

ON-GOING Grants & Funding Opportunities for Indigenous Communities in BC

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Name	Category	Eligibility	Amount	Date Details
Clean Fuels Program	Clean Energy		100% of project funding for Indigenous Communities (\$150M total within the fund)	Ongoing until funding no longer available or by March 31, 2026
Investment READINESS Program	Capacity building, Diversification, Investment attraction, Regional Marketing & Collaboration	Geographically constrained to Vancouver Island & the Regional District of Sunshine Coast, Strathcona, Qathet, Mount Waddington.	Max Funding: \$30k - Economic Development Strategy \$15k - Quick Start \$30k - Sectoral Planning \$10k Tech Attraction/Connectivity Strategy (x1 per community) \$30k - Investment Attraction Tools \$30k - Regional Marketing/Collaboration	Ongoing
Community Placemaking Funding Program	Sustainability, Tourism, Economic Prosperity, Inclusion, Culture	Geographically constrained to Vancouver Island & the Regional District of Sunshine Coast, Strathcona, Qathet, Mount Waddington.	Up to 100% up to a maximum of \$50k Support capital costs for shovel-ready small capital projects.	Ongoing
Main Street Revitalization	Infrastructure, Revitalization, Buildings, Lights	Local Governments & Registered FN Bands Geographically constrained to northern communities	Up to \$200,000 to a maximum of 70% Lifetime Max = \$500k per community	Ongoing (Quarterly intake)
Signature Initiative (multiple streams)	Energy, Transportation, Waste, Land Use (brownfields)	Indigenous communities that are considered municipalities; Municipal governments and Municipal Partners	Planning: \$175,000 Study: \$175,000 Pilot Project: \$500,000	Ongoing

			Capital Project Retrofit: \$10M Capital Project New Build: \$10M	
Community Buildings Retrofit (multiple streams)	Energy efficiency, retrofits, monitoring, recommissioning, GHG reduction	Indigenous communities that are considered municipalities; Municipal governments and Municipal Partners	Up to \$5M	Ongoing until funding dries up
Sustainable Affordable Housing (multiple streams)	Planning, Study, Pilot Project, Capital Project Retrofit, Capital Project New Build	Indigenous communities that are considered municipalities; Municipal governments and Municipal Partners	From 50% to 80% of eligible costs, range of maximums depending on the stream.	Ongoing until funding dries up
Community Efficiency Financing (multiple streams)	Energy efficiency; Sustainability; Climate change.	Indigenous communities that are considered municipalities; Municipal governments and Municipal Partners	Up to \$500k	Ongoing until funding dries up
Community Building Monitoring and Analysis Grant	Energy efficiency		\$25k	Ongoing until funding dries up
Pilot Project: Septic Wastewater Systems	Wastewater Treatment, Pilot Project		\$500k	Ongoing until funding dries up
Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP)	Asset Management Plans, Data Collection, and Training		Up to \$50k	Ongoing
Clean Growth Innovation Fund	Clean Energy Innovation, Business, Renewables, etc.		Up to \$500k yearly	Ongoing
Various Equipment Rebates	Energy Efficiency, GHG Reduction, Air-tightness, Energy Modeling, Heat Pumps, Boilers		Varies	Ongoing
Agricultural Clean	Research, Development,	Indigenous Groups, NPOs, For-Profit	\$2M	Ongoing

Technology Program - Research & Innovation Stream	Commercialization: Green Energy, Energy Efficiency, GHG Reduction, Precision Agriculture, Bioeconomy	Organizations		
Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI)	Economic Development, Forestry	Indigenous communities and organizations	\$500k +	Ongoing
Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)	Electric Chargers, Equipment, Hydrogen Refueling Stations	Open to all	\$100k	Ongoing
First Nation Adapt Program	Adaptation Planning, Coastal Flooding, Cost-benefit Analysis, Disaster Mitigation, Drought, Infrastructure, Inland Flooding, Sea-level Rise, Shoreline Erosion, Risk Assessment, Wildfire, Winter Roads	First Nations	\$500k max	Ongoing
Indigenous Communities Conservation Program	Energy-saving Products, Training for upgrades, Building Efficiency	Indigenous communities	Not specified	Ongoing
Indigenous Community Energy Coach and Heat Pump Incentive	Equipment, Coaching, Energy Efficiency, Buildings	Indigenous communities	\$12k for homes, \$200k for community buildings	Ongoing
EV Charger Rebate Program	Workplace, Homes, Apartment and Condo Buildings	Open to all	\$14k	Ongoing

