

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

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

About this List of Funding Opportunities

This document is intended to help British Columbian local governments, First Nations, and community organizations find appropriate funding to support energy planning, energy efficiency, and clean energy 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 name and have been categorized according to the focus of each program: general funding; regionally specific funding; funding for First Nations; funding for Local Governments; upcoming funding; and non-funding programs. A cross-reference table allows for quick identification of program eligibility based on project and community characteristics.

The information is up-to-date as of November 8, 2018, and will be updated periodically as funding details change.

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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Note: Funding Guidelines and Deadlines Change

This Funding Guide is a living document and the Community Clean Energy Branch at BC Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources tries our best to make sure it is up-to-date.

If you find funding in this document that you think applies to you, we strongly recommend checking the funder's website listed in the fund entry. We welcome your feedback: celp@gov.bc.ca.

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- 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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5.2. BC Bioenergy Network – Funding Program	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Application Deadlines by Program

Programs with continuous intakes or programs not currently accepting applications are not included in the calendar below. This calendar also includes a few funding deadlines in the past for reference.



2019 Aug	1st FCM – Green Municipal Fund	2019 Sep	TBD Real Estate Foundation of BC	2019 Oct	15th New Approach for Housing Support in BC
2019 May	TBD New Relationship Trust – Capacity Initiative Grants 31st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund	2019 Jun	1st Catalyst 20/20 1st FCM – Green Municipal Fund 7th Real Estate Foundation of BC	2019 Jul	
2019 Feb	6th Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society	2019 Mar		2019 Apr	3rd Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund
2018 Nov		2018 Dec	4th LEDSP Core 4th CERRC Phone call with Program Officer	2019 Jan	7th Columbia Basin Trust 15th LEDSP Core & CERRC 16th Infrastructure Planning Grant 23rd ICIP - Rural and Northern Communities 31st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund


LEGEND		
	Energy Efficiency	
	Community Energy Planning	
	Construction	
		Capacity Building



1. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES (including COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS)




1.1. BC Hydro – Conservation Programs for Residential and Commercial Customers		Category
		 
Description/Funding Available		
<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 a new appliance or new electronics or you plan to make upgrades to your home or small business, there are programs to support you. Some of the programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Power Smart www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/team-power-smart.html • Energy Saving Kit www.bchydro.com/esk • Energy Conservation Assistance Program www.bchydro.com/ecap • Home Renovation Rebates • Business Energy Savings Incentives www.bchydro.com/powersmart/business/programs/business-incentives.html 		
Application Deadlines Varies by program	Contact BC Hydro T: 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/energysavings	



1.2. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) – Funding Programs		Category
		   
Description		
<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>		
Application Deadlines Varies - please see the CMHC website for details.	Funding Available Funding is dependent on geographic region, specific program requirements and availability. Please see website links or contact the BC Regional Business Centre for more details on the various supports available.	Contact Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation BC Regional Business Centre T: 1-800-309-3388 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal Development Fund • Emergency Repair Program (ERP) • Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) • Home Adaptions for Seniors' Independence Program (HASI)



1.3. Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) – Energy Sustainability Grants		Category	
			
<p>Description The Energy Sustainability Grants program will support projects that create opportunities for alternative & renewable energy generation at Community Purpose Buildings. Applications may also include activities related to energy conservation & efficiency for those buildings.</p> <p>Eligible costs include, but are not limited to, the purchase and/or installation of alternative & renewable energy generation systems such as: solar panels; biomass energy boilers; heat storage; air or ground source heat pumps; micro hydro systems; and wind turbines.</p> <p>In addition to the eligible costs listed above, the program may also consider costs associated with energy conservation and efficiency improvements such as: air sealing; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades; increase in insulation values; and thermostat and other controls.</p> <p>Eligible applicants include registered non-profits, local governments and indigenous organizations in the Basin that own Community Purpose Buildings. School districts and registered public colleges may be eligible where the project is specifically for a space used for broader public purposes by external organizations and the space is not being used by the school or college for providing education.</p>			
<p>Application Deadlines Energy Sustainability Grants is now open. The deadline to apply is January 7th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. PT / 3:00 p.m. MT.</p>	<p>Funding Available See website for details. To be selected for funding, projects must demonstrate a positive return on investment and significant positive community impact.</p>	<p>Service Area Projects must take place within the Columbia Basin Trust region.</p>	<p>Contact Ulli Mueller, <i>Program Coordinator</i> E: energysustainability@cbt.org T: 1-250-265-3078 https://ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/energy-sustainability-grants/</p>







