

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 and Resources

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 generation 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 Indigenous groups; 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 6th, 2019. It will be updated periodically as funding details change: please check the Document Link below for the latest version.

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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<https://gov.bc.ca/cleanenergyprojects-fundingopportunities>

Note: Resources Guidelines and Funding Deadlines Change

This Guide is a living document updated regularly by the Community Clean Energy Branch at BC Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources.

If you find a resource in this document that you think applies to you, we strongly recommend checking the website listed in the entry.

Please send us updates or give us feedback on the Guide: charles.burnett@gov.bc.ca

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In BC, public utilities are regulated by BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) under the [Utilities Commission Act](#).

A public utility, as defined by the [Utilities Commission Act](#), consists of *any person or entity that owns or operates assets for the production, transmission, delivery or sale of electricity, steam, thermal energy or gas to the public for compensation. This includes thermal and district energy systems, electrical and gas distribution lines, pipelines, electrical transmission and more.*

Who is excluded as a public utility?

- Municipalities or regional districts operating or providing services within their own boundaries;
- Producers who do not resell the service or commodity beyond themselves, their employees or tenants;
- 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.

For more information visit: <http://www.bcuc.com/resources/>

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3. Indigenous and First Nations Only									
3.1. All Nation Trust Company (ANTCO) – Funding Programs	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3.2 BC Hydro – Indigenous Communities Conservation Fund	•		•						•
3.3. Coast Funds – Coast Opportunity Funds	•		•	•		•	•	•	•
3.4. First Nation Finance Authority (FNFA) – Loan Program	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3.5. First Nation Regeneration Fund – Loan Program	•			•				•	•
3.6 FPInnovations - Indigenous Forestry Program	•			•		•		•	•
3.7. FortisBC – Climate Action Partners	•			•	•			•	•
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3.12. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – New Approach for Housing Support in British Columbia (NAHS)	•		•		•				•
3.13. Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF)	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3.14. Natural Resource Canada – Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI)	•			•	•	•	•	•	•
3.15. New Relationship Trust (NRT) – BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI)	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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3.17 Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) – 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 (GMF)		•	•	•		•	•	•	
4.4. Union of BC Municipalities – Gas Tax Funding		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
5. Upcoming Funding									
5.1. BC Bioenergy Network – Funding Program	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5.2 BC Ministry of Energy – Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)	•	•	•	•				•	
5.3. Ministry of Environment / Climate Change Secretariat & Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – CleanBC Communities Fund (CCF)	•	•		•				•	
5.4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities (RNC)	•	•		•				•	
5.5 New Relationship Trust (NRT) – Capacity Initiative Grants	•		•	•					•

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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 Nov	7 th Columbia Basin Trust	Dec		2020 Jan	15 th LEDSP Core & FCM Green Municipal Fund & MAH Infrastructure Planning Grant Program 17 th CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities 31 st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund & BCICEI
2020 Feb	3 rd Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society	Mar	(see website) Real Estate FBC 15 th Catalyst 20/20	Apr	3 rd Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund
May	16 th New Relationship Trust – Capacity Initiative Grants 31 st First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund	Jun		Jul	28 th Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund
Aug		Sep	(see website) Real Estate Foundation of BC	Oct	



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 Hydro – Conservation Programs for Residential and Commercial Customers	Category	
<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 new appliances 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> <p>Team Power Smart Energy Saving Kit Energy Conservation Assistance Program Home Renovation Rebates Social Housing Retrofit Support Program Business Energy Savings Incentives</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Varies by program</p>	<p>Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/energysavings</p>	



1.2. BC Hydro – New Construction Market Transformation	Category	
<p>We provide financial support to local governments and indigenous communities to create access to the skills, practices, and resources required to build to higher energy efficiency standards, such as the BC Energy Step Code. We also support demonstration projects to exemplify leadership in high performance building design and construction.</p>		 
<p>Application Deadlines Varies. Please contact us for more information.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education partnerships for professional development focused events (e.g. Builder Breakfasts) • Step Code Builder Incentive Funding 	<p>Contact BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com/energysavings</p>





1.3. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) – Funding Programs		Category		
				
