

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 assist British Columbia 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; funding for First Nations; regionally specific funding; 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 March 15, 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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¹ Including: small-hydro, geothermal, geo-exchange, bioenergy, solar (thermal and photovoltaic), wind, renewable district energy, waste-to-energy, renewable natural gas, and energy storage.

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2. Regional Areas (continued)									
2.8. Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) – Funding Programs	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3. First Nations Only									
3.1. All Nation Trust Company (ANTCO) – Funding Programs	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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4.2. BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Infrastructure Planning Grant Program		•	•	•	•	•			
4.3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund		•	•	•		•	•	•	
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for Climate Innovation Program									
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5. UPCOMING FUNDING									
5.1. Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – BC Rural Dividend Funding Program	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•





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.

2018 Jan	<p>17th Infrastructure Planning Grant Program</p> <p>31st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund</p>	2018 Feb	<p>28th Real Estate Foundation of BC</p> <p>2nd Catalyst 20/20</p> <p>21st EcoAction Community Funding Program</p> <p>24th BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative</p>
2018 Apr	<p>3rd Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund</p> <p>12th Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities</p>	2018 May	<p>31st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund</p>
2018 Jul	<p>31st Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund</p>	2018 Aug	<p>Real Estate Foundation of BC</p>
2018 Oct	<p>15th New Approach for Housing Support in British Columbia</p> <p>23rd Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund</p>	2018 Nov	2018 Dec

LEGEND		
 Energy Efficiency	 Clean Energy	 Community Energy Planning
 Feasibility/Prefeasibility	 Construction	 Capacity Building


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



1.1. BC Bioenergy Network – Funding Program		Category			
					
<p>Description 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 mission to decarbonize the economy. One area of focus is decarbonizing long-distance transportation including the marine, aviation, rail, and trucking sectors.</p>					
<p>Application Dates Applications for the ARCTIC Sprint Challenge program closed February 28, 2018.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding is available through participation in the competitive ARCTIC Sprint Challenge program.</p> <p>The focus of the first program is increasing the supply of renewable natural gas in BC.</p>	<p>Contact Dr. Scott Stanners Executive Director T: 604-891-1249 E: Scott.Stanners@bcbioenergy.ca http://www.bcbioenergy.ca/</p>			





1.2. BC Hydro – Conservation Programs for Residential and Commercial Customers		Category	
<p>Description/Funding Available Conservation programs and incentives are available to help you 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"> • Home Renovation Rebates • Savings Based on Income • Energy Saving Incentives for Businesses • and many more 		 	
<p>Application Deadlines Varies by program. Visit the website for details.</p>	<p>Contact BC Hydro T: 1-800-224-9376 https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart.html</p>		







1.3. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) – Funding Programs		Category		
<p>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. CMHC also provides funding and support for First Nations housing and energy initiatives.</p>		  		
<p>Application Deadlines Varies. Intakes generally end in April. Please see the CMHC website for details.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding Varies. Please see website links or contact the B.C. Regional Business Centre for more details on the various supports available.</p>	<p>Contact Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation B.C Regional Business Centre T: 1-800-309-3388 https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/inpr/afhoce/fuafho/iah/afhopracca/afhopracca_002.cfm</p>		

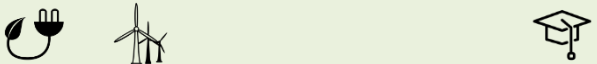
1.4. Environment and Climate Change Canada – EcoAction Community Funding Program		Category		
<p>Description Environment and Climate Change Canada’s EcoAction Community Funding Program provides financial support to community groups for projects that have measurable, positive impacts on the environment. Projects must address one of Environment and Climate Change Canada’s environmental priorities: climate change, clean air, clean water, and nature. Funding support may be requested for projects that have an action focus to improve the environment and increase environmental awareness and capacity in the community.</p>				
<p>Application Deadlines Call for Proposals deadline March 21, 2018.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding to a maximum of \$100,000 per project is available. The maximum length of a project is 36 consecutive months (3 years). 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 Funding Programs Office of Environment and Climate Change Canada to discuss your project idea.</p>	<p>Contact Environment and Climate Change Canada West & North Region T: 1-800-567-1570 E: ec.ecoactionouestnord-ecoactionwestnorth.ec@canada.ca http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/</p>		

