

ALBERTA FUNDING GUIDE

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This guide provides information about available funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects available to municipalities in Alberta. This guide was created in collaboration with the Community Energy Association.



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ABOUT

This funding guide assists Alberta municipal government staff, elected officials, communities, organizations, and their membership in their search for appropriate funding to support local government energy planning, efficiency and renewable energy projects. Due to limited space, only key information is included for each program.

The guide provides a comprehensive listing of funding programs for which Alberta municipal governments are eligible. The opportunities listed provide financial incentives for climate action, energy planning, energy efficiency, or renewable energy activities. Each listing includes the program title, description, application deadline, restrictions on eligibility, amount of funds available, organization, contact information, and website address.

This guide presents numerous funding sources for climate change mitigation. It is not intended to provide information for adaptation to the impacts of climate change.

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The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Community Energy Association or the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.

Every effort is made to provide accurate information; however, information provided in this document may deviate from as programs are updated over time. Therefore, it is recommended that readers contact each program to confirm the details herein. This document will be updated every three months.

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	CATEGORY				INCENTIVES			
	Buildings	Infrastructure	Renewables	Transportation	Planning Studies	Implementation	Grants	Loans/Tax breaks
MUNICIPAL								
ACE Green Generator Program			●					●
Alberta Community Partnership		●			●	●	●	
Alberta Municipal Solar Program	●	●	●			●	●	
Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership		●				●	●	
Alberta Real Estate Foundation Grant	●	●	●	●		●	●	
EcoAction Community Funding Program	●	●	●	●		●	●	
Electric Vehicles for Municipalities Program				●	●	●	●	
ENMAX Community Investment Program	●	●	●		●	●	●	
FCC AgriSpirit Fund	●	●				●	●	
Federal Gas Tax Fund	●	●	●	●		●	●	
Fortis Alberta Community Grants	●	●				●	●	
Green Municipal Fund	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Incentives for the Zero-Emission Vehicles Program				●			●	
Municipal Energy Manager Program	●	●			●		●	
Municipal Sustainability Initiative	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Recreation Energy Conservation Program	●	●			●	●	●	
Rural & Northern Communities Infrastructure		●		●		●	●	
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant		●				●	●	
Water for Life Program		●			●	●	●	
Western Diversification Program		●		●	●	●	●	
AGRICULTURE, INDIGENOUS AND RESIDENTIAL								
Clean Energy Improvement Program (PACE) Legislation	●	●	●			●		●
EQUS Solar PV Micro-Generation Financing & Incentives			●			●	●	
EQUS Micro-Generators	●	●					●	
Green Loan Guarantee Program	●		●	●				●

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1. ACE Green Offset Program	Category: Renewables
<p>Description: Alberta Cooperative Energy customers who join the Green Offset Program choose which renewable energy generators to support. They might select a local wind farm, a group of solar or wind micro-generators in their community. Municipalities may register to sell the green attributes of their exported energy.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects: Export green energy to support Alberta Green Energy Generation.</p>	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACE Member and SPARK Member • ACE micro-generators who have received funding from the new provincial Residential and Commercial Solar Program are not eligible to participate in the SPARK Green Offset Program or sell their offsets anywhere else, as their offsets are owned by Energy Efficiency Alberta. • Green Generators 	
<p>Available Funding: SPARK Certified Green Generators (generators) have the opportunity to sell the green attributes of their exported energy at the current rate of 1.85 cents/kWh. Generators will also continue to receive compensation for their exported energy as they would if they were not registered in the SPARK Green Offset Program. Only the green attributes of the exported energy are registered with ACE in the form of a Green Energy Offset for sale to its customers.</p>	
<p>Contact: Alberta Co-Operative Energy P: 1 (888) 865 - 8750 E: info@ACEnergy.ca W: Visit the ACE Green Offset Program website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	
2. Alberta Community Partnership	Category: Infrastructure
<p>Description: The objective of the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities. This program supports regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives which may include planning for energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. Offers support for intermunicipal collaboration and finding efficient and effective ways to deliver regional municipal services, municipal restructuring (e.g. amalgamation or dissolution), cooperative processes to resolve conflict and facilitate collaboration, and municipal internships.</p>	<p>Deadline: Varies; dependent on program component</p>
<p>Projects: Explore and implement regional service delivery framework options and strategies (e.g. plans, studies, service delivery and cost-sharing models, and governance models).</p>	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities • Improvement Districts • Metis settlements • Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society • Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board • Calgary Metropolitan Region Board • Municipally controlled planning service agencies 	
<p>Available Funding: Funding varies per project. Application deadlines depend on the project area and are available when program guidelines are released. However, the internship program deadline is October 1 each year.</p>	
<p>Contact: Alberta Community Partnership P: (780) 422 - 7125 E: acp.grants@gov.ab.ca W: Visit the Alberta Community Partnership website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