1.4. Environment and Climate Change Canada – Low Carbon Economy Challenge		Category					
							
<p>Description The Low Carbon Economy Challenge is part of the Low Carbon Economy Fund. It will leverage Canadian ingenuity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and generate clean growth in support of Canada’s clean growth and climate action plan, the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. The Challenge has one upcoming stream:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships Stream: The \$50M Partnerships stream is limited to Indigenous communities and organizations, small and medium-sized businesses, not-for-profit organizations and small municipalities. This stream will help ensure a broad range of Canadians are able to participate in the Challenge. The Partnerships stream will be open for applications later in fiscal year 2018-19. 							
<p>Application Deadlines The Partnership Stream is anticipated to be launched in early 2019.</p>	<p>Funding Available \$50 million for the Partnership Stream across Canada.</p>	<p>Contact Low Carbon Economy Challenge Website</p>					

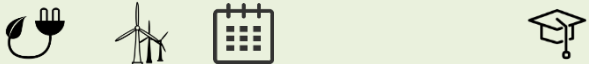
1.5. FortisBC – Conservation and Energy Management		Category
<p>Description</p> <p>Whether you’re upgrading appliances, building new or renovating, FortisBC Conservation and Energy Management program has rebates on building envelop improvements, high-efficiency appliances, equipment, and more. A special “Top Up” program is also available for First Nations’ commercial upgrades.</p> <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 Energy Star refrigerator; insulation in walls, attics and/or crawlspaces; and an Energy Star natural gas furnace.</p>		 
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>Varies. Review FortisBC website for current programs and offers.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>See website for details.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>FortisBC Conservation and Energy Management</p> <p><i>For Electricity:</i></p> <p>T: 1-866-436-7847</p> <p>E: electricrebates@fortisbc.com</p> <p><i>For Natural Gas:</i></p> <p>T: 1-800-663-8400</p> <p>E: rebates@fortisbc.com</p> <p>www.fortisbc.com/rebates</p>

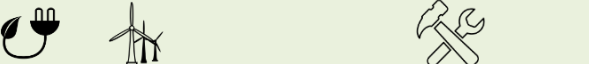
1.6. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)		Category	
			
			
<p>Description</p> <p>The Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP) provides funding to energy efficiency and clean energy projects owned by local governments or First Nations. This 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). <p>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</p> <p>Funding for CELP comes from the BC Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund.</p>			
<p>Application Dates</p> <p>The next funding intake is targeted for early 2019 – date to be confirmed. This intake will be administered for the Province by the Fraser Basin Council.</p> <p>CELP encourages communities to contact program staff to discuss their proposed project, to confirm alignment with the program, and to receive support/advice.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Ranges from \$10,000 - \$175,000 per project for eligible construction costs.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Nairn Albrecht, <i>Senior Policy Analyst, Community Energy</i> T: 778-698-7166 E: CELP@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>Fraser Basin Council Jim Vanderwal, <i>Senior Manager</i> T: 604-897-5350 E: jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca</p> <p>www.gov.bc.ca/communityenergyleadershipprogram</p>	





1.7. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – EfficiencyBC		Category	
			
<p>Description</p> <p>The new EfficiencyBC program helps people save energy and reduce their environmental footprint. Financial incentives 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 and doors that minimize heat loss.</p> <p>EfficiencyBC, along with partner programs, will provide up to \$14,000 for a home and up to \$200,000 for a commercial or social housing building to switch to high-efficiency heating equipment or make building envelope improvements. EfficiencyBC is jointly funded by Province and the Government of Canada under the Low Carbon Economy Fund. Program offers are administered by BC Hydro, FortisBC, and BC Housing and with further support from several local governments.</p>			
<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Program offers opened in September 2018 and will be a continuous application.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Up to \$14,000 per home or up to \$200,000 per commercial/social housing building. Total funding dedicated to date: \$24 million.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>EfficiencyBC Energy Coaches T: 1-844-881-9790 or 250-412-0489 Contact form: https://efficiencybc.ca/connect/ https://efficiencybc.ca/</p>	