1.5. 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 is broken into two streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champions Stream: The \$450 million Champions stream will provide funding to all eligible applicants (provinces and territories, municipalities, Indigenous communities and organizations, businesses and not-for-profit organizations.) The Champions stream is now open for applications, with a deadline of May 14, 2018. • 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 2018. 						
<p>Application Deadlines The Champions Stream is now open for applications, with a deadline of May 14, 2018. The Partnership Stream will be launched later in 2018.</p>	<p>Funding Available \$450 million Champions Stream and \$50 million for the Partnership Stream.</p>	<p>Contact Low Carbon Economy Challenge Website</p>				

1.6. 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 envelope improvements, high-efficiency appliances, equipment and more. A special "Top Up" program is also available for First Nations.</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 <i>Electricity</i> T: 1-866-436-7847 E: electricrebates@fortisbc.com <i>Natural Gas</i> T: 1-800-663-8400 E: rebates@fortisbc.com www.fortisbc.com/rebates</p>	

1.7. 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 local governments and First Nations community-owned energy efficiency and clean energy projects. 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 B.C. Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund.</p>					
<p>Application Dates</p> <p>The program is not accepting funding applications. CELP is currently implementing projects funded under its third funding intake and is completing a program evaluation before launching its next funding intake.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Ranges from \$10,000 - \$175,000 per project for eligible construction costs.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>British Columbia 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 www.gov.bc.ca/communityenergyleadershipprogram</p>			





1.8. 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. Innovative Demonstrations to Reduce Diesel Use in off-grid, remote and Northern communities (indigenous and non-indigenous); 2. Deployment of Renewable Energy Technologies to reduce reliance on diesel in off-grid, remote and Northern communities (Indigenous and non-Indigenous); and 3. Bioheating Program to Reduce Fossil Fuel Use to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in rural and remote communities. 							
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>Proposals received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By April 12, 2018 Applicants may request a half hour phone call to ask questions related to their submission. • By May 3, 2018 Submissions will be reviewed for completeness and applicants will be notified of missing documentation. • After May 3, 2018 Submissions will be reviewed as is. <p>The deadline for submission is May 17, 2018, to be considered for funding in the first year (2018–19) of the program.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>\$220 million over six years starting in 2018/19 to support rural and remote communities in the provinces and territories (North and South of 60).</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>E: nrcan.remoteenergy-energieadistance.nrcan@canada.ca</p> <p>Natural Resource Canada Reducing Diesel in Remote Communities Website</p>					

1.9. Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) – General Grants Program		Category
<p>Description 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 interest 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 are applied to help determine whether or not a project is a good fit for a General Grant. The grants fund research and knowledge mobilization, public and professional education, and initiatives that support law and policy analysis/reform related to land use and real estate, that benefit BC communities.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines 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. 2017/2018 Intake as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 28, 2018 September 2018 	<p>Funding Available Grants are made available to a wide range of projects in any of the five program interest areas, ranging from small, grassroots projects (typically between \$2,000 and \$20,000) as well as to larger, multi-year initiatives (up to approx. \$300,000). These grants are typically allocated for costs associated with human resource needs (rather than capital costs), that target real estate and/or land use professionals and planners, policy makers, decision makers and/or key public audiences.</p>	<p>Contact Nick Davies, <i>Grants Coordinators</i> T: 604-343-2626 E: nick@refbc.com http://www.refbc.com/grants Please contact the Grants Coordinator to briefly discuss your proposal before submitting a full application</p>

1.10. Vancity – Community Partnership Program		Category
<p>Description 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 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 Maximum funding amount: \$10,000.</p>	<p>Contact E: communitypartnerships@vancity.com Vancity Community Partnership Program Website</p>