3. Alberta Municipal Solar Program	Category: Buildings, Infrastructure, Renewables
Description: This program provides financial rebates to Alberta municipalities who install grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on municipally owned facilities or land and, complete public engagement for the project.	Deadline: Rolling Intake; funding available on first-come-first-served basis.
Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located on land wholly owned by participating municipality, paid entirely by municipality or community-related organization (CRO), and owned by municipality or CRO for life of project • Grid-connected • Greater than or equal to 2 kW (kW DC PV array capacity) • Designed and installed by qualified installer • New installation and all system components are new (expansions are eligible but only that portion will be covered) • Must not have received an incentive for solar PV system under another provincial solar incentive program (federal or other funding stacking is permitted, provided all funding does not exceed 100% of project costs) • Carry minimum warranty levels 	
Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All designated municipalities within the Province of Alberta • Community-related organizations: non-profit CROs are eligible to participate if the project is located on a municipally owned facility or land (municipality must be the signatory) 	
Available Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebate based on system size and will not exceed 30% of eligible expenses (municipality capped at \$1.5 million). • Eligible for bonus of \$0.25/watt for first-time applicants (capped at \$250,000) 	
Contact: Municipal Climate Change Action Centre P: (780) 433 – 4431 E: contact@mccac.ca W: Visit the Alberta Municipal Solar Program website	
Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines	

4. Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership	Category: Infrastructure
Description: The Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP), which launched in 1991, provides cost-shared funding to eligible municipalities to help build municipal facilities for water supply and treatment, and wastewater treatment and disposal which may include planning for energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions.	Deadline: November 30 of each year
Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities (less than 45,000 people), towns, villages, hamlets within rural municipalities, Metis settlements, municipal and improvement districts. 	
Available Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities with less than 1,000 people – up to 75% of project costs • Municipalities with 1,000 – 45,000 people – grant percentage is based on a formula. The percentage ratio decreases as the population rises • For regional water systems where upgrades are made to existing facilities, a weighted average is used to determine each municipality's share of the allocated funds • Application deadline is November 30 each year for consideration in following fiscal year budget • New regional systems are funded at 90% with future extensions at 100% 	
Contact: Alberta Transportation Contact Regional Director/Grant Technologist P: (780) 674 - 4700 W: Visit the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership website	
Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines	

5. Alberta Real Estate Foundation Grant	Category: All
<p>Description: Alberta Real Estate Foundation offers grants for projects that fall within one of four categories: housing, land stewardship and environment, community innovation, or industry leadership. Examples of funded projects include, but are not limited to: adopting technologies to increase the energy efficiency and sustainability of buildings; adapting housing best practices from elsewhere to Alberta communities; featuring smart growth principles in land use planning; enabling better land stewardship and land use management; and solving a community problem through collaboration, capacity building, and entrepreneurship. Generally, financial assistance is offered to projects that meet certain criteria such as capacity building in a municipality or real estate industry, knowledge sharing, cooperation to leverage resources, and participation of the real estate sector.</p>	<p>Deadline: January 27, 2020 May 4, 2020 August 17, 2020</p>
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities if partnering with a non-profit organization. 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding varies 	
<p>Contact: Alberta Real Estate Foundation P: 1 (403) 228 - 4786 E: questions@aref.ab.ca W: Visit the Alberta Real Estate Foundation Grant website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

