

How CEIP Benefits Alberta



HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

By improving the energy efficiency of our existing building stock and scaling up our use of renewable energy, the Clean Energy Improvement Program reduces greenhouse gas emissions and advances the environmental goals of our municipalities.



ENERGIZED LOCAL ECONOMIES

The Clean Energy Improvement Program stimulates investment and creates jobs for local contractors and engineers that offer energy-efficient or renewable energy products and services. Program participants tap into Energy Efficiency Alberta's network of local contractors, service providers and professionals.



HAPPY PROPERTY OWNERS

The Clean Energy Improvement Program makes energy efficiency upgrades more affordable and removes upfront costs for homeowners and businesses. Residential and commercial property owners across Alberta can access flexible financing to pay for upgrades that increase energy efficiency, harness renewable energy, and make spaces healthier and more comfortable.

The Clean Energy Improvement Program is affordable. Property owners can receive financing for up to 100 per cent of project costs, with terms that extend up to 25 years. No deposit or down payment is required.

The repayment process is simple and streamlined. Program participants repay their project over time through an assessment on their property tax bill (similar to a local improvement assessment for street or lane paving).

What is the Clean Energy Improvement Program?

The Clean Energy Improvement Program provides financing to help make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades more accessible for residential and commercial property owners across Alberta.

Energy Efficiency Alberta's team of efficiency financing experts support local governments in the design and implementation of CEIP in their communities.

With Energy Efficiency Alberta serving as the centralized, province-wide administrator, municipalities save on administrative costs and program participants benefit from a single point of access from project inception to completion.

FAQs

What type of upgrades are eligible for financing?

CEIP can be used to finance a variety of energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades for home improvement and commercial projects. Examples include energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, windows, doors, insulation, water heaters and solar photovoltaic systems. A full list of CEIP-eligible upgrades is available at efficiencyalberta.ca/ceip.

How does a property owner qualify for CEIP?

It's easy. As long as the property is located in a participating municipality, the owner will be able to apply online and receive pre-approval from Energy Efficiency Alberta. Eligibility is based on the owner's property tax payment history, among other factors—not their credit score. See more on eligibility criteria at efficiencyalberta.ca/ceip.

Will applicants be subject to a credit check or income verification?

No. As CEIP financing is property-secured debt, other factors will be used to determine the applicant's eligibility for financing, as well as the amount of financing they are eligible for. For example, applicants must be current on their property taxes, any property-secured debt (i.e., mortgage or home equity line of credit) and utility payments.

How are contractors paid?

There are no upfront costs to the property owner. The contractor's invoice will be sent to Energy Efficiency Alberta and will be processed on the property owner's behalf.

Questions? Visit efficiencyalberta.ca/ceip or contact us at finance@efficiencyalberta.ca

How much financing can a property owner receive?

The property owner's annual payment towards their CEIP assessment must be equal to or less than their existing property tax payment. For example, if a property pays \$2,000 in property taxes each year, the annual CEIP assessment may not exceed \$2,000. Financing maximums are as follows: \$50,000 for residential properties, \$1M for non-residential properties and \$300,000 for farms.

Is CEIP financing stackable with other rebate and incentives?

Yes – CEIP participants are encouraged to take advantage of any additional rebates and incentives available to them. All applicable government (municipal/provincial/federal), utility provider/manufacturer rebates, and any other upfront cost reductions may be applied as a credit against the total project cost.

How is CEIP financing repaid?

Once the CEIP project is complete, a clean energy improvement tax is added to the participant's property tax bill, similar to a local improvement assessment. This new tax payment will remain on the bill for the length of the term chosen. Homeowners and building owners simply continue to pay their property tax bill the same way they always have.

Is this a voluntary program?

Yes – property owners who choose not to participate remain unaffected.