1.8. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities (RNC)		Category
<p>Description</p> <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 Dates</p> <p>Applications for the RNC program will be due January 23rd, 2019.</p> <p><u>Important:</u> A business BCeID is required by December 21st, 2018 to access the online application system and apply in January 2019.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>\$95 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 T: 250-387-4060 E: infra@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program</p>


1.9. Natural Resource Canada – Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities (CERRC)		Category					
<p>Description</p> <p>The Program will target three key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BioHeat to reduce fossil fuel use through the installation, retrofit or investigation into the feasibility of biomass heating or combined heat and power systems for community and/or industrial applications. 2. Innovative demonstrations to reduce fossil fuel use through the validation of novel renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy storage, and smart-grid technologies and applications. Front-end engineering design studies are also eligible for funding. 3. Deployment of renewable energy technologies for electricity including hydro, wind, solar, geothermal, and bioenergy. Heat may also be produced, but the primary purpose of the project must be electricity production. 4. Capacity Building in the form of knowledge and skills development, to support the reduction of diesel in rural and remote communities. 							
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>BioHeat, Demonstration, and Deployment Proposals received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, December 4th, 2018 provides option for a 30 minute discussion of your submission with program officers before the final submission date. • Thursday, January 15th, 2019 Final deadline to be eligible for the second round evaluation review. • After January 15th, 2019 Proposals will be considered for the next round of CERRC funding. • Next call for proposals for Capacity building stream will be in early 2019. Date to be confirmed. 	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>\$220 million over six years (starting in 2018) to support rural and remote communities in the provinces and territories (North and South of 60).</p> <p>Remote communities and locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not connected to the North American electrical grid nor to the natural gas pipeline network • Long-term settlement (5 years or more) with at least 10 dwellings <p>Rural Communities (eligible under only the BioHeat and capacity building streams):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected to the North American electrical grid but not natural gas pipeline network • Fewer than 5,000 people • Population density of less than people square kilometre 	<p>Contact</p> <p>E: ncan.remoteenergy-energieadistance.nrcan@canada.ca</p> <p>Natural Resource Canada Reducing Diesel in Remote Communities Website</p> <p>https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/reducingdiesel</p>					





1.10. Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) – General Grants Program		Category	
<p>Description</p> <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, NGOs, 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</p> <p>REFBC 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 intakes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 7, 2019 (decisions in June 2019 and September 2019) • September 2019 (decisions in December 2019 and March 2020) <p>http://www.refbc.com/grants/deadlines</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>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).</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</p> <p>Noémi Pomerleau, <i>Grants Coordinator</i> T: 604-343-2629 E: noemi@refbc.com</p> <p>http://www.refbc.com/grants</p> <p>Please contact the Grants Coordinator to briefly discuss your proposal before submitting a full application</p>	





1.11. Vancity – Community Partnership Program		Category	
<p>Description</p> <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>Community Partnership Program applications are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Reviews will take a maximum of 12-14 weeks to complete.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Maximum funding amount: \$10,000.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>E: communitypartnerships@vancity.com Vancity Community Partnership Program Website</p>	

1.12. Western Economic Diversification Canada – Western Diversification Program (WDP)		Category	
			  
<p>Description</p> <p>The Western Diversification Program (WDP) is the main program through which Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) makes strategic investments in initiatives that enhance and strengthen the economy of Western Canada. WD is currently finalizing its priorities but at this time is focussed on investments targeted at promoting the growth of strategic economic clusters including clean technology; life sciences; value-added agriculture; and, advanced manufacturing. WD is also focussed on the inclusiveness of under-represented groups so that they have the tools they need to participate in today’s economy. These groups include Indigenous peoples (First Nation, Inuit, and Métis); women; and youth.</p> <p>WDP funding is provided to eligible proponents including: not-for-profit organizations; municipal governments and organizations created by them; First Nations as represented by their Chief and Council, Tribal Councils, Indigenous Representative Organizations, Métis and Inuit organizations and Settlements; and Indigenous-owned businesses where all profits accrue solely to the First Nation/Settlement to benefit community members.</p> <p>WD provides funding for incremental costs that are incurred by the recipient and which are required to achieve the desired outcomes. Strong projects will demonstrate: a clear alignment to one or more of WD’s priorities; strong market/industry demand; clear, measurable economic results for Western Canada; effective governance measures and management team; a strong rationale for the project; financial statements that demonstrate the organization is financially self-sustaining; and, confirmed leveraged funding from provincial governments, the private sector, and other non-government sources (typically 50% or more).</p>			
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>WD is always interested in discussing your project concepts. If you have a project idea, we would be happy to hear more details such as a description of the project activities, anticipated benefits and other relevant information.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Usually, less than 50% of project costs are eligible for funding. Incremental operating and capital costs are eligible for funding consideration.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>WD British Columbia 8th Floor, 1166 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC V6E 2R9 T: 604-666-6256 or 1-888-338-9378 F: 604-666-2353 E: wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca</p> <p>https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/301.asp</p>	





