

# Regional Indigenous Engagements on Climate Change and CleanBC

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Initiative	Relevant Information
<b>Name of Program</b>	<b>Better Homes and Better Buildings Program (formerly EfficiencyBC)</b>
<b>Name of lead Ministry</b>	Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resource (MEMPR), Electricity and Alternative Energy Division (EAED), Built Environment Unit, Energy Efficiency Branch
<b>Description of Program</b>	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. <a href="http://www.Betterhomesbc.ca">http://www.Betterhomesbc.ca</a> and <a href="http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca">http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca</a> are the Province's one-stop-shop to get free energy coaching and access incentives from CleanBC, BC Hydro, FortisBC and local governments.
<b>Types of Projects Eligible</b>	<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"> <li>- fuel switching from fossil fuels (oil, propane, natural gas) to electric heat pumps for space and water heating, where electricity is primarily renewable</li> <li>- windows and doors in homes heated with fossil fuels</li> <li>- insulation in homes heated with oil or propane (FortisBC has a complementary offer if natural gas is used)</li> <li>- EnerGuide home evaluation</li> <li>- high-value rebates for high-efficiency natural gas furnaces and water heaters for low-income applicants (with FortisBC)</li> </ul> <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 <a href="http://www.betterhomesbc.ca">http://www.betterhomesbc.ca</a> 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 <a href="http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca">http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca</a></p> <p>The Province is working to add new offers to the program for fall 2019 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-interest financing for fuel switching to heat pumps</li> <li>• A higher-value rebate for in low income households that fuel switch to heat pumps or install windows and insulation in gas-heated homes</li> <li>• A bulk application process for Indigenous communities to access rebates with a higher value</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria used to Evaluate Applications</b>	Current program offerings are available to all eligible participants, subject to availability of funds. See <a href="http://www.betterhomesbc.ca">http://www.betterhomesbc.ca</a> and <a href="http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca">http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca</a> for details.
<b>Total amount of Fund</b>	\$41 million over three years
<b>Amount available per Project (range)</b>	<p>Homes can access up to \$14,100 in combined offers from CleanBC, BC Hydro, and FortisBC. See <a href="http://www.betterhomesbc.ca">http://www.betterhomesbc.ca</a> 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 <a href="http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca">http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca</a> for details.</p>
<b>Deadline for Applying</b>	All current programs can receive applications at any time. Future programs may have defined intake periods, please check <a href="http://www.betterhomesbc.ca">http://www.betterhomesbc.ca</a> and <a href="http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca">http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca</a>
<b>Timeframe for Fund</b>	<b>Program duration:</b> Through Fiscal 2021/2022
<b>Website for more information</b>	For all relevant information on the rebate programs please visit <a href="http://www.betterhomesbc.ca">http://www.betterhomesbc.ca</a> and <a href="http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca">http://www.betterbuildingsbc.ca</a>
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