<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> <p>Please see website links or contact the BC Regional Business Centre for more details on the various supports available.</p> <p>CMHC funding programs include: Seed Funding Preservation Funding National Housing Co-Investment Fund Affordable Housing Innovation Fund Federal Lands Initiative Rental Construction Financing Initiative (Direct Insured Lending) Mortgage Loan Insurance (MLI) & MLI Flex Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) Home Modifications for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP-D)</p>				
<p>Application Deadlines Varies - please see the CMHC website for details.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding is dependent on geographic region, specific program requirements, and availability.</p>	<p>Contact Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation BC Regional Business Centre 1-800-309-3388</p>		

1.4. FortisBC – Conservation and Energy Management		Category	
			
<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 free Energy Star refrigerator; insulation in walls, attics and/or crawlspaces; and an Energy Star natural gas furnace. The Home Renovation Rebate program provides rebates for insulation and draftproofing, windows and doors, high efficiency heating systems and water heaters, and household appliances. The New Home program provides up to \$8500 per unit when building energy efficient homes.</p> <p>Community and commercial buildings can receive design support and rebates for high-efficiency appliances, equipment and more.</p>			
<p>Application Deadlines Varies. Review FortisBC website for current programs and offers.</p>	<p>Funding Available See website for details.</p>	<p>Contact FortisBC Conservation and Energy Management For Electricity: electricrebates@fortisbc.com 1-866-436-7847 For Natural Gas: rebates@fortisbc.com 1-800-663-8400 www.fortisbc.com/rebates</p>	


1.5. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Buildings		Category	
			
<p>The new CleanBC Better Buildings program helps businesses and other organizations save energy and reduce their environmental footprint. There are several incentive offers available in the program, including those that support replacing fossil fuel (i.e. oil, propane, or natural gas) heating systems with electric heat pump systems, upgrading to high-efficiency natural gas equipment, and installing improved windows, doors and insulation that minimize heat loss.</p> <p>Better Buildings incentive offerings provide up to \$20,000 for an energy study, and up to \$200,000 for a commercial or social housing building to switch to high-efficiency heating equipment or make building envelope improvements. Better Buildings is jointly funded by the Province and the Government of Canada under the Low Carbon Economy Fund. Program offers are administered by BC Hydro, FortisBC, and BC Housing.</p>			
<p>Application Dates Program offers opened in September 2018 and will be a continuous application.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please check the Better Buildings website for incentive amounts (varies by type and eligibility)</p>	<p>Contact Better Buildings Energy Coaches 1-844-881-9790 or 1-250-412-0489 Contact form: www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/connect/ www.betterbuildingsbc.ca/</p>	


1.6. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Better Homes		Category	
			
<p>The new CleanBC Better Homes program helps people save energy and reduce their environmental footprint. Financial rebates 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, doors and insulation that minimize heat loss.</p> <p>Better Homes, along with partner programs, will provide up to \$14,000 for a home to switch to high-efficiency heating equipment or make building envelope improvements. Better Homes is jointly funded by the Province and the Government of Canada under the Low Carbon Economy Fund. Program offers are administered by BC Hydro, and FortisBC, with further support from several local governments.</p>			
<p>Application Dates Program offers opened in September 2018 and will be a continuous application.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please check the Better Homes website for rebates amounts (varies by type and eligibility).</p>	<p>Contact BetterHomesBC Energy Coaches 1-844-881-9790 or 1-250-412-0489 Contact form: www.betterhomesbc.ca/connect/ www.betterhomesbc.ca/</p>	