6. Clean Energy Improvement Program (PACE) Legislation	Category: Buildings
<p>Description: The Clean Energy Improvement Program, the made-in-Alberta approach to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), will make it easier for property owners to overcome the financial barriers associated with clean energy upgrades. Property owners will be able to install renewable energy and make energy efficiency upgrades by paying for the improvements over time through their property taxes. Financing programs will be voluntarily developed by municipalities, and delivered in conjunction with Energy Efficiency Alberta.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar power • Upgraded insulation • Windows and doors • High-efficiency heating and cooling systems 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Alberta residential, commercial, and agriculture property owners 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing programs will be voluntarily developed by municipalities and delivered in conjunction with Energy Efficiency Alberta. 	
<p>Contact: Energy Efficiency Alberta P: 1 (844) 357 – 5604 E: hello@efficiencyalberta.ca W: Visit the Clean Energy Improvement Program website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

7. EcoAction Community Funding Program	Category: All
<p>Description: Protect, rehabilitate, enhance and sustain the natural environment, forms, guides, applicants and service standards. Focused on new projects that engaged Canadians and clearly demonstrated measurable, positive results related to the call for proposals' environmental priority.</p>	<p>Deadline: November 1 of each year (Pending Announcement of next call)</p>
<p>Projects: All projects must clearly demonstrate that activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable • Provide opportunities for community members to take action • Will result in a positive environmental impact <p>As defined in the program's list of performance indicators, all projects must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one environmental indicator • At least one capacity building indicator 	
<p>Eligibility: Municipalities are not eligible to apply, but are encouraged to partner with non-profit organizations to support a project proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental groups • Community groups and Community-based associations • Youth and seniors groups • Service clubs • Indigenous organizations 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 50% of total project costs • A maximum of \$100,000 is available per project for a maximum duration of 36 months • For each dollar provided by the federal government, at least the same amount must be received from other partners 	
<p>Contact: Environment Canada P: 1 (800) 567 – 1570 E: ec.ecoactionouestnord-ecoactionwestnorth.ec@canada.ca W: Visit the EcoAction Community Funding Program website</p>	

8. Electric Vehicles for Municipalities Program	Category: Transportation
<p>Description: The Electric Vehicles for Municipalities Program provides funding to municipalities to purchase electric vehicles, charging stations, and feasibility studies.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake; funding available on first-come-first-served basis.</p>
<p>Projects: Reduce the cost of electric vehicles and charging stations with our program. Municipalities in Alberta can get funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Studies • Passenger Battery Electric Vehicles and Plug in Hybrid Electric Vehicles • Medium and Heavy-Duty Battery Electric Vehicles and Plug in Hybrid Electric Vehicles • Low Speed, Non-Road Battery Electric Vehicles and Plug in Hybrid Electric Vehicles • Electric Vehicles Charging Stations 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All designated municipalities within the Province of Alberta 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebate is calculated based on the type of vehicle purchased or leased • Feasibility studies offer a rebate of 50% of the pre-GST cost up to \$6,000 	
<p>Contact: Municipal Climate Change Action Centre P: (780) 433 - 4431 E: contact@mccac.ca W: Visit the Electric Vehicles for Municipalities website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

9. ENMAX Community Investment Program	Category: Buildings, Infrastructure, Renewables
<p>Description: ENMAX financially supports community projects that correspond to one of four focus areas, Powering Alberta, Powering Tomorrow, Powering Partners and Powering Employees. As part of these focus areas, education and guidance is provided to limit the chance of these situations occurring in the future.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powering Alberta funds grassroots energy projects that help communities • Powering Tomorrow supports the enhancement of electricity literacy through education with the goal of creating more electricity stewards • Powering Partners helps community partners and organizations that offer aid, resources, and energy assistance to Alberta residents during a crisis or difficult times 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit and for profit entities 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding varies per project 	
<p>Contact: ENMAX Corporation P: 310 - 4822 (toll-free in Alberta) E: community@enmax.ca W: Visit the ENMAX Community Investment Program website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