2. REGIONAL AREAS

2.1. Coast Funds – Coast Opportunity Funds			Category
			   
Description Coast Funds manages \$118 million spread over two funds: The Conservation Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports environmentally sound and sustainable economic development activities throughout the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii. 			
Application Deadlines Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, and funding decisions are made four times a year. Check the website for more details.	Funding Available Funding allocations are available to participating First Nations and vary by fund.	Service Area Funding provided for First Nations in the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii	Contact Brodie Guy Executive Director T: 604-684-0223 E: brodie@coastfunds.ca https://coastfunds.ca/




2.2. Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) – Funding Programs			Category
			   
Description 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. Over the next three years, one of the Trust’s strategic priorities is renewable and alternative energy. The objective is to ensure renewable and alternative energy generation and conservation opportunities are supported and realized. Our main activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing grants and programming support. Providing expertise and support to communities and organizations exploring renewable and alternative energy generation opportunities. Exploring an appropriate role from the Trust in energy efficiency and conservation. 			
Application Dates This is a continuous intake program. There are no deadlines for applications.	Funding Available The Community Development Program has both a large (over \$10,000) and small (under \$10,000) granting stream.	Service Area Columbia Basin (map)	Contact Michelle d’Entremont, <i>Community Development Program</i> T: 1-800-505-8998 E: communitydevgrants@cbt.org https://ourtrust.org/funding-support/funding-support-programs/







2.3. Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) – Economic Infrastructure Program		Category	
			  
<p>Description</p> <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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>Application Deadlines</p> <p>Please check the website for the next application intake for Economic Infrastructure Program.</p> <p>Continuous intake for the Economic Development Readiness Program.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Up to \$400,000 for the Economic Infrastructure Program and \$30,000 for the Economic Development Readiness Program.</p>	<p>Service Area</p> <p>Vancouver Island (map)</p> <p>Includes Regional Districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberni Clayoquot • Comox Valley • Cowichan Valley • Mount Waddington • Nanaimo • Powell River • Sunshine Coast • Strathcona 	<p>Contact</p> <p>Island Coastal Economic Trust</p> <p>#108 – 501 4th Street Courtenay, BC V9N 1H3 T: 250-871-7797 E: info@islandcoastaltrust.ca</p> <p>Island Coastal Economic Trust Website</p>

2.4. Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund (NKDF) Society – Funding Programs		Category					
							
Description							
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 sponsoring sustainable economic and social 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 and/or programs that are supported by the community, as long as they do not subsidize private business.							
Application Deadlines	Funding Available	Service Area	Contact				
Upcoming proposal deadlines: February 6 th , 2019	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.	North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village (map)	Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society Dan Boudreau, <i>Manager</i> T : 250-964-4066 E: manager@nkdf.org www.nkdf.org/				

2.5. Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Funding Programs		Category			
					
Description					
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.					
Application Deadlines	Funding Available	Service Area	Contact		
Application deadlines vary by programs. Some are annual (November), some are continuous and some are quarterly.	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.	Central and northern British Columbia	Northern Development Initiative Trust T: 250-561-2525 E: info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/		

2.6. Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) – Funding Programs		Category					
							
<p>Description 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:</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. 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. 3. 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. 4. Business Equity Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEDC delivers or co-delivers 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. 							
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on application dates. Only one loan application required to access all NEDC loans.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on loans available.</p>	<p>Service Area Loans eligibility: all Indigenous individuals or Indigenous businesses, as long as they are based on Vancouver Island.</p>	<p>Contact Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation 7563 Pacific Rim Highway Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2 T: 250-724-3131 or 1-866-444-6332 E: nedc@nedc.info https://www.nedc.info/aboriginal-business-loans/</p>				

2.7. Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) – Funding Program		Category		
				