1.11. Western Economic Diversification – Western Diversification Program		Category	
			  
<p>Description The aim of the Western Diversification Program is to advance Government of Canada’s economic priorities in Western Canada, promote a competitive and expanded industry sector, engage with Indigenous groups to explore opportunities to increase the economic participation of Indigenous peoples, and to help promote skills training opportunities in key sectors across Western Canada. 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>Application Deadlines A formal Call for Proposals process is typically used. Check the WDP website for future updates.</p>	<p>Funding Available Usually, less than 50% of the costs are eligible for funding. Incremental operating and capital costs are eligible for funding consideration.</p>	<p>Contact WD British Columbia 700 - 333 Seymour Street Vancouver, BC V6B 5G9 T: 604-666-6256 or 1-888-338-9378 F: 604-666-2353 E: wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/301.asp</p>	

2. REGIONAL AREAS

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

2.2. Columbia Basin Trust – Funding Programs	Category
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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:

- 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](#))







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<https://ourtrust.org/funding-support/funding-support-programs/>


2.3. Island Coastal Economic Trust – 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 Program supports the development of a wide range of economic diversification infrastructure, and the Economic Development Readiness Program supports the development of targeted strategies and tools to attract economic investment and improve economic conditions. Eligible projects must demonstrate a strong economic development component. Eligible applicants include local and regional governments, First Nations, and non-profit organizations.</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 Society – Funding Programs		Category	
			    
<p>Description</p> <p>The Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund (NKDF) Society is a grant-making agency that assists the people of North West British Columbia and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village, by 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.</p>			
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>Upcoming proposal deadlines include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 3rd, 2018 • July 31st, 2018 • October 23rd, 2018 • February 6th, 2019 	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Service Area</p> <p>North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village (map)</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society</p> <p>Dan Boudreau, Manager T : 250-964-4066 E: manager@nkdf.org</p> <p>www.nkdf.org/</p>







2.5. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Funding Programs		Category	
		 	 
Description 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.			
Application Deadlines Application deadlines vary by programs. Some are annual (November), some are continuous and some are quarterly.	Funding Available Funding varies by program. Programs include economic development capacity building, economic diversification infrastructure, grant writing support, capital investment analysis, and several more. The application processes for each funding program are distinct - please review the relevant Application Guide for specific details on how to apply	Service Area Central and northern British Columbia.	Contact Northern Development Initiative Trust T: 250-561-2525 E: info@northerndevopment.bc.ca http://www.northerndevopment.bc.ca/







2.6. Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) – Funding Programs		Category		
		 	 	 
Description 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 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 Business Equity Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEDC delivers or co-delivery the Business Equity Program for Aboriginal clients on Vancouver Island. This program provides contributions to support eligible business projects including business planning, acquisitions, expansions and others. 				
Application Deadlines Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on application dates. Only one loan application required to access all NEDC loans.	Funding Available Please contact NEDC or other partners for information on loans available.	Service Area Nuuchahnulth individuals and member First Nations	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/	

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




2.8. Tale’awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) – Funding Programs		Category		
Description TACC offers the following funding programs in the Coast Salish Territories: 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%). 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 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. West Coast Energy Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This loan program will assist BC-based Aboriginal entrepreneurial and First Nations-owned businesses that are involved in the LNG and oil and gas sector. Loans of up to \$200,000.00 or 25% of project costs have a 25% forgiveness portion. 				
Application Deadlines Please contact TACC or other partners for information on application dates.	Funding Available Please contact TACC for information on loans available	Service Area Funding for First Nations from the Coast Salish Territory	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	


3. FIRST NATIONS ONLY







3.1. All Nation Trust Company (ANTCO) – Funding Programs		Category
		     
<p>Description ANTCO offers the following three loans: First Citizens' Fund (FCF) Loan</p> <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%). <p>Equity Matching Initiative</p> <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 <p>Business Equity Fund</p> <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 Development Corporation 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 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, B.C. 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 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.</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, General Manager, TACC T: (604) 926-5626 E: swong@tacc.ca First Nation Regeneration Fund Website</p>	

