

## **\*\* HIGHLIGHTS \*\***

The [CleanBC Communities Fund \(CCF\)](#) is a climate change mitigation funding stream under the [Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program \(ICIP\)](#) and funds only tangible physical infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and provide “public use or benefit.” Below is a high-level Program summary; please read the full Guide thoroughly.

**Program timeline:** (see Section 1.2)

- Application intake: **Intake 3 opens January 26 and closes May 25, 2022 at 3pm.** Request Business BCeID access to the LGIS grant portal by May 4, 2022.
- BC Approval in Principle: Shortlisted projects should be notified in late 2022.
- Federal approval: Final approvals should start by summer 2023 or, if triggering Federal Treasury Board review, by summer 2024.

**Eligible applicants** must be BC local governments, Indigenous organizations, or not-for-profits / for-profits partnering with local governments or Indigenous organizations. (see Section 2.1)

**Eligible projects:** (see Section 2.3)

- **start no earlier than summer 2023 and be substantially complete by March 2027;**
- must meet one of the program outcomes: management of renewable energy, access to clean energy transportation, energy efficiency of buildings, or generation of clean energy;
- are limited to one or adjacent project sites, except electric vehicle charging networks; and
- **must receive final grant approval before awarding tenders/contracts or incurring eligible costs,** except for Climate Lens and Indigenous consultation costs.

**Ineligible projects:** (see Section 2.4)

- incremental energy efficiency improvements to non-replacement new buildings;
- residential buildings not included in [Canada's National Housing Strategy](#);
- dedicated administration/office buildings; dedicated daycare spaces;
- emergency services infrastructure; non-Indigenous health or education facilities;
- commercial facilities for pro/semi-pro sports; primarily religious sites;
- ‘rolling stock’ (mobile assets); inter-city transportation not part of public transit; and
- private sector entity owning more than 49% of any district energy system or more than 49% of non-district energy assets in Local Govt, Indigenous, or Not-for-Profit projects.

**Grant applications:** (see Sections 3 and 4)

- should limit grant requests to \$13.4M, although higher requests are allowed;
- must include sufficient contingency for the cost estimate ‘class’;
- must clearly indicate in-kind contributions (ineligible costs), own-force labour (incremental and financially justified), and sole-source contracts (~12 months longer for approval);
- **must show proof of any funding secured/approved toward the balance of project costs;**
- **must complete a Greenhouse Gas Preliminary Assessment that accounts for a majority share of the project score during application review;** and
- should minimize and sufficiently mitigate any potential risks.

**IMPORTANT:** Before preparing a grant application, please contact us at 250-387-4060 or [infra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:infra@gov.bc.ca) to discuss eligibility, program fit, project schedule, etc.