1.7. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC)		Category	
			
<p>As part of CleanBC, the Province of B.C.'s Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC) Program will assist remote communities in BC reduce their reliance on diesel by funding the capital costs of renewable electricity projects.</p>			
<p>The RERC Program is a key part of the Province's Remote Community Energy Strategy (RCES), announced in the CleanBC Plan. The Strategy targets the 22 largest diesel generating stations in B.C. and aims to reduce province-wide diesel consumption for generating electricity in remote communities by 80 per cent by 2030.</p>			
<p>On behalf of the Province, Coast Funds and the Fraser Basin Council (FBC) will provide up to \$16.5 million to remote communities to develop renewable electricity projects. Coast Funds is responsible for delivering the RERC Program with First Nations located in the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii regions. The Fraser Basin Council is responsible for delivering the RERC Program with all other RERC communities in B.C.</p>			
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>			
<p>Coast Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala • Dzawada'enuxw • Gitga'at • Gwawaeneuk Heiltsuk • Kwikwasut'inux Haxwa'mis • Kitasoo/Xai'Xais • Nuxalk • Haida • Ulkatcho • Wuikinuxv 		<p>Fraser Basin Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anahim Lake • Firvale • Fort Ware • Dease River • Elhlateese • Good Hope Lake • Hagensborg • Hesquiaht • Jade City • Lhoosk'uz Dene • Nimpo Lake • Masset • Port Clements • Queen Charlotte City • Sandspit • Skidegate Landing • Tlell • Telegraph Creek • Tlatlasikwala • Tsay Keh Dene • Toad River • Xenigwet'in 	
<p>Application Deadline January 17, 2020</p> <p>Funding Available Coast Funds: \$7.9 million Fraser Basin Council: \$8.5 million</p> <p>Program guides and application forms will then be made available on the Coast Funds and Fraser Basin Council websites in December 2019.</p>	<p>Contacts</p> <p>Coast Funds Ashley Hardill, <i>Director, Project Investment</i> ashley@coastfunds.ca 1-604-684-0223 ext. 5 www.coastfunds.ca/apply/</p> <p>Fraser Basin Council Jim Vanderwal, <i>Senior Manager, Climate Change & Air Quality</i> jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca 1-604-897-5350 www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/rerc.html</p>		<p>Ministerial Contact</p> <p>Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources Eryn Fitzgerald Senior Policy Analyst Community Clean Energy Branch 1-778-974-4437 www.gov.bc.ca/renewable-energy-remote-communities</p>

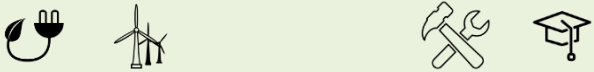
1.8. Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) – General Grants Program		Category				
<p>REFBC’s General Grants support projects that address current land use challenges and help communities to plan for the future. To apply for an REFBC grant, the lead applicant must be a registered non-profit organization 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 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>2019/2020 intakes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications open in February 2020 with a deadline in March 2020 (decisions in June 2020 and September 2020) • Applications open in August 2020 with a deadline in September 2020 <p>http://www.refbc.com/grants/deadlines</p>	<p>Funding Available 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 Nick Davies, <i>Grants Program Manager</i> 1-866-912-6800 nick@refbc.com www.refbc.com/grants</p> <p>Please contact the Grants Coordinator to briefly discuss your proposal before submitting a full application</p>				

1.9. Vancity – Community Partnership Program		Category					
<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 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 communitypartnerships@vancity.com Vancity Community Partnership Program Website</p>					







1.10. Vancity – envirofund™		Category				
<p>From 2018-2022, the Vancity envirofund™ will be invested in projects that make it easier for us all to live lighter and preserve the earth’s resources for future generations. A five-year focus allows us to create true systemic change and greater access for future growth in our communities. Previously, the five-year focus for the Vancity enviroFund™ program was to support the development of a sustainable local food system. Vancity enviro™ Visa cardholders raised \$5 million that we invested into 150 local food projects Local food continues to be supported through other Vancity granting streams, but now we have an opportunity to support another area: lighter living initiatives that encourage us all to consume less, waste less, live more and share more.</p>						
<p>Application Deadlines Accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding ranges depending on the project, but typically between \$5,000 and \$100,000.</p>	<p>Contact envirofund@vancity.com enviroFund Website</p>				





1.11. Western Economic Diversification Canada – Regional Innovation Ecosystems (RIE)		Category				
<p>The regional development agencies (RDAs) are delivering the RIE program across Canada, in their respective regions. Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) is delivering RIE in western Canada. Through RIE, we are making targeted investments in not-for-profit organizations that support businesses in priority sectors to innovate, grow and compete globally. We are also fostering inclusive growth through supporting under-represented groups, mainly women, Indigenous peoples and young entrepreneurs, to more fully participate in the innovation economy. The RIE program builds on the federal government's Innovation and Skills Plan.</p>						
<p>RIE applications must support one of the following two priority areas:</p> <p>1.Cluster* Growth, within one of the following priority sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Technology • Clean Resources • Life Sciences • Value-added Agriculture • Advanced Manufacturing • Digital Technology <p>2. Inclusiveness, with respect to one of the following under-represented groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Peoples • Women • Youth 	<p>Funding Available RIE is open to not-for-profit organizations that support businesses, innovators and entrepreneurs, for start-up, growth, productivity, technology commercialization, technology adoption, export and investment attraction. Businesses must meet the following mandatory criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • post-secondary educational institutions; • Business Accelerator and Incubators; • angel networks; • Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) organizations; • social enterprises; • a group of eligible recipients such as an industry association or consortium; and • a municipality and all other municipal-type organizations. 	<p>Application Deadlines WD is now accepting applications for RIE on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Contact WD British Columbia #1300 – 300 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6B 6B4 1-604-666-6256 or 1-888-338-9378 Fax: 1-604-666-2353 wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/19775.asp</p>				