10. EQUS Solar PV Micro-Generation Financing & Incentives	Category: Renewables
<p>Description: EQUS offers financial assistance to members that generate electricity from solar PV systems. Financing is available for the installation of solar PV units. In addition, monetary incentives are offered per watt of solar PV installed.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grid-connected • Designed and installed by qualified installer • New installation and all system components are new (expansions are eligible but only that portion will be covered) • Carry minimum warranty levels 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUS Members 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing - Solar PV unit installation - \$1,500/kW up to \$15,000 • Incentive - \$0.10/W of solar PV installed up to \$500 (5 kW) 	
<p>Contact: EQUS P: 1 (888) 211 – 4011 E: general@equs.ca W: Visit the EQUS Solar PV Micro-Generation Financing and Incentives website</p>	

11. EQUUS Micro-Generators	Category: Renewables
<p>Description: EQUUS offers this program in partnership with ReWatt Power to open new revenue sources for our micro-generation members. ReWatt Power has developed an innovative web-based platform to streamline a once expensive and time-consuming process of tracking and validating Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). RECs are purchased by major energy consumers to help offset their carbon emissions. Previously, a single micro-generation system producing less than 50KW of solar power did not generate enough power to produce an attractive amount of RECs.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-generations projects that generate excess KW than used 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUUS Members 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ReWatt Power's platform will pool all of the micro-generation together across EQUUS' membership to produce enough RECs to be attractive to credit worthy buyers. Additionally, they will facilitate the transaction process with these buyers and then distribute the revenue back to EQUUS' micro-generation members who are part of the program in accordance with the percentage of generation they contribute to the pool. 	
<p>Contact: EQUUS Rick Maclise P: (888) 211-4011 to see if you qualify W: Visit the EQUUS Micro-Generators website</p>	

12. FCC AgriSpirit Fund	Category: Buildings and Infrastructure
<p>Description: The Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund provides funding for capital projects in rural communities with under 150,000 people.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital projects – construction or upgrades to a hospital, medical centre, childcare facility, rink, sports plex or the purchase of fire and rescue equipment • Sustainability projects - upgrades to heating and cooling systems in a community building, installing new windows in a recreation centre or purchasing capital items for a recycling facility 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charities registered with the Canada Revenue Agency • Non-profit organizations who partner with a municipal body, territorial or provincial government. The municipal body must agree to receive contributed money and issue a receipt. • Town or city under 150,000 people, rural municipality or First Nations band • Organizations must not have received AgriSpirit funding in the past four years 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FCC AgriSpirit Fund may provide between \$5,000 to \$25,000 	
<p>Contact: Farm Credit Canada P: 1 (888) 332 - 3301 E: AgriSpirit-AgriEsprit@fcc-fac.ca W: Visit the FCC AgriSpirit Fund website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

13. Federal Gas Tax Fund	Category: All
<p>Description: The Federal Gas Tax Fund helps communities to build and revitalize public infrastructure that supports national objectives of productivity and economic growth, a clean environment, and strong communities. Local governments determine which projects to fund.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local roads and bridges, highways, public transit • Regional and local airports • Drinking water, waste water, storm water • Solid waste • Sport infrastructure and recreational infrastructure • Community energy systems • Cultural infrastructure and tourism infrastructure • Capacity building • Disaster mitigation • Short-line rail and/or short-sea shipping • Brownfield redevelopment • Broadband connectivity 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All municipalities in Alberta • Metis Settlements • The Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each municipality receives an annual allocation; funding varies per municipality • Municipalities (with the exception of summer villages) will receive a minimum allocation of \$50,000 per year and summer villages will receive a base allocation of \$5,000 per year, in addition to the per capita amount 	
<p>Contact: Alberta Municipal Affairs P: (780) 422 - 7125 E: ma.gtfggrants@gov.ab.ca W: Visit the Federal Gas Tax Fund website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

