

Economic Impact Assessment for the Local Government Climate Action Program

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Summary: Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Assessment

BC Stats conducted an economic impact assessment of the Local Government Climate Action Program. The program delivers funding directly to local governments and Modern Treaty Nations to spend on climate related initiatives. There has not previously been an economic assessment of this program.

Project Benefits Summary

- The roughly \$77.4M of LGCAP funding which has been spent by B.C. communities to date has generated \$99.8M in total investment spending across B.C.
- Each dollar of LGCAP funding spent has generated roughly \$0.08 in provincial tax revenue
- The LGCAP has contributed over \$40M to provincial GDP across the past 5 years

	Benefit to BC
Direct	
Real GDP (\$2012)	\$16,940,797
Labour income	\$16,631,426
Tax revenue	\$2,953,355
Jobs	187.6
Indirect	
Real GDP (\$2012)	\$7,098,658
Labour income	\$5,324,438
Tax revenue	\$850,046
Jobs	67.4
Induced	
Real GDP (\$2012)	\$16,086,800
Labour income	\$6,705,800
Tax revenue	\$2,082,453
Jobs	119.0

*Results include direct, indirect and induced impacts

Methodology

The results presented above were derived from data provided to BC Stats by the British Columbia Climate Action Secretariat. This data included survey responses from recipients of funding through the LGCAP which provided nominal dollar amounts of funding spent in each calendar year of the program and high-level descriptions of the projects or types of projects on which funding was spent.

BC Stats primarily relied on survey responses for question 20 on the [LGCAP survey](#) for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Since the responses provided through this survey reported funding according to high-level spending categories, BC Stats used its own discretion in allocating the reported spending to input-output categories. Where possible, BC Stats relied on data from comparable capital investment projects in constructing assumptions for funding allocation. Where specific project descriptions were provided through question 20, that information was also incorporated. Given the reliance on assumptions in allocating overall program spending to individual input-output line items, results should be interpreted as rough estimates.

The BC Stats Input-Output Model was used to perform the economic impact assessment. In determining the economic impacts, BC Stats has employed a methodology that is equivalent to the approach that Statistics Canada utilizes. The findings of this analysis can be considered consistent with Statistics Canada data published for other industry sectors.



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