2. REGIONAL AREAS

2.1. Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) – Funding Programs		Category
<p>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. The objective is to ensure renewable and alternative energy generation and conservation opportunities are supported and realized.</p> <p>The Trust’s Energy Sustainability Grants Program funds alternative energy generation and energy efficiency upgrades/retrofits to community purpose buildings.</p> <p>Service area: Columbia Basin (map)</p>		
<p>Application Dates Expression of Interest deadline: November 7, 2019, 2 pm PT</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to 75% of eligible cash expenses for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Generation, Conservation and Efficiency: up to a maximum of \$50,000 - Electric Vehicle Charging Station (level 2): up to a maximum of \$4,000 	<p>Contact Ulli Mueller umueller@ourtrust.org 1-800-505-8998 www.ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/energy-sustainability-grants/</p>







2.2. Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) – Economic Infrastructure Program		Category
<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. 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. 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>Service Area: Vancouver Island (map) – Includes Regional Districts: Alberni Clayoquot; Comox Valley; Cowichan Valley; Mount Waddington; Nanaimo; Powell River; Sunshine Coast; and Strathcona.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Please check the website for the next application intake for Economic Infrastructure and Innovation Program.</p> <p>Continuous intake for the Economic Development Readiness Program.</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to \$300,000 for the Economic Infrastructure and Innovation Program and \$30,000 for the Economic Development Readiness Program.</p>	<p>Contact Island Coastal Economic Trust #108 – 501 4th Street Courtenay, BC V9N 1H3 1-250-871-7797 info@islandcoastaltrust.ca Island Coastal Economic Trust Website</p>



2.3. Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund (NKDF) Society – Funding Programs		Category
		     
<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>Service Area: North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village (map)</p>		
Application Deadlines	Funding Available	Contact
Upcoming proposal deadlines: February 3rd, 2020, April 3rd, 2020 and July 28th, 2020	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.	Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society Dan Boudreau, <i>Manager</i> 1-250-964-4066 manager@nkdf.org www.nkdf.org

2.4. Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Funding Programs		Category
		   
<p>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.</p> <p>Service Area: Central and northern British Columbia</p>		
Application Deadlines	Funding Available	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.	Northern Development Initiative Trust 1-250-561-2525 info@northernddevelopment.bc.ca www.northernddevelopment.bc.ca/

2.5. Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) – Funding Program		Category
		  
<p>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>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, Hope to the west and Blue River to the north (map)</p>		
Application Deadlines	Funding Available	Contact
Applications received on a continuous basis.	Grants: Maximum funding \$50,000 to Non-profit organizations. Please our website for guidelines Loans: Please our website for guidelines	Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust 1-236-420-3680 admin@sidit-bc.ca www.sidit-bc.ca/apply-funding/grants/



3. INDIGENOUS and FIRST NATIONS ONLY





3.1. All Nation Trust Company (ANTCO) – Funding Programs		Category
		     
<p>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 programs:</p>		
<p>1. 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 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%). 		
<p>2. New Relationship Trust 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. Funds can also assist start-ups and acquisitions. 		
<p>3. Business Equity Fund GRANT</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 Trust Company 520 Chief Eli LaRue Way Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1 1-778-471-4110 or 1-800-663-2959 antco@antco.bc.ca www.antco.bc.ca</p>





3.2. BC Hydro - Indigenous Communities Conservation Program		Category
		 
<p>Indigenous communities in BC Hydro's service area can receive free energy saving products along with salary support and training for local/community installers, and rebates to implement home energy upgrades for their community members.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Ongoing.</p>	<p>Funding Available Funding and resources are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free energy saving products Salary and training for energy saving product installers Rebates for home energy upgrades/renovations Training in best practices for air sealing and insulation retrofits 	<p>Contact BC Hydro 1-866-266-6366 Indigenousconservation@bhydro.com www.bhydro.com/iccp</p>




