

Regional Indigenous Engagements on Climate Change and CleanBC

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Initiative	Relevant Information
Name of Program	Better Homes and Better Buildings Program (formerly EfficiencyBC)
Name of lead Ministry	Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resource (MEMPR), Electricity and Alternative Energy Division (EAED), Built Environment Unit, Energy Efficiency Branch
Description of Program	The Better Homes and Better Buildings Program offer financial incentives, information and support to help households and businesses save energy and reduce climate pollution by switching to high-efficiency heating equipment and making building-envelope improvements. http://www.Betterhomesbc.ca and http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca are the Province's one-stop-shop to get free energy coaching and access incentives from CleanBC, BC Hydro, FortisBC and local governments.
Types of Projects Eligible	<p>CleanBC Better Homes Program offers individual households rebates to help offset the costs of the following renovations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fuel switching from fossil fuels (oil, propane, natural gas) to electric heat pumps for space and water heating, where electricity is primarily renewable - windows and doors in homes heated with fossil fuels - insulation in homes heated with oil or propane (FortisBC has a complementary offer if natural gas is used) - EnerGuide home evaluation - high-value rebates for high-efficiency natural gas furnaces and water heaters for low-income applicants (with FortisBC) <p>BC Hydro and FortisBC also offer other rebates for heat pumps replacing electric baseboards, gas furnaces, water heaters, and gas boilers in their service areas.</p> <p>Only the highest-efficiency products are covered, so please check eligibility at http://www.betterhomesbc.ca before purchasing.</p> <p>The CleanBC Better Buildings Program offers energy efficiency and fuel-switching incentives for large buildings being renovated or constructed (commercial, institutional and multi-unit residential). Building owners must first scope out energy savings opportunities with an energy study (with</p>



	<p>incentive support). Eligibility criteria for program entry is available at http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca</p> <p>The Province is working to add new offers to the program for fall 2019 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-interest financing for fuel switching to heat pumps • A higher-value rebate for in low income households that fuel switch to heat pumps or install windows and insulation in gas-heated homes • A bulk application process for Indigenous communities to access rebates with a higher value • An Indigenous Community Energy Coach position, whose job it will be to work with communities to access CleanBC Better Homes and Better Buildings program offers.
Criteria used to Evaluate Applications	Current program offerings are available to all eligible participants, subject to availability of funds. See http://www.betterhomesbc.ca and http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca for details.
Total amount of Fund	\$41 million over three years
Amount available per Project (range)	<p>Homes can access up to \$14,100 in combined offers from CleanBC, BC Hydro, and FortisBC. See http://www.betterhomesbc.ca for details.</p> <p>Large buildings can access up to \$200,000 in incentives from CleanBC per project, plus \$20,000 towards an energy study. See http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca for details.</p>
Deadline for Applying	All current programs can receive applications at any time. Future programs may have defined intake periods, please check http://www.betterhomesbc.ca and http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca
Timeframe for Fund	Program duration: Through Fiscal 2021/2022
Website for more information	For all relevant information on the rebate programs please visit http://www.betterhomesbc.ca and http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca
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