

How the NEET Energy Audit Program Can Benefit You and Your Non-profit

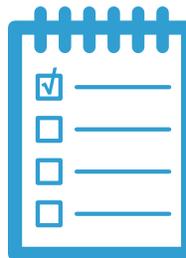
WHAT IS THE NEET ENERGY AUDIT?

NEET will cover 100% of direct costs for Energy Audits and Energy Management Plans up to \$12,000 per organization, anywhere in Alberta. Most facilities will fall below the \$12,000 requirement, allowing them to take advantage of this initiative entirely free of charge.

A NEET Energy Audit will evaluate the current energy performance of your facility, identify and evaluate potential energy and water reduction opportunities, and give you detailed recommendations for energy performance improvements.

These recommendations may include:

- Lighting retrofits
- Control upgrades
- Insulation
- Window and door retrofits
- Weatherization
- Low flow fixtures
- HVAC retrofits
- Building automation systems
- Improved operations and maintenance
- Solar PV systems
- Combined heat and power systems
- Behavioural changes



WHAT IS THE NEET ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN?

In addition to the Energy Audit, you'll receive a plan for action:

If the Energy Audit is the shopping list, then the Energy Management Plan is the instruction manual. It'll tell you how to go about making the changes to your facility and operations that the Audit recommends.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The Energy Management Plan gives you a plan of action for applying each of the energy efficient recommendations, including how you can overcome potential barriers that might arise. It also provides you with the estimated cost and savings you'll experience with each upgrade.

Additionally, the Plan gives you tools and suggestions for promoting a culture of energy efficiency in your facility so that you can continue to experience cost and energy savings in the future. It also provides you with detailed instructions that let you know where you can find your cost savings once upgrades have been made.

If there are other energy efficient incentives available to help you, the Energy Management Plan will outline these and provide information on how to participate.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE NEET PROGRAM?

EXPERT ADVICE

- Auditors are experts in the field of energy efficiency, and they will provide you with an honest and objective assessment of your facility.
- These auditors represent the NEET program, and are not there to sell to you. Their responsibility is to enhance energy efficiency by making recommendations that will allow you to save energy and money.
- The Energy Management Plan describes changes that will be easy for you to implement quickly and on a budget, and gives you advice for long-term upgrades that may require more planning.

IDENTIFIES CURRENT AND FUTURE ENERGY EFFICIENT PROGRAMMING

- Information on funding from other available programs and detailed participation instructions will help guide your non-profit to future energy savings.
- By providing long term infrastructure plans in the Energy Management Plan, your facility has a useful resource that will help you find and take advantage of future energy efficiency programs.

Learn more about the current Energy Efficiency Alberta opportunities available through the Business, Non-Profit and Institutional Energy Savings Program (BNI Program) and Residential and Commercial Solar Program found here: efficiencyalberta.ca

INFORMED DECISION-MAKING

- The resources provided through the NEET Program help to support and empower non-profit leadership teams and boards to make informed decisions about their facilities energy usage and can be a useful tool in long-term planning.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- The Energy Audit and the Energy Management Plan will help make you a more informed consumer when it comes to making energy efficient upgrades. These resources are provided after the energy audit, and the information included can be used as a negotiating tool with installers in the future to ensure you get a fair price.
- Once energy efficient upgrades have been made in your facility, the Energy Management Plan includes detailed instructions on how you can find and identify energy savings over time so you can see the benefits firsthand. In addition to cost savings, the Plan also includes information about the quality of life improvements these changes will create for people in your facility, like enhanced thermal comfort and better quality indoor lighting.
- The Energy Management Plan provides you with recommendations and resources to help promote a culture of energy efficient thinking in your facility for future energy and cost savings.

WHO'S PARTICIPATING?



Over 100 non-profit organizations have taken part in the NEET program since its launch



Types of non-profits participating in the NEET Program include: community centres, outreach and service centres, churches, private schools, recreation centres, and arenas.

WHAT CAN YOU SAVE?



On average, facilities uncover opportunities to save \$10,000 and 500 GJ annually.



The average facility's potential energy savings translate to a reduction of over 1,300 tonnes of CO₂ emissions over the retrofits lifetime.