3.3. Coast Funds – Coast Opportunity Funds		Category	
<p>Coast Funds manages \$118 million spread over two funds:</p> <p>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>Coast fund also administers the CleanBC Renewable Energy for Remote Communities (RERC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see funding entry 1.7 above. 			
<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 Brodie Guy Executive Director 1-604-684-0223 brodie@coastfunds.ca www.coastfunds.ca</p>







3.4. First Nation Finance Authority (FNFA) – Loan Program		Category	
<p>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 1-250-768-5253 or 1-866-575-3632 info@fnfa.ca www.fnfa.ca/en</p>	







3.5. First Nation Regeneration Fund – Loan Program		Category		
		  		
<p>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> 1-604-926-5626 swong@tacc.ca First Nation Regeneration Fund Website</p>		






3.6. FPInnovations - Indigenous Forestry Program		Category		
		   		
<p>FPInnovations is the world's leading not-for-profit forest sector research organization, helping Indigenous communities to create jobs and wealth through our Indigenous Forestry Program.</p>				
<p>The program, aimed at expanding the number of Indigenous communities involved in the Forestry and wood products industry, is financially supported by the provincial governments of Alberta and British Columbia and by Western Economic Diversification Canada.</p>				
<p>Since launch of this program in 2007, FPInnovations has been helping Indigenous communities develop or enhance forestry and wood products businesses. FPInnovations works directly with community leaders to determine the products and services that are appropriate for the specific needs of each community.</p>				
<p>FPInnovations supports the development of the Indigenous forest sector by providing:</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to industry specialists who provide technical advice to help solve production problems, increase productivity, reduce costs and maximize the value of forest resources - On-site technical assistance and operational evaluations - Training through the delivery of workshops and seminars - Market analysis for the development of new forestry or wood products businesses 				
<p>Application Deadlines Please contact us for more information.</p>	<p>Funding Available Please contact us for more information.</p>	<p>Contact Dave McRae 1-250-713-1721 dave.mcrae@fpinnovations.ca www.indigenousforestry.fpinnovations.ca</p>		

3.7. FortisBC - Climate Action Partners		Category			
					
Funding to advance development of policies, programs and actions for a low carbon and renewable energy future.					
Application Deadlines Please contact us for more information.	Funding Available Funds and resources are available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Energy Specialists (community or corporate energy managers) • Project development and implementation 	Contact Climate Action Partners climateactionpartners@fortisbc.com Fortis Climate Action Partners Website			




3.8. Fraser Basin Council (FBC) – First Nations Home EnergySave		Category		
				
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.				
Application Deadlines Expressions of Interest are invited on an ongoing basis.	Funding Available Funding is sometimes available for pilot projects; please contact Fraser Basin Council for details.	Contact Fraser Basin Council Jim Vanderwal, <i>Senior Manager</i> 1-604-897-5350 jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca First Nations Home EnergySave Website		

3.9. Indigenous Services Canada – First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)		Category					
							
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. 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).							
Application Deadlines 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.	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, including for: planning and skills development; roads/bridges; energy systems (including fuel tanks); solid waste management; connectivity; structural mitigation; fire protection; and cultural and recreational facilities.	Contact Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1-604-775-7114 Fax: 1-604-775-7149 aadnc.projetsdimobilisationscb-capitalprojectsbc.aandc@canada.ca First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) Website					


3.10. Indigenous Services Canada – Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)	Category					
<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 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 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"> Budget 2019 proposes to invest \$78.9 million over five years, starting in 2019–20, with \$15.8 million per year ongoing, to support Indigenous entrepreneurs and economic development. This investment, through the Community Opportunity Readiness Program, will help First Nations and Inuit communities build business plans, and provide funding to expand existing Indigenous-led businesses, and launch new Indigenous-led start-ups. 			<p>Contact Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville St, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3 1-604-775-5100 Fax: 1-604-775-7149</p> <p>www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033417/1100100033418</p>		

3.11. Indigenous Services Canada – Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP)	Category				
					
<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 1-604-775-5100 Fax: 1-604-775-7149</p> <p>www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426 / 1100100033427</p>			