First Nations Regeneration Fund	Economic Development, Renewable Energy	First Nations	\$1M +	Ongoing
BC Employer Training Grant	Skills Training	Companies within BC	Up to \$10k per participant, \$300k per company per fiscal year	Ongoing
First Nations Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)	Planning, Skills Development, Solid Waste Management, Roads, Bridges, Energy Systems, Connectivity, Structural Mitigation, Fire Protection, Cultural and Recreational Facilities, Band Administrative Buildings	Indigenous communities	Not specified	Ongoing
Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF)	Construction, Renovation, Equipment, Feasibility Studies	Indigenous communities	\$15M or 50% of construction/renovation, \$5M or 50% of equipment, \$500k or 50% for feasibility study	Ongoing
Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)	Economic Opportunities, Community Economic Infrastructure, Equity Gap, Business Planning and Advisory Services	First Nations and Inuit governments, Indigenous organizations, affiliated non-Indigenous organizations	Economic opportunities: \$3M or 80% Community economic infrastructure: \$3M or 67% Equity gap: \$1M or 30% for acquisitions and 40% for start-ups Business planning and advisory services: \$250k or 80%	Ongoing
Sitka Foundation	Research, Public Engagement, Conservation Programs	Open to all	Not specified	Ongoing
Regional Innovation Ecosystems	Technology Commercialization, Business scale-up, Productivity Improvement, Capacity Building, Business	Indigenous organizations, social enterprises, municipalities, post-secondary institutions, associations, angel networks	Not specified	Ongoing

	Acceleration and Incubation			
Housing Support Program	Housing	Indigenous communities	Up to \$40k	Ongoing
Indigenous Community Infrastructure Initiative (ICII)	Clean Power, Green Infrastructure, Trade & Transportation, Public Transport, Broadband	Indigenous communities & organizations	\$5-100M, no more than 80%	Ongoing
Forest Enhancement Society of BC Funding Program	Wildfire Risk Reduction, Planning & Treatment/Recovery	Anyone in BC	Up to 100%	Ongoing
Indigenous Clean Energy Charge Up Program	EV Chargers; Sustainable Transportation Equipment	Indigenous communities or organizations	50%, up to \$75k per recipient & project.	Ongoing
Indigenous Housing Fund	Housing, infrastructure, maintenance	Indigenous communities in BC	Unknown	Ongoing
NRT Equity Matching	Business development, economic	BC FN Entrepreneurs / Community Businesses	Up to \$25k for community businesses Up to \$5k for entrepreneurs	Ongoing
First Nations Housing Sustainability Initiative	Energy efficiency: Retrofits, Sustainability; Health & Safety; Affordable Housing.	First Nations in the Columbia Basin Trust Region.	20%, up to \$100k	Ongoing
Business Equity Program	Assist in the capital, marketing and operating costs of establishing, expanding and acquiring a business. Contributions up to 75% for planning and support	\$99,999 for individuals \$250,000 for community owned businesses up to 75% for planning and support activities including: - business plans - feasibility studies	Indigenous Ancestry and Vancouver Island based	Ongoing

	activities	- environmental studies for commercial development - business valuation for business acquisitions - business support (setting up financial reporting requirements)		
Indigenous Forest Bioeconomy Program (IFBP)	Bioeconomy; Business development; Capital costs	~80% up to \$100,000, max 15% of total costs allocated to administration.	First Nation: band, Governing body, or Enterprise	Ongoing
Regional Innovation Ecosystems (RIE) Program	Technology commercialization, business scale-up, productivity improvement, capacity building, business acceleration and incubation	Not specified (roughly 100% of up to about 50% of total costs)	Indigenous organizations, social enterprises, municipalities, post-secondary institutions, associations, angel networks	Ongoing
Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways (SREPs) Program Capacity Building Stream	Studies, Knowledge building engineering/ environmental assessments	Up to \$5M	Anyone other than Crown corps	Ongoing
Special Vehicle Incentive Program	Tourism, organizations, fleet	\$100k	BC residents or organizations	Ongoing
Disaster Financial Assistance for Communities	Disaster Recovery	80% of total eligible damage	Indigenous governing bodies	Ongoing
McConnell Foundation	Research and Development, language revitalization, climate resiliency, community development, reconciliation	No formal limit	Anyone	Ongoing
Energy Recovery or District Energy	GHG reduction	5M low interest loan, 750,000 grant	Municipalities and indigenous communities	Ongoing
Legacy Fund – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage	Supports community-initiated capital projects that restore, renovate or transform an existing		Local non-profit incorporated organizations; a local band councils, local tribal councils, or other local Indigenous government (First Nations, Inuit or Métis) or equivalent organization.	Ongoing

	building or exterior space intended for community use.			
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Unsure of what your project qualifies for? Get in touch with us and we'll prepare a list of potential grants for your projects.

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