIC COMMUNITIES ONLY:	16
BC Local Government - Infrastructure Planning Grant Program	16
Gas Tax Funding	17
Green Municipal Fund.....	17
BC Hydro - Power Smart Sustainable Communities Program.....	17
Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program (CBCAIP).....	17

Support Program Guide for First Nation & Civic Community Energy Efficiency & Clean Energy Projects

Please note this document is for information purposes only, and is valid as of **June, 2016**. Most programs listed are competitive processes and should be verified with the listed funding agencies and / or by contacting Leah Carroll at Leah.Carroll@gov.bc.ca or 250-952-0665.

CIVIC AND FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

BC Rural Dividend

Description	Funding Available
The BC Rural Dividend assists rural communities with a population of 25,000 or less in strengthening their community resilience, and supporting their social, cultural and economic viability. The program is providing \$25 million a year over three years, beginning in 2016, to help rural communities across British Columbia reinvigorate and diversify their local economies, making them more attractive places to live and work.	<p>Three streams of funding available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Project Development - Maximum Funding of \$10,000 to help communities to develop feasibility assessments and business cases for projects. 2) Single Applicant - Maximum Funding of \$100,000 3) Partnerships - Maximum Funding of \$500,000 <p>Focused more on supporting feasibility /design /engineering / project management costs rather than capital costs.</p>
Application Deadlines	Contact
<p>The first intake of applications was due May 31, 2016.</p> <p>There will be a second intake of applications open from October 3 to October 31, 2016.</p>	<p>Application Support (FrontCounter BC): 1-877-855-3222 FrontCounter BC Office locations: www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/locations BC Rural Dividend Fund Program Office: 250-356-7950 ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca http://gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend</p>

Columbia Basin Trust - Community Development Program

Description	Funding Available
The Community Development Program is designed to assist communities in the Columbia Basin Trust mandate area (cbt.org/map) to develop projects and/or initiatives which build on a shared community vision for the future. The criteria are purposefully left open and flexible to accommodate the broad range of ideas and projects which come from working with communities in moving towards their goals. Trust staff work closely with organizations and communities to develop their projects and ideas.	The Community Development Program has both a large (over \$10,000) and small (under \$10,000) granting stream.
Application Dates	Contact
This is a continuous intake program. There are no deadlines for applications.	<p>Columbia Basin Trust Community liaison in your area 1-800-505-8998 or 1-250-365-6633 http://www.cbt.org/Programs</p>

EcoAction Community Funding Program	
Description	Funding Available
Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program provides financial support to not-for-profit organizations including community / environmental / youth / senior groups and First Nations organizations for projects that have measurable, positive impacts on the environment. Projects should address four priority themes: clean air, climate change, clean water, and protection of nature and be able to provide measureable environmental results. The program also supports projects that build the capacity of communities to increase knowledge and skills as well as changes attitudes and behaviours so that these activities may be sustained into the future.	Funding to a maximum of \$100,000 per project is available. The maximum length of a project is 36 consecutive months. At least 50% of the total value of your project must come from sources other than the Government of Canada. It is advisable to review the program website and contact the EcoAction Office of Environment Canada to discuss your project idea.
Application Deadlines	Contact
There are currently no calls for proposals under this program. However, this program typically has an Application deadline of November 1 st each year.	Environment Canada: Pacific and Yukon Region 1-800-667-7779 mailto:ecoaction.pyr@ec.gc.ca http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/
Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program	
Description	Funding Available
Western Economic Diversification Canada's program delivers community funding across the country to renovate, expand and improve existing community infrastructure, with a focus on recreational facilities, projects that advance a clean growth economy, and projects with a positive impact on Indigenous communities	The amount of funding requested under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program cannot exceed 50% of the total costs of a project, up to a maximum of \$500,000. For this intake of applications, priority will be given to projects that address one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrades to recreational facilities; - Advance a clean growth economy; and/or, - Impact on Indigenous communities and peoples.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Submit an online application form by 1pm on June 22, 2016 and include all mandatory attachments; and, Be available for follow-up from June – August 2016.	Western Economic Diversification Canada 700 - 333 Seymour Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 5G9 Telephone: 604-666-6256 Toll Free: 1-888-338-WEST (9378) Email: wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca http://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/18872.asp
Foundations and Non-Profit Grant Providers	
Description	Funding Available
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,	Varies. Please see specific website for each.