3.12. Indigenous Services Canada – New Approach for Housing Support in British Columbia (NAHS)		Category
		  
<p>The New Approach for Housing Support (NAHS) is the ISC British Region program for Housing subsidies. The NAHS program provides a wider range of eligible activities and flexibility for First Nations than the previous Housing Subsidy Program. The NAHS is specific to BC Region only therefore the national First Nations On-reserve Housing Program does not apply in BC.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines NAHS is delivered through a continual intake application process throughout the year. Although there is not a formal “Call” for applications, First Nations should ensure their proposed Housing projects are included in their annual First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan.</p>	<p>Funding Available The NAHS provides funding toward three components of the housing continuum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance/Capacity: provides funding to help First Nations establish a housing strategy that works for their community, including planning, policy development, and training/capacity building opportunities • Single-Year Subsidy: provides subsidy funding for housing construction or renovation within a fiscal year. • Multi-Year Subsidy: provides subsidy funding that support a Community’s Housing Plan for up to a 3 year period. 	<p>Contact First Nations assigned Capital Management Officer or Housing Officer at Indigenous Services Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville Street, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC, V6E 4S3 1-604-775-5100 or 1-800-567-9604 (toll free) aadnc.infopubs.aadnc@canada.ca www.aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca/eng/1460572397817/1460572439929</p>

3.13. Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF)		Category
		     
<p>The FNCEBF aims to promote increased Indigenous 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 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 Sarah Barnes, A/Senior Fiscal Advisor 1-778-698-7301 or 1-800 880-1022 (toll free) Sarah.Barnes@gov.bc.ca First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF) Website</p>

3.14. Natural Resource Canada – Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI)	Category				
					
<p>The Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI) encourages Indigenous participation in the forest economy by supporting Indigenous economic development. The activities we fund promote greater participation by Indigenous communities in in Canada’s 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>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 projects across Canada. In June 2017, the Government of Canada expanded the program with \$10 million in funding over three years. More recently, in Budget 2019, Canada announced 3 years of top-up funding to the IFI, for up to \$12.6 million starting in 2020-21.</p>	<p>Contact Maureen Scott, <i>Regional Liaison Officer, Pacific Forestry Centre</i> 1-250-298-2343 maureen.scott@canada.ca www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/federal-programs/13125</p>			

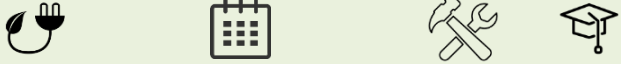
3.15. New Relationship Trust (NRT) – BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI)		Category 
<p>The New Relationship Trust will implement the British Columbia Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) to provide support and capacity-building funds to Indigenous communities working on the development of clean energy projects.</p> <p>Funded through the Federal Government’s Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) and the Province of BC’s CleanBC plan, the BCICEI supports the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing local clean energy and energy efficiency projects in Indigenous communities; • Building Indigenous capacity; • Creating benefits including ownership, revenue sharing, business development, and local employment; and • Identifying pathfinding opportunities for further funding and partnerships on clean energy. <p>The BCICEI funding supports projects that follow community engagement (such as a community energy plan). This includes activities needed to advance projects to construction stage of the project. Examples of such activities include: feasibility and site selection; environmental review and permitting; project design and engineering; demand side management, clean energy (small scale installation non-utility scale); and pre-construction/COD (capital and non-capital costs are eligible). The initiative also supports clean energy development in remote, off-grid, diesel dependent or end of line communities.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines The next BCICEI intake deadline is January 31, 2020.</p>	<p>Funding Available Eligible BCICEI projects could receive support through contributions up to \$500,000 in assisted project costs; however, project support levels will be determined based on demand for funds, the strength of applications, and project development category funding caps. Categories of project development phases under the BCICEI include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility and Site Selection • Environmental Review and Permitting • Project Design and Engineering • Demand Side Management • Clean Energy (small scale installation/non-utility scale) • Pre-Construction/Pre-Commercial Operation Date (COD) 	<p>Contact Cole Sayers, <i>New Relationship Trust</i> 1-604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338 csayers@nrtf.ca www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/bcicei/</p>

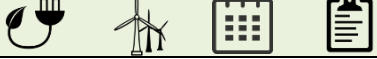
3.16. Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) – Funding Programs		Category					
							
<p>Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) has several loan/fund options and individuals and businesses are encouraged to reach out for more information. Below are some loan/fund examples:</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-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. • 							
<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 Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation 7563 Pacific Rim Highway Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2 1-250-724-3131 or 1-866-444-6332 nedc@nedc.info www.nedc.info/aboriginal-business-loans/</p>				

3.17. Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) – Funding Programs			Category					
								
Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) offers the following funding programs in the Coast Salish Territories:								
<p>1. FCF (First Citizens' Fund) 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>2. Equity Matching Initiative</p> <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. <p>3. Business Equity Program (BEP)</p> <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 1-604-926-5626 or 1-800-779-7199 info@tacc.ca www.tacc.ca</p>					






3.18. Vancity – Indigenous Start-up Loans and Growth Capital			Category		
					
For Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses, VanCity offers:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller start-up loans for indigenous entrepreneurs who have completed the Business and Entrepreneurship Skills Training program call Aboriginal BEST; and Growth capital for small or medium sized high growth enterprises that have a positive social, environmental, or other unique and innovative impact in the community. 					
<p>Application Deadlines Accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.</p>	<p>Funding Available Microloans up to \$50,000. Growth capital up to \$5 million.</p>		<p>Contact microfinance@vancity.com AboriginalBEST VanCity AboriginalBEST microloans VanCity Growth Capital</p>		

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ONLY

4.1. BC Hydro – Power Smart Sustainable Communities Program		Category
<p>Financial, technical, and research support is available to assist local governments in advancing community-scale energy and climate action.</p> <p>BC Hydro Sustainable Communities also supports Peer Networks on Energy Step Code and Electric Vehicles for local government staff to connect, collaborate, and leverage one another’s work and knowledge to further advance climate action goals and achieve greater impact in their communities.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Varies. Review the Sustainable Communities program website or 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 Plans • Community Energy Managers • Building Energy Managers • Interns and Co-op Students • UBC Sustainability Scholars • Project Implementation 	<p>Contact BC Hydro Sustainable Communities 1-604-522-4713 (Lower Mainland) or 1-800-522-4713 (toll free)</p> <p>sustainablecommunities@bchydro.com</p> <p>Power Smart Sustainable Communities Program Website</p>


4.2. BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Infrastructure Planning Grant Program		Category
<p>This program offers funding for local government planning activities that support energy and climate change action. Infrastructure Planning Grants are provided for projects to study the feasibility, costs, technology, and location of proposed sewer, water, drainage, transportation, or other local government infrastructure. The grants can be used for community energy planning or energy related feasibility studies.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Next deadline: January 15, 2020.</p>	<p>Funding Available Up to \$10,000. Grants over \$5,000 must have matching funds.</p>	<p>Contact British Columbia Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 1-250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Website</p>

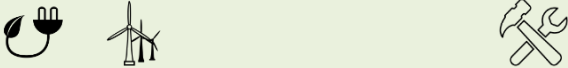
4.3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Green Municipal Fund (GMF)		Category				
						
<p>Canadian municipalities can apply for funding through Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for municipal projects that improve air, water, and soil quality, and reduce 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 on an on-going basis starting in April 1st 2020^t.</p>	<p>Funding Available For studies and plans, grants of up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000. For pilot projects, grants of up to 50 or 80% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$500,000. For capital projects, financing for up to 80% of eligible costs, with a grant of up to 15% of the loan amount</p>	<p>Contact Federation of Canadian Municipalities 1-877-997-9926 programs@fcm.ca www.fcm.ca/en/funding</p>				

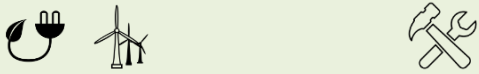
4.4. Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) – Gas Tax Funding		Category				
						
<p>This fund provides funding for local governments in B.C for capital and planning projects including those in community energy, sustainable community planning, public transit, solid waste, and water/waste water. Three funding streams are available.</p>						
<p>Application Deadlines 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 1-250-356-5134 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. BC Bioenergy Network		Category
		
<p>Since establishment in 2008, BC Bioenergy Network (BCBN) 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 CleanBC plan and its goals for the production of low-carbon liquid and gaseous fuels. BCBN recently published a Hydrogen Study and will have it transformed into a Provincial Hydrogen Roadmap. BCBN's current areas of focus include the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Biofuels, a Renewed Bioenergy Strategy for BC, a Biorefinery Investment Market Analysis, and the acceleration of renewable gas production in BC. BCBN is supporting the BC-SMART (Marine, Aviation, Rail, and Truck) Fuels Consortium through the BC-SMART Fuels Secretariat.</p>		
<p>Application Deadlines Funding opportunities will be updated at a future date.</p>	<p>Funding Available BCBN will be offering funding in the form of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 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. 2) Single Applicant - Funding is determined on a project by project basis. 3) Partnerships – Funding is determined on a project by project basis. <p>Funding opportunities are focused on determining technology feasibility, development and deployment, engineering design, project management and capital costs.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Scott Stanners, PhD Executive Director 1-604-889-4549 scott.stanners@bcbioenergy.ca www.bcbioenergy.ca</p>