3.4. Fraser Basin Council – First Nations Home EnergySave		Category	
			 
<p>Description The Fraser Basin Council 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 FBC for details.</p>	<p>Contact Eliana Chia, Program Coordinator T: 604-488-5377 E: echia@fraserbasin.bc.ca First Nations Home EnergySave Website</p>	

3.5. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)		Category 
<p>Description First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) is the main program through which Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) supports general community infrastructure such as roads and bridges, broadband connectivity, cultural and recreational facilities and other, on reserve. The goal of FNIF is to improve the quality of life and the environment for First Nation communities. FNIF helps First Nations in the provinces improve and increase public infrastructure on reserves, on Crown Land, and on land set aside for the use and benefit of a First Nation. FNIF also funds those projects off reserve that are cost-shared with non-First Nation partners, such as neighbouring municipalities, or other Indigenous partners (such as self-governing First Nations or Inuit organizations).</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines 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.</p>	<p>Funding Available To be selected for FNIF funding, a project must meet the requirements for at least one of the following project categories. Consideration is given to local needs and priorities.</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 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada British Columbia Region T: (604) 775-7114 F: (604) 775-7149 E: infopubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca</p> <p>First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) Website</p>

3.6. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)	Category					
						
<p>Description</p> <p>CORP is expected to increase economic development by providing proposal based financial support to First Nation Communities to assist in their pursuit of, and participation in economic opportunities where they lack the financial resources to pursue them.</p> <p>CORP supports proposals based on their immediate or future ability to attract private sector funding and on their community economic impacts and supports projects that will leverage the most from other funding sources, and that will have the greatest impact on their community.</p> <p>CORP Regional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A call out letter for 2017/18 Statements of Intent (SOI) was sent on November 2016. Received 181 CORP and LEDSP targeted SOIs. The SOI's are reviewed in compliance with the National CORP Guidelines. The SOIs are ranked on a regional project ranking scale. The highest scored projects were asked to submit a full application and will be considered to be funded. <p>CORP Prioritization Framework Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CORP projects over \$250,000 are submitted through a national CORP Prioritization Framework Process. • 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 November for the following year. However, there is a continuous intake for submissions.</p> <p>Contact your INAC regional office to find out more.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>For the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Region Initial CORP Budget was \$2.1 million • The National Capital Region's National CORP Budget was \$15.8 million 	<p>Contact</p> <p>Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville St, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3 T: 604-775-5100 F: 604-775-714 https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033414/110010033415</p>				

3.7. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP)		Category
		
Description LEDSP Core <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. LEDSP Targeted <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 INAC 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. 		
Application Deadlines Call for proposals are usually issued in November for the following year. However, there is a continuous intake for submissions. Contact your INAC regional office to find out more.	Funding Available For the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Region LEDSP Core Budget was \$5.16 Million BC Region LEDSP Targeted Budget was \$643,910 	Contact Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville St, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3 T: 604-775-5100 F: 604-775-7149 https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033423/1100100033424

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 BC Toll-free: [1.800.663.1385](tel:1.800.663.1385)
 E: commission.secretary@bcuc.com

3.8. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – New Approach for Housing Support in British Columbia (NAHS)		Category		
Description 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 INAC's 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.				





3.9. Natural Resource Canada – Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI)		Category				
Description The Indigenous Forestry Initiative 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: <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) 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.						


3.10. Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF)		Category
		     
<p>Description</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide capacity development funding to support applicants to undertake activities such as feasibility studies or to engage with proponents of clean energy projects (Capacity Funding); • 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) • 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>Application Deadlines</p> <p>This program has regular ongoing intakes. January 31 and May 31 are the intake closing dates each year. Please refer to the FNCEBF website for details.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Nations Clean Energy Business Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Lindsay Wood, <i>Senior Project Advisor</i> T: 1-800 880-1022 F: 250-387-6073 E: Lindsay.Wood@gov.bc.ca First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund FNCEBF Website</p>


