



CRIS Call for Submissions: Alberta Low Carbon Cohort

Free expert support, peer learning, and tailored guidance to accelerate your climate mitigation projects.



The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) invite Alberta communities to join a new Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) cohort. This initiative supports local governments in advancing low-carbon infrastructure projects through expert guidance and collaborative learning.

What You'll Gain:

- + **Up to 60 hours of personalized expert support** to identify and plan impactful climate mitigation projects.
- + **Virtual peer learning sessions** with other Alberta municipalities tackling similar challenges.
- + **Strategic alignment with potential future funding opportunities** to help your project succeed.

Submission Criteria

Eligible local governments must:

- ✓ Serve a population of approximately 30,000 or less in Alberta.
- ✓ Have a project identified in a capital, operational, or asset management plan.
- ✓ Commit to a 12–16 week virtual cohort including expert-led sessions and peer activities.

How to Submit

1. Submit a simple service request form by **October 15, 2025** — no lengthy applications required.
2. Sign a Letter of Commitment provided by the MCCAC to formalize your participation in the cohort.

First-come, first served with limited spots available — don't miss your chance to participate! [Submit Here](#)

The *Alberta Low Carbon Cohort* is offered in partnership with MCCAC as part of the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS), delivered by the Canadian Urban Institute and funded by the Government of Canada.





Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there a cost to participate?

No. Participation is completely free for eligible local governments. The Alberta Low Carbon Cohort is fully funded through the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) program, delivered by the Canadian Urban Institute and funded by the Government of Canada.

2. What does the 60 hours of expert support include?

Each participating community will receive tailored support from MCCAC, CUI, and a CRIS Roster Expert. This may include:

- Scoping and early-stage design advice for your project
- Identifying low-carbon and resilient retrofit opportunities
- Guidance on funding readiness and next steps
- Completion of a community-specific deliverable to support project implementation

3. What types of projects are eligible?

Projects must focus on energy efficiency and emissions reduction. Examples include:

- Evaluating options for buildings and facilities retrofits
- Evaluating options for renewable energy installation
- Evaluating options for fleet electrification for municipal fleets and electric vehicle charging infrastructure

4. What are the time commitments?

The cohort will run from October 2025 through March 2026 (up to 20 weeks). Participants should be prepared to:

- Attend a virtual kickoff session
- Participate in project scoping activities, as needed
- Join three expert led webinars
- Collaborate in 2 working group meetings

All other work is coordinated directly between the community and their assigned expert.

Ready to get started? [Submit here](#)

Learn more about the CRIS on our website: climatereadycanada.ca or contact Kiera Tsakonas at ktsakonas@canurb.org with any questions.

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