



CleanBC for Local Government

Local governments around our province are taking action to address climate change and better prepare for the future. Those actions and ongoing planning are supported by CleanBC, the Province's plan to reduce emissions, expand new economic opportunities and protect the places we call home.

GETTING AROUND

A key commitment in the CleanBC plan requires all new light-duty cars and trucks sold in B.C. be zero-emission vehicles by the year 2040. To ensure a greater portion of personal and commercial vehicles are powered by clean energy, the Province has invested \$30 million to expand B.C.'s zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure network.

As part of CleanBC, an active transportation strategy, Move.Commute.Connect., is now in place. This strategy aims to double the percentage of trips taken with active transportation by 2030 and includes cost-sharing multi-use infrastructure projects with local government through a grant program.

PROTECTING THE PLACES WE LIVE AND WORK

Our homes, schools, workplaces and other buildings play a big role in a cleaner province and a stronger economy. The CleanBC Better Homes and Better Building programs reduce climate pollution in our communities, save energy and make buildings healthier and more comfortable.

REDUCING WASTE AND TURNING IT INTO A RESOURCE

Organic waste makes up 40% of municipal landfills, which results in the generation of methane. Preventing waste in the first place remains key to reducing emissions. However, in some cases organic waste can be used to generate cleaner sources of energy for homes and transportation. CleanBC is working to help communities divert 95% of organic municipal waste and capture 75% of landfill gas.

PREPARING FOR A CHANGING CLIMATE

The Province has completed a *Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment* for B.C. This assessment is the first phase of better understanding climate-related risks in B.C. and how government can develop measures to address those risks. As a next step, a provincial climate preparedness strategy will help B.C. prepare for the impacts of climate change. The strategy will be released in 2020. Input into the strategy from local governments, Indigenous communities and other sectors will ensure their priorities and concerns are well understood.

UBCM SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE ACTION

This committee will generate new ideas, explore opportunities and barriers to local government action, and identify avenues for further partnership to mitigate, and adapt to, the effects of climate change. The committee is comprised of elected officials and senior staff from local government, as well as representatives from the Province, environmental non-governmental organizations, Crown corporations and academia.

CleanBC programs and incentives to support your communities*

CLEANBC BETTER HOMES PROGRAM:

Offers incentives, information and support to help households switch to high-efficiency heating equipment and make building envelope improvements.

<https://betterhomesbc.ca/>

ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES:

Rebates on a new zero-emission vehicles and fleets through point-of-sale incentive program.

<https://goelectricbc.ca/>

<http://pluginbc.ca/suvi/>

BIKEBC PROGRAM:

Provides financial assistance for new multi-use infrastructure and upgrades.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/cycling-infrastructure-funding>

CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

An overview of funding opportunities for local governments and First Nations.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/electricity-alternative-energy/community-energy-solutions/funding_opportunities_clean_community_energy_bc.pdf

CLEANBC BETTER BUILDINGS COMMERCIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM:

Funds low-carbon heating systems in new buildings.

<https://betterbuildingsbc.ca/incentives/cleanbc-commercial-new-construction-program/>

BC HYDRO STRATEGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

Assistance to reduce energy waste and improve efficiency. <https://betterbuildingsbc.ca/incentives/strategic-energy-management-program/>

CLEAN COMMUNITIES FUND:

Supports cost-sharing of green infrastructure projects in communities across the province.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program/green-infrastructure/cleanbc-communities-fund>

CLIMATE ACTION CHARTER:

A voluntary agreement between the B.C. Government and UBCM members committing signatories to:

1. Become carbon neutral in their corporate operations
2. Measure and report on their community's GHG emissions
3. Create complete, compact, more energy efficient communities

CLEANBC BETTER BUILDINGS

CUSTOM-LITE PROGRAM:

Capital incentives for switching to low carbon-heating systems in smaller buildings. <https://betterbuildingsbc.ca/incentives/cleanbc-custom-lite-program/>

COMMUNITY ENERGY AND EMISSIONS INVENTORY:

An inventory of energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, at the community level.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/data/ceei>

ORGANICS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM:

Funding for organics processing infrastructure such as composting facilities or anaerobic digesters. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/food-and-organic-waste/organic-waste-diversion>

FOOD WASTE RESOURCE:

Tools for local governments on preventing food waste, including Love Food Hate Waste program.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/food-and-organic-waste/prevent-food-waste>

*Review websites for eligibility requirements