<p>Description 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>Application Deadlines Applications received on a continuous basis.</p>	<p>Funding Available Maximum funding is \$25,000. Applicants may apply for multi-year funding for the same project up to \$50,000. <u>Feasibility studies are ineligible for funding.</u></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 to the east, Hope to the west and Blue River to the north (map)</p>	<p>Contact Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust T: 1-236-420-3680 E: admin@sidit-bc.ca https://sidit-bc.ca/apply-funding/grants/</p>	

2.8. Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) – Funding Programs		Category				
						 
<p>Description 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. 						
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact TACC or other partners for information on application dates.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please contact TACC for information on loans available</p>	<p>Service Area Funding for Aboriginal entrepreneurs and First Nation communities in the Coast Salish Territory.</p>	<p>Contact Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation 508 – 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver, V7T 1A2 T: 604-926-5626 or 1-800-779-7199 E: info@tacc.ca www.tacc.ca</p>			

3. INDIGENOUS and FIRST NATIONS ONLY

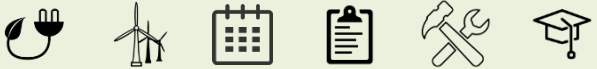
3.1. All Nation Trust Company (ANTCO) – Funding Programs		Category
<p>Description All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO) serves all Indigenous persons: we are not restricted to First Nations. We can support First Nations, Métis, and Inuit applicants. ANTCO offers the following three loans:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First Citizens' Fund (FCF) 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 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity funding for business start-ups, expansions and acquisitions; Funding for business plans and related pre-operating costs. 		
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact ANTCO or other partners for information on application dates.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please contact ANTCO for information on loans available.</p>	<p>Contact All Nations Trust Company 520 Chief Eli LaRue Way, Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1 T: 778-471-4110 or 1-800-663-2959 E: antco@antco.bc.ca http://www.antco.bc.ca/services/grants</p>







3.2. First Nation Finance Authority (FNFA) – Loan		Category
<p>Description 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>		
<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 T: 250-768-5253 or 1-866-575-3632 E: info@fnfa.ca http://www.fnfa.ca/en/</p>






3.3. First Nation Regeneration Fund – Loan Program		Category
<p>Description 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> T: 604-926-5626 E: swong@tacc.ca First Nation Regeneration Fund Website</p>




3.4. FortisBC - Climate Action Partners		Category
<p>Description Funding to advance development of policies and programs for a low carbon and renewable energy future.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact us for more information.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funds and resources are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy and Emissions Plans • Community Energy Managers • Project Implementation 	<p>Contact Climate Action Partners T: 1-800-663-8400</p>






3.5. Fraser Basin Council (FBC) – First Nations Home EnergySave		Category
<p>Description The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) is working with First Nations communities and support organizations to reduce energy use, share success stories, and build local capacity and economic development through the Home EnergySave program.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Expressions of Interest are invited on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding is sometimes available for pilot projects; please contact Fraser Basin Council for details.</p>	<p>Contact Fraser Basin Council Jim Vanderwal, <i>Senior Manager</i> T: 604-897-5350 E: jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca First Nations Home EnergySave Website</p>

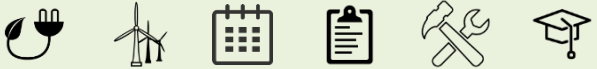
3.6. Indigenous Services Canada – First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)		Category
<p>Description</p> <p>First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) is the main program through which Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) supports general community infrastructure such as roads and bridges, broadband connectivity, cultural and recreational facilities and other, on reserve.</p> <p>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).</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • planning and skills development • roads/bridges • energy systems (including fuel tanks) • solid waste management • connectivity • structural mitigation • fire protection • cultural and recreational facilities 	<p>Contact</p> <p>Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region T: 604-775-7114 F: 604-775-7149 E: aadnc.projetsdimmobilisationscb-capitalprojectsbc.aandc@canada.ca</p> <p>First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) Website</p>

3.7. Indigenous Services Canada – Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)		Category					
							
<p>Description</p> <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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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"> Approximately \$5.6 million 	<p>Contact</p> <p>Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville St, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3 T: 604-775-5100 F: 604-775-7149</p> <p>https://www.aandc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033414/1100100033415</p>					

3.8. Indigenous Services Canada – Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP)		Category				
						
Description						
<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 T: 604-775-5100 F: 604-775-7149</p> <p>https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426/1100100033427</p>				









