

BC INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION: How much equity do we have to provide to the project?

ANSWER: You must be able to contribute a minimum of 10% towards the total BC ICEI funded project, either through cash or in-kind sources. For example, if the total BC ICEI funded project costs \$100K, you must contribute a minimum of \$10K.

QUESTION: What contributions qualify as in-kind sources?

ANSWER: In-kind costs must be specific to the project, incremental and verifiable. These contributions must be validated and substantiated. For example, staff time could be considered an in-kind contribution if qualified through a rationale and verified through time and salary calculations linked specifically to the project. Equipment or space could also be deemed an in-kind contribution if the value of the material(s), item(s), or lease is verified. Discounts given by consultants do not constitute in-kind contributions.

QUESTION: We are a Tribal Council (TC); do we have to provide a Band Council Resolution (BCR) from each Nation we represent?

ANSWER: Yes, you must provide a BCR from each nation involved in the project. If a Nation within your Tribal Council would like to apply individually they will be given priority over the TC.

QUESTION: What should the BCR say?

ANSWER: It should be dated recently, showing support for this project and BC ICEI funding.

QUESTION: Is a Community Energy Plan (CEP) required to receive funding?

ANSWER: No, however applicants must demonstrate that the community is aware of and in support of the proposed project. A CEP is just one example of such information, but other options include a Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP), or other documentation demonstrating consultation with the community on the proposed project.

QUESTION: Do we have to provide quotes for consultants?

ANSWER: NRT requires a quote for any consultant cost over \$5,000 and if the overall monies that are going to consultants exceed \$5,000 we will need quotes from all of them. Getting a quote from a consultant does not mean that you have to use them.

QUESTION: Is it better to submit my application in advance of the deadline day?

ANSWER: Yes. We may be able to provide feedback and edits to strengthen your application during the intake period. This feedback is not available after the deadline date has passed.

QUESTION: How are projects selected for funding?

ANSWER: Applications are initially screened for eligibility to ensure that all requirements have been met and provided by the applicant. Proposals are then reviewed based on a set of evaluation criteria provided in the [Application Guidelines](#). An Advisory Committee made up of Indigenous leaders, federal and provincial government representatives, and industry stakeholders has also been established to provide advice and guidance that will inform final project funding decisions by New Relationship Trust.

QUESTION: When can our project begin? When will the costs be eligible for reimbursement?

ANSWER: Only costs incurred from the date of application onward are considered eligible. As initial funding decisions will be made in mid-October of 2016, it is recommended that applicants frame their costs from this point forward. Costs incurred prior to a project's approval are done so at the risk of the applicant.

The BC ICEI is a three-year initiative with funding available until April 30th, 2019. As such, only costs incurred on or before April 30th, 2019, are eligible. However, the full clean energy or energy efficiency project does not need to be completed by this date – only those activities or project stages funded through BC ICEI.

QUESTION: Are capital costs eligible?

ANSWER: Yes, provided they are recipient-owned and specific to the project. For example, the costs of equipment required to undertake proof-of-concept testing or data collection, such as solar panels, would be considered eligible. Construction costs are not eligible.

QUESTION: Can we reapply for BC ICEI funding again during a later application intake?

ANSWER: Yes. Funding recipients are eligible for subsequent funding under BC ICEI.

QUESTION: Are we able to submit multiple applications for different project proposals?

ANSWER: Multiple applications can be submitted, although this is not recommended. In cases where multiple proposals are received from the same applicant or community, these will be considered in competition with each other. It is recommended that you prioritize and put forward your strongest application.

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QUESTION: What defines a “project”?

ANSWER: The proposed activities for which the applicant seeks BC ICEI funding. In most cases, the BC ICEI project will be a subset of a larger project. For example, a BC ICEI project could be a feasibility study or engineering assessment necessary to complete the later stages of the larger clean energy or energy efficiency initiative.

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