14. Fortis Alberta Community Grants	Category: Buildings and Infrastructure
<p>Description: Fortis Alberta offers community grants that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community naturalization • Tree planting • Energy efficiency projects • Environmental education program 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities and non-profit organizations in Fortis Alberta service areas • Elementary and junior high school in Fortis Alberta service areas 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants range in value from \$1,000 to \$5,000 	
<p>Contact: Fortis Alberta P: 310 - 9473 W: Visit the Fortis Alberta Community Grants website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

15. Green Loan Guarantee Program	Category: Infrastructure
<p>Description: The Green Loan Guarantee Program is a credit enhancement program designed to support financial institutions and utilities that offer financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean technology projects.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling intake.</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy, Clean technology and Energy efficiency 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Community • Alberta businesses 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guarantees up to \$0.50 for every dollar borrowed for up to a 10-year term • Indigenous community up to a maximum guarantee of \$25 million • Small emitter (emitting less than 10,000 tonnes of GHG annually) up to a maximum guarantee of \$10 million • Medium emitter (emitting between 10,000 and 100,000 tonnes of GHG annually) up to a maximum guarantee of \$25 million • Large emitter (emitting 100,000 or more tonnes of GHG annually) up to a maximum guarantee of \$50 million 	
<p>Contact: Energy Efficiency Alberta P: 1 (844) 357 - 5604 E: finance@efficiencyalberta.ca W: Visit the Green Loan Guarantee Program website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

16. Green Municipal Fund	Category: All
<p>Description: Operated by the Federation of Municipalities. Offers funding and knowledge services to support sustainable community development and more opportunities for communities to work together through peer networks. Four new funding initiatives were announced in 2019: Sustainable Affordable Housing Innovation Fund, Community EcoEfficiency Acceleration Fund, LC3-FCM Collaboration on Community Climate Action and Municipal Asset Management Capacity Fund.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling intake</p>
<p>Projects: GMF-supported initiatives aim to improve air, water, and soil, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Funding is available to all Canadian municipal governments and their partners for eligible projects. Projects are eligible for funding in the following focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable neighbourhood and brownfields action plans • Energy efficiency and recovery • Transportation and fuel efficiency • Water quality and conservation • Waste management and diversion • Brownfields 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All municipal governments and partners are eligible to apply. 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Studies—Grants of up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000 • Pilot Projects— Up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$350,000 • Capital Projects— up to 80% of eligible project costs (loan max is \$5 million; grant amount is 15% of loan) • Applicants with high-ranking projects may be eligible for a loan of up to \$10 million, combined with a grant for 15% of loan amount, to a max of \$1.5 million • \$550 million to establish the Green Municipal Fund with \$125 million top-up in 2017-18 	
<p>Contact: Federation of Canadian Municipalities P: 1 (877) 997 - 9926 E: programs@fcm.ca W: Visit the Green Municipal Fund website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

17. Incentives for the Zero-Emission Vehicles Program	Category: Infrastructure and Transportation
<p>Description: The higher cost of zero-emission vehicles can make it more difficult to adopt this clean technology, the Zero-Emissions Vehicles Program offers funding and incentives, as well as testing and research, safety on automated and connected vehicles and zero-emission vehicles to help reduce the barriers of making the switch to help reduce the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from gas cars and light trucks.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives on a vehicle that has the potential to produce no tailpipe emissions, such as battery-electric, plug-in hybrid electric and hydrogen fuel cell 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealerships • Individuals • For-profit and non-profit business • Municipalities 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battery-electric, hydrogen fuel cell, and longer range plug-in hybrid vehicles are eligible for an incentive of \$5,000 • Shorter range plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are eligible for an incentive of \$2,500 	
<p>Contact: Government of Canada iZEV Program P: 1 (800) 622 – 6232 E: iZEV-iVZE@tc.gc.ca W: Visit the iZEV Program website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