5.2. 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. Funding for CELP comes from the BC Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund.</p>		
<p>Application Dates</p> <p>The CELP Round 4 Funding Intake closed in May 2019.</p> <p>Future funding intakes are not currently scheduled but 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>Maximum total project cost for this intake is limited to \$2 million dollars or less.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Nairn Albrecht, <i>Senior Policy Analyst</i>, Community Clean Energy Community Clean Energy Branch, B.C. Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources T: 778-698-7166 E: celp@gov.bc.ca www.gov.bc.ca/communityenergyleadershipprogram</p>

5.3. Ministry of Environment / Climate Change Secretariat & Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – CleanBC Communities Fund (CCF)		Category
<p>The CleanBC Communities Fund (CCF), under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is administered jointly by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy’s Climate Action Secretariat (ENV-CAS) and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH). The CCF is a component of the CleanBC plan and it supports the province’s energy, economic, environmental and greenhouse gas reduction priorities. The CCF program targets capital infrastructure projects for public use and benefit and meet the following outcomes: increased capacity to manage renewable energy; increased access to clean energy transportation; increased energy efficiency of buildings; and increased generation of clean energy.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are Local Governments and Indigenous Ultimate Recipients. Not-for-Profit organizations and For-Profit organizations can also apply when working in collaboration with a Local Government or Indigenous government.</p>		
<p>Application Dates Call for applications for the initial intake is now closed.</p> <p>Proposals are being reviewed and successful applicants will be informed of their status once the provincial assessment process has been completed.</p> <p>Please note that subsequent intakes are expected but they are not scheduled at this time.</p>	<p>Funding Available \$63 million</p> <p>Please see the program website for funding splits by eligible applicant.</p>	<p>Contact Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 1-250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program/green-infrastructure/cleanbc-communities-fund</p> <p>www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program</p>

5.4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities (RNC)		Category
		     
<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 Deadlines</p> <p>The application deadline for the initial intake was January 23, 2019.</p> <p>Applications are now under review.</p> <p>Please note that subsequent intakes are expected but they are not scheduled at this time.</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 1-250-387-4060 infra@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program/rural-northern-communities</p> <p>www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program</p>

5.5. New Relationship Trust (NRT) – Capacity Initiative Grants		Category
		  
<p>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 2019-2020. 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>Application Deadlines</p> <p>Intake is currently closed. Please check the NRT website in April 2020 for information on the 2020/21 intake.</p>	<p>Funding Available</p> <p>Up to \$25,000 for individual First Nations communities.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Marie Alaimo, <i>Senior Project Officer, New Relationship Trust</i> 1-604-925-3338 or 1-877-922-3338</p> <p>www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/direct-support/</p>

6. NON-FUNDING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR FIRST NATIONS

6.1. Indigenous Clean Energy – 20/20 Catalysts Program

The 20/20 Catalysts Program is an intensive Indigenous clean energy capacity-building program unlike any other. The Program provides practical and applied learning about renewable energy projects, community energy planning, energy efficiency and conservation, and advanced energy systems. Participants ('Catalysts') are supported to move clean energy projects forward on-the-ground.

- Taking place from May-July every year, the 20/20 Catalysts Program is led by 35+ of the most knowledgeable and experienced Indigenous leaders and clean energy practitioners from across the country. The program includes: engaging in-class learning sessions; one-on-one clean energy mentoring; access to personal and professional coaching; Indigenous clean energy project tours at every on-site; and online monthly webinar sessions.
- It also includes unlimited access to tools, resources and networks on the Indigenous Clean Energy Network - www.indigenouscleanenergy.com/ice-network

The 20/20 Catalysts Program video includes some testimonials from past Energy Champions who took part in the 20/20 Catalysts Program - www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4Iri1QUiBA

Application Deadlines

Now accepting applications. Deadline to apply: March 15th annually.

Contact

Ian Scholten, Catalyst Coordinator
1-613-562-2005 x 235

ischolten@indigenouscleanenergy.com

www.indigenouscleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/

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

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

www.cleanenergybc.org/reports-publications/b

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