Community Generation Capacity Building Program

Get funding to prepare for your community generation project.

Community groups and municipalities across the province now have a unique opportunity to develop their own renewable energy projects. These projects will enable Albertans to directly access and share the benefits of community-scale renewable energy generation.

The Community Generation Capacity Building Program will support early development stages of renewable and alternative energy projects, as well as training or tools to make such projects a reality.

FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Funding of up to $500,000 per project is available
- Pre-development work for a specific project or development of tools for training are eligible for funding
- Join us at the Community Generation Roadshow. Get information at efficiencyalberta.ca/commgen
- Informational webinars will be hosted on January 18 and February 8
- Applications close on February 22, 2019

Get the full details at efficiencyalberta.ca/CGCB
What is community generation?

Community generation is renewable energy or alternative energy generation led by an organization or community in Alberta. Community generation projects give Albertans the ability to access renewable energy, benefit directly from project development, and generate revenue by selling electricity to the grid.

Community generation projects are distribution-system connected. The size of projects is only limited by the electric distribution system’s hosting capacity at the interconnection point. All projects require a community benefit agreement, or a community benefit statement and adhere to the Province of Alberta’s Small Scale Generation Regulation.

These types of organizations may consider starting their own project:
- Condo boards
- Co-operative organizations
- Industry associations
- Irrigation districts
- Indigenous communities or organizations
- Municipalities
- Not-for-profit corporations
- Post-secondary educational institutions
- Registered charities
- Rural utilities
- School boards

What types of projects are eligible for funding?
- Early project development such as stakeholder engagement, environmental assessments, and feasibility studies.
- Partnership building activities such as community benefits agreements, legal services, and more.
- Development of financial modeling tools, technical tools, and guides to developing community generation projects.
- Training programs that invest in skills training for Albertans to develop future community generation projects.
- Examples of renewable and alternative energy projects include solar, hydro, geothermal, biomass, and wind energy generation.

Questions?
Sign up for an upcoming webinar at efficiencyalberta.ca/CGCB
Contact us at CGCB@efficiencyalberta.ca or 1-844-357-5604.

Please note: An application does not ensure funding. All applicants will be advised of their application results in March, 2019.