<p>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 are more likely to be accepted.</p>	
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>Varies. Please see specific website for each.</p>	<p>VanCity Grants Program (including the Community Partnership Program and enviroFund grants): https://www.vancity.com/AboutVancity/InvestingInCommunities/Grants/ Vancouver Foundation Community Planning and Engagement Grants: http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/granting Victoria Foundation Community Grants Program: http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/grants-loans/apply-community-grants TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Funding Program: https://fef.td.com/funding/</p>
<p>Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) General Grants Program</p>	
<p>Description</p>	<p>Funding Available</p>
<p>REFBC's General Grant Program supports initiatives that non-profit organizations have identified as important based on research and their own, on-the-ground knowledge and experience. REFBC's grants program has five program areas including: Sustainable Land Use, Built Environment Sustainability, Freshwater Sustainability, Sustainable Food Systems and Professional Excellence in Real Estate Industry. The program areas are subject matter lenses that we apply to help determine whether or not a project is a good fit for a General Grant.</p>	<p>Grants are made available to a wide range of projects in any of the five program areas ranging from small, grassroots projects (typically between \$2,000 and \$20,000) as well as larger initiatives (up to approx. \$300,000). These grants are typically allocated for costs associated with human resource needs rather than capital costs.</p>
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>REFBC has two intakes a year for General Grants and applications are open to any non-profit organization in British Columbia doing projects related to land use. 2016 intakes as follows: - February 24, 2016 (Now closed) - September 8, 2016 - for General Grant requests (decisions in December and March)</p>	<p>Nick Davies, Grants Coordinators 604-343-2626 nick@refbc.com http://www.refbc.com/grants Please contact the Grants Coordinator to briefly discuss your proposal before submitting a full application</p>
<p>Ministry of Energy and Mines - Innovative Clean Energy Fund (ICE Fund)</p>	
<p>Description</p>	<p>Funding Available</p>
<p>The Province is funding innovative clean energy projects throughout B.C. Applications to the ICE Fund represent a broad range of technologies and sectors, including: ocean tidal and wave, solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, wastewater, energy conservation and liquid biofuel production.</p>	<p>Varies by project to a maximum of 33% of project costs.</p>

Application Deadlines	Contact
There are currently no calls for proposals planned under this program.	Will Yeh, Program Manager Ministry of Energy and Mines 250-356-1168 Will.Yeh@gov.bc.ca http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/innovative-clean-energy-solutions/innovative-clean-energy-ice-fund
Island Coastal Economic Trust	
Description	Funding Available
The Island Coastal Economic Trust provides funding to create new and sustainable regional economic growth through strategic investments in targeted “sectors” (including energy) with the North Island, coastal and Sunshine Coast regional economy. Funding is available for project implementation costs such as permitting, surveying or design and construction costs. Planning and feasibility studies are ineligible for funding.	Up to \$400,000 for the Economic Infrastructure Program and \$30,000 for the Economic Development Readiness Program.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Next application intake for Economic Infrastructure Program: Central South Island Region (October 14, 2016) and North Island and Sunshine Coast Region (October 7, 2016). Continuous intake for Economic Development Readiness Program.	Line Robert 250-871-7797 (ext – 227) line.robert@islandcoastaltrust.ca http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/programs
Ministry of Energy and Mines – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)	
Description	Funding Available
Funding for the Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP) was established through the Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund. CELP was established to support local governments’ and First Nations’ investments in energy efficiency and clean energy projects. The primary purposes of the Program are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency, stimulate economic activity in the clean energy sector and support vibrant and resilient communities.	Ranges from \$10,000 - \$150,000 per proponent.
Application Deadlines	Contact
There are currently no calls for applications planned under this program.	Ministry of Energy and Mines CELP@gov.bc.ca www.gov.bc.ca/communityenergyleadershipprogram
Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund	
Description	Funding Available
The Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund 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 sponsoring sustainable economic and social projects in the area most affected	Funding varies. The fund will not normally cover more than 50% of project costs. Check the website or contact the Manager to confirm proposal deadlines and to make sure your project is eligible.