3.9. Indigenous Services Canada – New Approach for Housing Support in British Columbia (NAHS)		Category		
				
<p>Description The New Approach for Housing Support (NAHS) in British Columbia provides a wider range of eligible activities and flexibility for First Nations than the Housing Subsidy Program. Both programs are part of Indigenous Services Canada’s (ISC) support for First Nations on-reserve housing, but not part of the national First Nations On-Reserve Housing Program which does not effectively support many of the smaller First Nations in British Columbia. NAHS is delivered through the annual First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan process.</p>				
<p>Application Deadlines As NAHS is delivered through the annual First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan, applications must be submitted to ISC’s regional office in British Columbia by October 15th of each year. To apply, please contact ISC’s British Columbia office.</p>	<p>Funding Available NAHS has three streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream 1 provides funding to help First Nations establish a housing strategy that works for their community, including planning, policy development, and training/capacity building opportunities • Stream 2 provides funding for housing construction or renovation • Stream 3 provides funding for lot development and subsidies for new housing 	<p>Contact Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville Street, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC, V6E 4S3 T: 604-775-5100 or 1-800-567-9604 (toll free) E: aadnc.infopubs.aandc@canada.ca https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1460572397817/1460572439929</p>		





3.10. Natural Resource Canada – Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI)		Category				
						
<p>Description The Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI) provides funding to support the economic development of Indigenous peoples in Canada. The activities we fund promote greater participation by Indigenous communities in all natural resource sectors, especially the 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 that gives people in the community training in forest management) <p>As well, eligible projects must have at least one partner (e.g. federal or provincial government, industry, or research organization) that has agreed to contribute financially or with in-kind goods or services.</p>						
<p>Application Deadlines IFI accepts proposals throughout the year, as funds allow. 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 across Canada. In June 2017, the Government of Canada announced it would expand the IFI program with \$10 million in funding over three years.</p>	<p>Contact Maureen Scott, <i>Regional Liaison Officer, Pacific Forestry Initiative</i> T: 250-298-2343 E: maureen.scott@canada.ca http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/federal-programs/13125</p>				







3.11. Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF)		Category 
<p>Description 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> <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 eventually wind participation rents. 		
<p>Application Deadlines This program has regular ongoing intakes. January 31st and May 31st are the intake closing dates each year. Please refer to the FNCEBF website for details.</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 Lindsay Wood, <i>Senior Project Advisor</i> T: 778-974-2105 or 1-800 880-1022 (toll free) E: Lindsay.Wood@gov.bc.ca First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF) Website</p>





3.12. New Relationship Trust (NRT) – Capacity Initiative Grants		Category 
<p>Description 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 2017-2018. 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.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Next application intake is anticipated for May 2019. Check 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> T: 604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338 http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/direct-support/</p>

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ONLY

4.1. BC Hydro – Power Smart Sustainable Communities Program		Category			
Description Financial and technical support is available to assist local governments in advancing community-scale energy and climate action.		   			
Application Deadlines Varies. Review the Sustainable Communities program website for current information.	Funding Available Funds and resources are available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy and Emissions Plans • Community Plans • Community Energy Managers • Interns and Co-op Students • Project Implementation 	Contact BC Hydro Sustainable Communities T: 604-522-4713 (Lower Mainland) or 1-800-522-4713 (toll free) Power Smart Sustainable Communities Program Website			
4.2. BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Infrastructure Planning Grant Program		Category			
Description This program offers funding for local government planning activities that support energy and climate change action. Infrastructure Planning Grants are provided for projects to study the feasibility, costs, technology, and location of proposed sewer, water, drainage, transportation, or other local government infrastructure. The grants can be used for community energy planning or energy related feasibility studies.		   			
Application Deadlines Next deadline: January 16 th , 2019	Funding Available Up to \$10,000. Grants over \$5,000 must have matching funds.	Contact British Columbia Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing T: 250-387-4060 E: infra@gov.bc.ca Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Website			

4.3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Green Municipal Fund (GMF)		Category	
			  
<p>Description Canadian municipalities can apply for funding through Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Green Municipal Fund 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 twice a year on March 1st and August 1st.</p>	<p>Funding Available 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 \$10 million combined with a grant for up to 15% of the loan amount.</p>	<p>Contact Federation of Canadian Municipalities T: 1-877-997-9926 E: programs@fcm.ca fcm.ca/funding</p>	