3.11. New Relationship Trust – BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI)		Category
		    
<p>Description</p> <p>The New Relationship Trust (NRT) has partnered with Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) to administer \$4,200,000 of federal funding for the three-year BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) through Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Strategic Partnerships Initiative.</p> <p>BCICEI funding supports the 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. Funding supports community projects that follow the completion of community engagement (such as a community energy plan), including those needed to secure electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro and attract debt and equity financing to enable project construction.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>The next BCICEI intake deadline is March 23, 2018.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Eligible BCICEI 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility and Site Selection • Environmental Review and Permitting • Project Design and Engineering • Demand Side Management 	<p>Contact</p> <p>New Relationship Trust Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) Coordinator T: 604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338 E: sseaton@nrtf.ca www.newrelationshiptrust.ca</p>







3.12. New Relationship Trust – 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 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>Application Deadlines Next application intake is anticipated for May 2018. Check website for updates</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to \$25,000 for individual First Nations communities.</p>	<p>Contact Matt Cook-Contois, Senior Project Officer, New Relationship Trust T: 604-925-3348 of 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
		   
<p>Description Financial and technical support is available to assist local governments in advancing community-scale energy and climate action.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Varies. Review the Sustainable Communities program website for current information.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funds and resources are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy and Emissions Plans; • Community Plans; • Community Energy Managers; • Interns and Co-op Students; and • Project Implementation. 	<p>Contact BC Hydro Sustainable Communities T: 1-800-224-9376 Power Smart Sustainable Communities Program Website</p>

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 Year round open intake.	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 – Green Municipal Fund		Category	
Description Canadian municipalities can apply for funding through FCM’s Green Municipal Fund for municipal projects that improve air, water, and soil quality, and reduce energy consumption. Grants are available for plans, feasibility studies, and pilot projects. Low-interest loans combined with grants are available for environmental capital projects. 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.			
Application Deadlines Applications for plans, studies, and pilot projects are accepted year-round. Applications for environmental capital projects are accepted twice a year.	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 20% of the loan amount	Contact Federation of Canadian Municipalities T: 1-877-997-9926 E: programs@fcm.ca fcm.ca/funding	

4.4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program		Category											
<p>Description</p> <p>FCM's 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.</p> <p>The program is delivered by FCM and funded by the Government of Canada.</p>													
<p>Application Deadlines</p> <p>Applications for plans, studies, and climate change capital projects are accepted year-round until January 2020.</p> <p>Visit FCM's website for more information and to contact an FCM Advisor.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Plans and studies: up to 80% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000</p> <p>Climate change capital projects: up to 80% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$1 million</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Federation of Canadian Municipalities: T: 1-877-997-9926 E: programs@fcm.ca</p> <p>fcm.ca/funding</p>											

4.5. Union of BC Municipalities – Gas Tax Funding		Category											
<p>Description</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please contact UBCM for more details around Application processes.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>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</p> <p>Union of BC Municipalities, Gas Tax Program Services T: 250-356-5134 E: ubcm@ubcm.ca</p> <p>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 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>		
<p>Application Deadlines No future intakes, at this time</p>	<p>Funding Available Three streams of funding available: 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>	<p>Contact Application Support (FrontCounter BC): T: 1-877-855-3222 BC Rural Dividend Fund Program Office: T: 250-356-7950 E: ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend</p>

6. NON-FUNDING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR FIRST NATIONS

6.1. Lumos Energy – Catalyst 20/20

<p>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 maximize the social and economic benefits communities gain through clean energy initiatives.</p>	
<p>Application Deadlines Individuals, who apply early, have a chance at early acceptance to the Program. Now excepting applications.</p>	<p>Contact Ian Scholten, Program Manager T: 613-562-2005 x 235 E: ischolten@lumosenery.com http://indigenoucleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/</p>

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/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/BC-FN-Toolkit.pdf> (copy and paste link into browser)

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/>
- British Columbia's Indigenous Small Business Resources https://smallbusinessbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/resource_files/Indigenous-SB-Resource-Handout.pdf