by the Kemano project and the creation of the Nechako Reservoir. The NKDF will invest in community economic development projects and/or programs that are supported by the community, as long as they do not subsidize private business.	
Application Deadlines	Contact
Upcoming proposal deadlines include: July 27, 2016, October 25, 2016 and February 1, 2017.	Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society Dan Boudreau, Manager (250) 964-4066 manager@nkdf.org www.nkdf.org/
Northern Development Initiative Trust Funding Programs	
Description	Funding Available
Northern Development 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.	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.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Varies between programs. Some are annual (November), some are continuous and some are quarterly.	Northern Development Initiative Trust 250-561-2525 info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/
BC Bioenergy Network	
Description	Funding Available
Established in April 2008 with a \$25 million grant from the BC government, the BC Bioenergy Network is an industry-led initiative that acts as a catalyst for deploying near-term bioenergy technologies and organizing mission-driven research for the development and demonstration of new bioenergy technologies that are environmentally sustainable for the province of BC.	Partial funding and support for gasification systems, pyrolysis systems, pelleting and wood combustion systems, anaerobic digestion systems, and bioconversion systems.
Application Dates	Contact
Expressions of Interest are invited on an ongoing basis.	Scott Stanners Director of Research 604-891-1249 Scott.Stanners@bcbioenergy.ca http://www.bcbioenergy.ca/
FortisBC PowerSense Program	
Description/Funding Available	
FortisBC has established a variety of rebates and offers under the PowerSense Program for its residential and commercial customers to conserve energy, with building and process improvements to energy efficient lighting, heat pumps and fans.	
Application Deadlines	Contact

Varies. Review PowerSense website for current programs and offers.	FortisBC PowerSense Program 1-866-436-7847 powersense@fortisbc.com http://www.fortisbc.com/Electricity/PowerSense/Pages/default.aspx
--------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

BC Hydro - Power Smart – Residential/Business/Builders/Communities Incentives

Description/Funding Available

A variety of energy efficiency incentives and support are available from Power Smart. Some of the support includes (but is not limited to): energy efficiency product rebates and buy backs, new construction programs, and additional programs based on household income including: free energy savings kits, free energy saving product installation and advice from the Energy Conservation Assistance program and potential upgrades for non-profit housing providers and Aboriginal communities.

Application Deadlines

Varies. Review Power Smart website for current offers. Capital incentives vary depending on energy savings.

Contact

BC Hydro Power Smart
1 800 224 9376
<http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/>

Fraser Basin Council - Remote Community Implementation Program

Description

The RCI Program is administered by the Fraser Basin Council and provides funding for remote communities to implement clean energy or energy efficiency projects. Research or feasibility studies are not eligible for funding.

Funding Available

A small funding stream provides up to \$45,000 and requires communities to target a 33% reduction in their community's greenhouse gas emissions. A large funding stream provides up to \$300,000 and requires communities to target an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Applications are reviewed in December and June of each year.

Application Deadlines

There are currently no calls for proposals planned under this program. Check the FBC website for future updates.

Contact

Jim Vanderwal
Senior Program Manager
604-488-5359
jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca
http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/programs/caee_rci.html

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Programs

Description

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.

Funding Available

Funding Varies. Please see website links or contact the B.C. Regional Business Centre for more details on the various support available.

Application Deadlines

Varies. Please see the CMHC website for details.

Contact

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
B.C Regional Business Centre
Vancouver, BC
1-800-309-3388
https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/inpr/afhoce/fuafho/iah/afhopracca/afhopracca_002.cfm
<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/inpr/graw/>