18. Municipal Energy Manager Program	Category: All
<p>Description: Provides funding to offset the salary costs of an energy manager to develop energy management plans, lead energy and emissions reducing projects, find cost-saving opportunities and more.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake; funding available on first-come-first-served basis.</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a customized energy management plan • Finding energy-saving opportunities throughout the community • Leading energy and emissions reducing projects • Encouraging regional municipal partnerships • Achieving 5% GHG reduction • Conducting an energy audit on the highest energy-consuming municipal building • Assigning GHG reduction targets for the entire municipal building portfolio 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities within the province of Alberta with population sizes below 150,000 residents are eligible to participate 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of the energy manager’s salary to a maximum of \$80,000. Renewable for a second year. • Funding is capped at \$160,000 per participating municipality 	
<p>Contact: Municipal Climate Change Action Centre P: (780) 433 – 4431 E: contact@mccac.ca W: Visit the Municipal Energy Manager Program website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

19. Municipal Sustainability Initiative	Category: All
<p>Description: The Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) supports municipalities to manage growth pressures and become sustainable with public infrastructure and operating funding. Municipalities determine projects and activities to be funded by MSI based on local priorities within the general criteria set out in the program guidelines and are encouraged to take a long-term approach to planning for capital projects.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <p>Capital Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roads, bridges, public transit, sport/recreation facilities, community centres, water and wastewater systems, solid waste management facilities and equipment, and disaster and emergency services, . <p>Operating Expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating allocations support most areas of municipal operations, such as general administration, governance, planning and development, municipal facility operations, environmental sustainability, public security, maintenance of core infrastructure, and capacity building. 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Municipalities in Alberta Metis settlements The Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each municipality receives an annual capital and operating allocation; funding varies per municipality 	
<p>Contact: Alberta Municipal Affairs P: (780) 427 - 2225 E: msicapitalgrants@gov.ab.ca or msioperatinggrants@gov.ab.ca W: Visit the Municipal Sustainability Initiative website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View Program Guidelines</p>	

20. Recreation Energy Conservation Program	Category: Buildings
<p>Description: The Recreation Energy Conservation (REC) program helps municipally-owned recreation facilities reduce energy use and GHG emissions by providing financial rebates to help identify energy-saving opportunities and implement energy-saving projects.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake; funding available on first-come-first-served basis.</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping Audits Engineering Studies Implementation projects 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All designated municipalities within the Province of Alberta or community-related organizations (CROs) are eligible to participate in the REC program if the Project is within a municipally-owned facility. While CROs are eligible to participate, the municipality must submit the REC Application and be the signatory to the Offer Letter. Municipally-owned recreation facilities 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping Audits – cover up to 100% of pre-GST Scoping Audits to a maximum of \$12,000 (depending on the facility) Engineering Study – covers up to 100% of pre-GST Engineering Study to a maximum of \$20,000 Implementation Project – the lesser of 75% of energy conservation measures costs, or the amount required to reach 1-year simple payback. 	
<p>Contact: Municipal Climate Change Action Centre P: (780) 433 – 4431 E: contact@mccac.ca W: Visit the Recreation Energy Conservation Program website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

21. Rural & Northern Communities Infrastructure	Category: Infrastructure and Transportation
<p>Description: Rural and remote communities with populations of 100,000 or fewer can apply for funding to support projects that improve food security, local road or air infrastructure, broadband connectivity, efficient and reliable energy sources</p>	<p>Applications Open: Spring 2020 Deadline: July 31, 2020</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved food security • improved and/or more reliable road, air and/or marine infrastructure • improved broadband connectivity • more efficient and/or reliable energy • improved education and/or health facilities (specific to Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action) 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal governments • Public sector body established by or under provincial statute or by regulation or is wholly-owned by Alberta, or a municipal government • Not-for-profit and For-profit organizations, a public or not-for-profit institution • Indigenous Ultimate Recipients 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% for provincial projects; or for municipalities with populations more than 5,000 and not-for-profit partners • 60% for municipalities with populations less than 5,000 • 75% for projects with Indigenous partners • 25% for private sector, for-profit partners (when eligible) 	
<p>Contact: Alberta Infrastructure E: alberta.icip@gov.ab.ca W: Visit the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

22. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant	Category: Infrastructure
<p>Description: The foundation supports the protection of the environment and green communities. The focus of the grants vary slightly each year. For 2019, funding is allocated to projects involving the revitalization and stewardship of public green spaces.</p>	<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental initiatives with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs 	
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities • Aboriginal groups • Registered charities with a Charitable Registration Number (CRN) • Educational institutions (primary/secondary/post-secondary) 	
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding requests are needs based, and there is no set minimum or maximum amount for which you can apply • The majority of TD FEF grants are between \$2,000 and \$8,000 	
<p>Contact: TD Canada Trust E: tdfef@td.com W: Visit the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant website</p>	
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>	

23. Water for Life		Category: Infrastructure
<p>Description: The Water for Life Program, which launched in 2006, provides cost-shared funding to regional commissions or groups of 2 or more municipalities and consists of 2 funding streams: New regional water systems or existing regional water systems (regional systems are more cost effective and environmentally sustainable than independent systems). Energy efficiency improvements at a hub-supplier's plant or at a commission-owned plant.</p>		<p>Deadline: November 30 of each year</p>
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Commissions Public-private ventures Municipalities with contracted services to privately owned utilities Groups of 2 or more eligible municipalities, which include: Cities (less than 45,000 people), towns, villages, hamlets within rural municipalities, Metis settlements Municipal Partnerships 		
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipalities with less than 1,000 people – up to 75% of project costs. Municipalities with 1,000 – 45,000 people – grant percentage is based on a formula. The percentage ratio decreases as the population rises For regional water systems where upgrades are made to existing facilities, a weighted average is used to determine each municipality's share of the allocated funds New regional systems are funded at 90% with future extensions at 100% Application deadline is November 30 each year for consideration in following fiscal year budget 		
<p>Contact: Alberta Transportation Regional Director/Grant Technologist P: (780) 674 - 4700 W: Visit the Water for Life Program website</p>		
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>		

24. Western Diversification Program		Category: Infrastructure and Transportation
<p>Description: This program funds projects related to community economic development and policy, innovation, and business development. Key focus areas include enhancing community and transportation infrastructure, building community capacity in economic development, creating value-added production in resource industries, and fostering community innovation.</p>		<p>Deadline: Rolling Intake</p>
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant(s) must represent and/or support francophone community economic development in Western Canada Respond to the economic development needs of western Official Languages Minority Communities (OLMC) Support one or more identified needs or priorities confirmed through consultations with OLMC stakeholders: Tourism, Trade and investment, Immigration, and community capacity building (with a focus on economic development) the economic well-being of western OLMC and enterprises Innovation, diversification, partnerships that support community economic development; and concrete, direct, and measurable impacts for OLMCs 		
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal governments First Nations Industry associations and economic development organizations Post-secondary institutions Provincial government departments and/or agencies Federal crown corporations 		
<p>Available Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2.7 billion over 5 years 		
<p>Contact: Western Economic Diversification Canada P: 1 (888) 338 - 9378 E: wd.ab-ab.deo@canada.ca W: Visit the Western Economic Diversification Canada website</p>		
<p>Guidelines: View the Program Guidelines</p>		



Steps to a Winning Grant Application

Preparing an Application

1. Review **Alberta Funding Guide** or other funding guides 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 criterion, 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 before submission?
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
 - Confirming 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 proposal on time in the required format.

Application Content

1. Follow the recommended format of application.
2. Focus on key elements and ensure that you clearly address all 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 success of project.
4. Identify partners and note how will you 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 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.



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