4.4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program		Category					
							
<p>Description Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program provides funding, training and resources to help Canadian municipalities adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as flooding, wind events and extreme temperatures (hotter summers and colder winters), as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>FCM’s Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program can also help municipalities achieve their goals through its peer learning activities, knowledge sharing products and networking opportunities. The program is delivered by FCM and funded by the Government of Canada.</p>							
<p>Application Deadlines Visit FCM’s website for more information and to contact an FCM Advisor.</p>	<p>Funding Available FCM has changed its intake process and no longer accepts applications on a continuous, year-round basis for climate change grants offered through MCIP. FCM will issue specific calls for applications for MCIP grants as they become available.</p>			<p>Contact Federation of Canadian Municipalities T: 1-877-997-9926 E: programs@fcm.ca fcm.ca/funding</p>			

4.5. Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) – Gas Tax Funding		Category			
					
<p>Description 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 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 T: 250-356-5134 E: 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. Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – BC Rural Dividend Funding Program		Category
<p>Description</p> <p>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 was established in 2016 with \$75 million for three years (2016-2019). In budget 2018 the Program was extended to 2021 with an additional \$75 million in funding to help rural communities across British Columbia reinvigorate and diversify their local economies, making them more attractive places to live and work.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>No future intakes, at this time</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <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 Focused more on supporting feasibility /design /engineering / project management costs rather than capital costs. 	<p>Contact</p> <p>Application Support (FrontCounter BC): T: 1-877-855-3222</p> <p>BC Rural Dividend Fund Program Office: T: 250-356-7950 E: ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend</p>

5.2. BC Bioenergy Network – Funding Program		Category					
							
<p>Description</p> <p>Since establishment in 2008, BC Bioenergy Network (BCBN or Network) has been the leading agency accelerating the demonstration of bioenergy technologies in the Province. This has been realized through Project investment, championing the utilization of BC biomass, forming partnerships between B.C.’s research institutions and the private sector, and by actively communicating the potential and importance of bioenergy.</p> <p>BCBN is aligned with the BC Government’s strategy to reinvigorate the bioenergy cluster in B.C. with the goal of supporting greater investment and innovation in bioenergy and renewable biofuel projects and technologies. BCBN’s current areas of focus include decarbonizing long-distance transportation (marine, aviation, rail, and trucking), expansion of the renewable natural gas sector, developing the hydrogen economy and the advancement of community and municipal waste to energy initiatives.</p>							
<p>Application Dates</p> <p>Funding opportunities will be updated at a future date.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>BCBN will be offering funding in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Challenges – Opportunities structured as a competition. Funding is offered to the top applicant(s) who will then compete in a Sprint and Field Trial phase. 5) Single Applicant - Funding is determined on a project by project basis. 6) Partnerships – Funding is determined on a project by project basis. <p>Funding opportunities are focused on technology feasibility and development, engineering design, project management and capital costs.</p>				<p>Contact</p> <p>Scott Stanners, PhD Executive Director T: 604-889-4549 E: scott.stanners@bcbioenergy.ca http://www.bcbioenergy.ca/</p>		

6. NON-FUNDING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR FIRST NATIONS

6.1. Indigenous Clean Energy – 20/20 Catalysts Program

Description

The 20/20 Catalysts Program is a hands-on program designed to support Indigenous communities embarking on clean energy projects. Working collaboratively with the guidance of Indigenous leaders and clean energy practitioners from across the country, Catalysts will gain the skills and tools needed to develop projects and maximize the social and economic benefits communities gain through clean energy initiatives.

Application Deadlines

Now accepting applications. Early acceptance available. Deadline to apply: March 1st, 2019.

Contact

Ian Scholten, Catalyst Coordinator

T: 613-562-2005 x 235

E: ischolten@indigenoucleanenergy.com

<http://indigenoucleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/>

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

Description

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

<https://www.cleanenergybc.org/reports-publications/b>

Steps to a Winning 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 <http://toolkit.bc.ca/>
- Community Energy Association funding guide for community energy and climate change initiatives <http://communityenergy.bc.ca/publications/>
- CivicInfo BC (searchable grants database) <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/grants>
- BC Government Economic Development Funding & Grants (searchable grants database) <http://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) http://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 <http://www.womensenterprise.ca/business-loans/grant-programs-bc-businesses/>
- BC Indigenous Small Business Resources https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/aboriginal_small_business_resource_hand_out_web.pdf