SD Tech Fund

Description	Funding Available
Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC), provides a number of funding programs to support Canadian cleantech projects and coach the companies that lead them. Some of the programs include the SD Tech fund, the SD Natural Gas Fund, the NextGen Biofuels Fund and others.	Funding varies. Please see website for more details on the various programs available.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Check website for details on how to apply to the various programs.	Sustainable Development Technology Canada 613-234-6313 applications@sdtc.ca http://www.sdtc.ca/index.php?page=sdtech-funding-process&hl=en_CA
New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund (NBCF-SCF)	
Description	Funding Available
Under the NBCF-SCF program, the provincial and the federal governments will each allocate approximately \$109 million to support local infrastructure projects in communities with a population of less than 100,000 people.	Typically, an approved project is eligible for program funding of up to two-thirds of the total eligible project costs. The maximum federal or provincial contribution from all sources will be up to one-third (33.3%) of the total eligible costs of a project.
Application Deadlines	Contact
The 2nd intake for applications closed on April 28, 2016. Check the program website information on future intakes as this Program is scheduled to run until 2024.	Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Phone: 250-387-4060 E-mail: infra@gov.bc.ca http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/small-communities-fund
Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust	
Description	Funding Available
The mission of the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust 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.	The limits for grant funding are \$50,000 per applicant. Feasibility studies are ineligible for funding.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Applications received on a continuous basis.	Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust 250-545-6829 admin@sidit-bc.ca http://www.sidit-bc.ca/process_overview.html
Western Diversification Program	
Description	Funding Available
The aim of the Western Diversification Program is to advance Government of Canada economic priorities in	Usually less than 50% of the costs are eligible for funding. Incremental operating and capital costs are

<p>Western Canada, promote a competitive and expanded industry sector, engage with Aboriginal groups to explore opportunities to increase the economic participation of Aboriginal peoples, and to help promote skills training opportunities in key sectors across Western Canada.</p> <p>Eligible projects must have a strong economic development project component. Funds are provided to non-profit organizations including local governments and First Nations and tend to support rural diversification and increased economic competitiveness.</p>	<p>eligible for funding consideration.</p>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------

<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>A formal Call for Proposals process is typically used and has already been completed for 2016. Check the WDP website for future updates.</p>	<p>WD British Columbia 700 - 333 Seymour Street Vancouver, BC V6B 5G9 Telephone: (604) 666-6256 Toll Free: 1 888 338-WEST (9378) Fax: (604) 666-2353 wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/301.asp</p>

FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES ONLY:

Aboriginal Business Canada / Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development

<p>Description</p>	<p>Funding Available</p>
<p>Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is committed to providing greater opportunities for Aboriginal entrepreneurs and to helping Aboriginal business owners to succeed in their business goals. The Aboriginal Business & Entrepreneurship Development (ABED) program works with its program delivery partners the Aboriginal Financial Institutions (AFIs), to provide funding to Aboriginal entrepreneurs, communities and organizations to increase the number of viable businesses in Canada owned and controlled by Aboriginal People.</p> <p>This program is also sometimes referred to as Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC), Aboriginal Business Development Fund (ABDF) or the Business Equity Fund (BEF) and is delivered through the individual AFIs.</p>	<p>Funding varies, please contact your local Aboriginal Financial Institution (AFI) for additional information</p> <p>Funding is typically provided for: Up to \$99,999 for individuals Up to \$250,000 for community owned businesses Up to 40% contribution toward eligible start-up and 3 months of operating costs or 30% toward eligible acquisition or expansion costs minimum 10% cash equity required.</p>
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>Contact your local AFI directly to determine application procedures.</p>	<p>https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1375202816581</p> <p><u>AFI's in BC:</u> Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corp (NEDC) 7563 Pacific Rim Highway Port Alberni BC V9Y 8Y5 Telephone: (250) 724-3131 Toll free: (866) 444-6332</p>

	<p>Email: nedc@nedc.info</p> <p>Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) Suite 508, 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2 Toll Free: 1- 800- 779-7199 Telephone: (604) 926-5626 Email: info@tacc.ca</p> <p>All Nations Development Corporation 520 Chief Eli LaRue Way Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1 Toll Free: 1-800-663-2959 Telephone: (778) 471-4110 Email: antco@antco.bc.ca</p>
--	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

