

Low Carbon Communities & Connect2 Program

Supporting Nova Scotia in reducing our Greenhouse
Gas Emissions through Community Initiatives

2020-2021

NS Dept. of Energy and Mines

Agenda

- **LCC/C2 Program 2020-2021**
 - Program Description / Overview
 - Key Changes
 - Application and Grant Process
- **Questions**
- **Links and more info**



Goals and Objectives of LCC/C2

Long lasting Greenhouse Gas reduction

“Supporting Nova Scotia in reducing our Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Community Initiatives”

Low carbon, Clean energy, & Clean transportation projects

- Provincial program to support locally driven projects that create long lasting GHG reduction
- Designed to respond to the need from communities to offer clean transportation solutions and mitigate GHG emissions in the energy sector.
- Aims to jump start these local projects throughout NS - Meeting communities where they are at.

Program Description - Categories

Advanced Buildings

Think: Energy Efficiency, Energy Audits, Building Design, Benchmarking
(up to \$75,000)

Clean Electricity & Energy Transformation

Think: Smart Grid Feasibility Plans, Energy Financing, Community Energy
Plans (up to \$75,000)

Active Transportation Infrastructure & Design

Think: Minimum Bike Grid Infrastructure and Plans, Feasibility Studies
(up to \$100,000)

Clean Fleets and Shared Mobility

Think: Zero Emission Vehicle Strategies and Pilots, Bicycle Fleet Pilots
(up to \$75,000)

Capacity Building and Community Engagement

Think: Staff Training, Public Engagement, Energy Education
(up to \$50,000)

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Types of work to be supported - “The HOW”



Acknowledgement of Covid-19

Pause and Pivot - Informed by stakeholders, adoption of key changes for approved for the 2020-2021 year.

Key Changes this year

Ongoing intake of applications until end of September 2020
(Or until all funds have been allocated)

Project completion deadline: Extended to Sept. 30th, 2021

LCC moved to one-year cycle (versus 2 years previously).

Projects are eligible to funding up to 75% of total project costs, with remaining 25% as cash and/or in-kind contributions

The fund disbursement scheme changed from 80% up front and 20% upon receipt of the final report, to 90% and 10%.

Application and Grant Process

1. Read and Review Program Description
2. Express your interest (online)
3. Receive an application
4. Submit application package

We encourage individuals to connect with staff throughout the year for any questions, ideas, or feedback.

Questions?



Contact and Links

- <https://novascotia.ca/low-carbon-communities/>
 - Program Description
 - ONLINE Expression of Interest
 - Example of Application Form
 - Assessment Criteria
 - Past grant recipients
 - Other potential funders

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Thank You!