New Relationship Trust - Capacity Initiative Grants

Description	Funding Available
<p>Direct Support funding is intended to help First Nation communities build capacity in the areas that they need it most.</p> <p>A total of \$1.5 million has been allocated for direct support in 2016-2017. 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>In 2016, Western Economic Diversification Canada made an investment of \$1.5 Million into the New Relationship Trust to create an Economic Development Support Team (EDST) that will provide advice and support to First Nation communities that want to advance economic opportunities in the West Coast Energy sector.</p>	<p>Up to \$25,000 for individual First Nations communities.</p>
Application Deadlines	Contact
<p>The most recent application call closed on May 19, 2016.</p>	<p>Matt Cooke-Contois, Senior Project Officer New Relationship Trust Telephone: (604) 925 3348 Toll free: 1-877-922-3338 http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding</p>

New Relationship Trust - BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (ICEI)

Description	Funding Available
<p>The New Relationship Trust (NRT) has partnered with Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) to administer \$3,950,000 of federal funding for the three-year BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (ICEI) through the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Strategic Partnerships Initiative. The budget for the first</p>	<p>Eligible BC ICEI projects could receive support through contributions typically in the range of \$75,000 to \$150,000 in assisted project costs. Applicants may be eligible for additional funding under subsequent intakes. Categories of eligible activities include:</p>

<p>intake of BC ICEI applications in the 2016-2017 fiscal year is up to \$1,000,000.</p> <p>The BC ICEI funding will provide support for planning and implementation of clean energy projects, such as hydro, wind, biomass, solar, marine, or geothermal projects. Other initiatives may include energy efficiency projects, energy storage, and reducing dependency on conventional diesel power generation.</p> <p>The BC ICEI funding will support community projects that follow the completion of community engagement (such as a community energy plan), including those needed to secure an electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro and attract debt and equity financing to enable project construction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feasibility and Site Selection - Environmental Review and Permitting - Project Design and Engineering - Demand Side Management
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>The first ICEI intake closes on August 8, 2016. Please see the NRT website for additional information on the ICEI Guidelines and Application.</p>	<p>Savanah Seaton Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (ICEI) Coordinator Telephone: 604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338 Email: sseaton@nrtf.ca Website: www.newrelationshiptrust.ca</p>
<p>INAC - Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)</p>	
<p>Description</p>	<p>Funding Available</p>
<p>The Community Opportunity Readiness Program addresses the financial needs of Aboriginal communities when they are in pursuit of, and wish to participate in, an economic opportunity. This program is a consolidation of the former community economic opportunities program, the Major Projects Investment Fund (MPIF), and the community-based components of the Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) program.</p>	<p>Directly related to the community economic benefits and the need for funding that has been demonstrated in the application. It will not exceed \$3,000,000 or two-thirds of the total project cost for community economic infrastructure projects or 80% of the total cost for all other types of projects.</p>
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>Applications accepted on a continual basis.</p>	<p>Tracy Dunsford Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada British Columbia Region Tel: (604) 666-5097 Email: infopubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033414/1100100033415</p>
<p>Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation - First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF)</p>	
<p>Description</p>	<p>Funding Available</p>
<p>The FNCEBF aims to promote increased Aboriginal 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> <p>a) Provide capacity development funding to support applicants to undertake activities such as feasibility studies or to engage with proponents of clean energy</p>	<p>Capacity Funding – up to a maximum of \$50,000 Equity Funding – up to a maximum of \$500,000 Please refer to the MARR website for guidelines and eligibility.</p>

<p>projects (Capacity Funding); b) Provide grants to qualifying applicants to help acquire equity positions in clean energy projects or assist in the undertaking of their own community clean energy project for supply, or assist in the implementation of energy efficiency/demand-side management projects within a community (Equity Grant) c) Share in the revenues from clean energy projects based on new, net, incremental revenues to government derived from water rentals, land rents and eventually wind participation rents (Revenue Sharing).</p>	
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>This program has regular intakes in January and May of each year.</p>	<p>First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund Applications Attn: Lindsay Wood, Senior Project Advisor Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Toll-free information line: 1 800 880-1022 By email: Lindsay.Wood@gov.bc.ca; By fax: 1-250-387-6073; or By mail: PO Box 9100, Stn Prov Gov't, Victoria, BC V8W 9B1 http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/economic/fncebf.html</p>
<p>Coast Opportunity Funds</p>	
<p>Description</p>	<p>Funding Available</p>
<p>Coast Opportunity Funds oversees and manages \$116 million spread over two funds: • The Conservation Fund, a long-term fund designed to support activities that maintain or improve the Great Bear Rainforest. • The Economic Development Fund, a shorter-term fund designed to create sustainable businesses and community-based employment opportunities over seven years.</p>	<p>Eligible First Nations share contributions from the Funds to support conservation initiatives and economic activities. Funding varies.</p>
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>Check the website for proposal requirements and deadlines for submissions.</p>	<p>Coast Opportunity Funds 1455 - 409 Granville Street Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2 Phone: 604-684-0223 info@coastfunds.ca http://www.coastfunds.ca/about-overview-funds</p>
<p>Aboriginal Forestry Initiative</p>	
<p>Description</p>	<p>Funding Available</p>
<p>The Aboriginal Forestry Initiative (AFI) represents a new Government of Canada approach to foster enhanced Aboriginal participation in the competitive and sustainable transformation of Canada's forest sector.</p> <p>The initiative will focus its knowledge and facilitation resources on projects that are opportunity-ready, that appeal to multiple partners and funding agencies, and that have the potential for regional economic</p>	<p>Limited multi-year funding may be made available to AFI-facilitated projects, where critical gaps in the support offered by other partners and funding agencies could otherwise pose a risk to the success of a project.</p>

development. Current priority areas for Aboriginal economic development in forestry include: bioenergy, forest-based services to industry and governments and value-added wood products	
Application Deadlines	Contact
There is no application process to access this funding, it is allocated on the basis of availability, need, and the strategic value or magnitude of the opportunity as identified through CFS' facilitation of the project and partnerships.	Nello Cataldo, Pacific Forestry Centre Tel.: (250) 298-2340 nello.cataldo@canada.ca Tel.: (250) 298-2340 nello.cataldo@canada.ca http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/federal-programs/13125

Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) – Aboriginal Business Loans

Description	Funding Available
Two of the NEDC's loan options include: 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%). Aboriginal Business Development Fund - BDC (Business Development Bank of Canada) MicroLoan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A BDC loan fund to start a micro (very small) business. The fund offers lots of flexibility and support 	Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on loans available.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on application dates. Only one loan application required to access all NEDC loans.	Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation N.E.D.C. Office P.O. Box 1384 7563 Pacific Rim Highway Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2 Phone: (250) 724-3131 Fax: (250) 724-9967 Toll Free: 1-866-444-6332 Email: nedc@nedc.info http://www.nedc.info/businessloans

First Nation Finance Authority

Description	Funding Available
The FNFA is a non-profit Aboriginal government-owned finance authority that serves First Nation governments. 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	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.

small First Nations.	
Application Deadlines	Contact
Varies.	First Nations Finance Authority 202 - 3500 Carrington Road Westbank, B.C. V4T 3C1 Telephone: (250) 768-5253 Toll free: (866) 575-3632 info@fnfa.ca http://www.fnfa.ca/en/
INAC - First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)	
Description	Funding Available
The objective of First Nation Infrastructure Fund is to improve the environment and the quality of life of First Nation communities by improving and increasing the development of public infrastructure. This fund also supports roads and bridges, energy systems, planning and skills development projects and solid waste management.	All projects must fall within one or more of the eligible subcategories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Skills Development • Solid Waste Management • Roads and Bridges • Energy Systems
Application Deadlines	Contact
There is no need to apply. Projects are identified, reviewed and selected by INAC regional offices based on the First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan's annual process and priority ranking. Check website or contact your INAC regional office for further information.	British Columbia Region Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (604) 775-7114 fax: (604) 775-7149 Email: infopubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100010656/1100100010657
First Nation Regeneration Fund	
Description	Funding Available
The Fund seeks to generate renewable energy in BC and regenerate Aboriginal economies by financing Aboriginal equity stakes in run-of-river projects. The Fund has been established through a partnership between Ecotrust Canada, the Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) and the Tribal Resources Investment Corporation (Tricorp). It is the first fund of its kind in BC.	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.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Please contact the FNRF for more information on how to apply to the Fund.	Sandy Wong, General Manager, TACC (604) 926-5626 swong@tacc.ca http://firstnationregenerationfund.wordpress.com/about/

Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI)	
Description	Funding Available
<p>The Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) will increase economic development opportunities for Aboriginal entrepreneurs and communities by promoting partnerships between federal and non-federal partners in priority sectors of the economy.</p> <p>In 2016, an additional \$3.95 million will be provided by Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) to the New Relationship Trust to administer a new stream of SPI known as the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (ICEI), which aims to provide early support to boost Indigenous communities' capacity and readiness to develop clean energy projects by fostering awareness, providing needed funding, as well as facilitating private sector engagement and partnerships. See the New Relationship Trust - BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative tab for more information on this new funding.</p>	<p>Contact INAC for general information on SPI and the New Relationship Trust for further information on the new BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (ICEI).</p>
Application Deadlines	Contact
<p>Contact INAC or WD for further information on SPI.</p>	<p>British Columbia Region Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) (604) 775-7114 fax: (604) 775-7149 infopubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1330016561558/1330016687171</p> <p>Savanah Seaton Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (ICEI) Coordinator Telephone: 604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338 Email: sseaton@nrtf.ca Website: www.newrelationshiptrust.ca</p>
CIVIC COMMUNITIES ONLY:	
BC Local Government - Infrastructure Planning Grant Program	
Description	Funding Available
<p>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.</p>	<p>Up to \$10,000. Grants over \$5,000 must have matching funds.</p>
Application Deadlines	Contact
<p>Applications are received on a continuous basis; however, grant funding may not be available after a posted deadline.</p> <p>Current website info: Year Round Open Intake (Next</p>	<p>Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (250) 387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/infrastructure_grants/infrastructure_planning_grant.htm</p>

Deadline: June 29, 2016)	
Gas Tax Funding	
Description	Funding Available
This fund provides funding for local governments in B.C for capital and planning projects including those in community energy, sustainable community planning, public transit, solid waste and water/waste water. Three funding streams area 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. Allocated funding is provided twice annually to local governments.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Please contact UBCM for more details around Application processes.	Union of BC Municipalities Victoria office: 250-356-5133 Vancouver office: 604-270-8226 ubcm@ubcm.ca http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/gas-tax-fund.html
Green Municipal Fund	
Description	Funding Available
Municipalities may apply to the Green Municipal Fund for funding for planning, feasibility studies, and project implementation towards energy/GHG reduction. The fund supports implementation projects through both grants and lower-interest loans.	For studies and plans, up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$350,000. For capital projects, up to 80% of eligible costs to a maximum \$10M combined with a grant for up to 20% of the loan amount.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Applications accepted year-round; funding decisions made twice per year (February and September) Applicants for energy, transportation, waste and water capital project funding undergo an Initial Review before completing the full application form. Check the website for further information.	Federation of Canadian Municipalities: T. 1-877-997-9926 gmf@fcm.ca http://fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund.htm
BC Hydro - Power Smart Sustainable Communities Program	
Description	Funding Available
Funding is available to local governments and regional districts to support energy and emissions planning and research.	Funds and resources are available for: Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); Community Plans; Community Energy Manager; Interns and Co-op students; and Project implementation.
Application Deadlines	Contact
Varies. Review the Power Smart sustainable communities program website for current information.	BC Hydro Power Smart Sustainable Communities 1-866-522-4713 http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/local_government_district/ps_communities.html
Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program (CBCAIP)	

Description	Funding Available
<p>The Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program (CBCAIP) is designed to help industry improve its capacity to be competitive and sustainable. Through the CBCAIP program, industry, academia, retailers and others in the agrifood industry will have access to funding to support the sector in accelerating the pace of innovation through late stage research and pilot projects that lead to the commercialization and/or adoption of innovative products, technologies and practices.</p>	<p>Priority for funding will be given to five areas of activity identified to advance innovation and competitiveness in BC, and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advancements in plant, animal and food science - Energy and waste management - New product development and commercialization - Improvements in soil, water and air quality - Climate change adaptation
Application Deadlines	Contact
<p>Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. The program ends March 31, 2018, will all projects ending December 2017.</p> <p>All projects must be completed within two years of the date your application was approved. For projects approved after March 2016, your project must be completed no later than December 2017.</p>	<p>250-356-1662 funding@iafbc.ca http://www.iafbc.ca/agri-innovation.htm</p>