

BC INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

2021-2022



NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST

INVESTING IN FIRST NATIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



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ABOUT THE BCICEI

The New Relationship Trust **will implement** the British Columbia Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) to provide support and capacity-building funds to Indigenous communities working on the development of clean energy projects.

In 2019, the three-year agreement was renewed to support Phase II (2019-2022) of the BCICEI, with the Province of BC joining the initiative. Over the next three years, the initiative is receiving \$4.5 million from Western Economic Diversification Canada and \$5 million from Province of BC's CleanBC Plan. The BCICEI supports the following objectives:

- Developing local clean energy and energy efficiency projects in Indigenous communities;
- Building Indigenous capacity;
- Creating benefits including ownership, revenue sharing, business development, and local employment; and
- Identifying pathfinding opportunities for further funding and partnerships on clean energy.

The BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) provides early support to develop Indigenous communities' capacity and readiness to advance local or regional clean energy projects. The BCICEI funding supports projects that follow community engagement (such as a community energy plan). This includes activities needed to advance projects to construction stage of the project. Examples of such activities include: feasibility and site selection; environmental review and permitting; project design and engineering; demand side management, clean energy (small scale installation non-utility scale); and pre-construction/COD (capital and non-capital costs are eligible). The initiative also supports clean energy development in remote, off-grid, diesel dependent or end-of-line communities.

This initiative supports both the federal and provincial governments' commitment to establishing a nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples, based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership. To facilitate this commitment, an Advisory Committee has been established to promote collaboration among federal, provincial, Indigenous, and private sector clean energy representatives. In addition to supporting capacity building and development of local clean energy projects in Indigenous communities, the BCICEI will facilitate pathfinding towards private sector engagement and partnerships on clean energy, and help leverage new capital investments.

2021-2022 FUNDING PRIORITIES

Demand for BCICEI funds is high, therefore priority will go to project applications that:

- Demonstrate readiness and viability through completed feasibility studies / plans, assessments, agreements and/or community partnerships;
- Create opportunities for communities to increase self-sufficiency, potentially generate revenue and build capacity with clean energy or energy efficiency project development including pilot projects; and/or
- Support clean energy developments in remote, off-grid, diesel dependent or end-of-line communities

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible recipients under the BCICEI include:

- Indigenous Communities, including self-governing First Nations;
- Tribal Councils, or groups of two or more First Nations;
- Indigenous for profit and not-for-profit corporations, partnerships, associations, cooperatives and institutions, which are majority owned and controlled by Indigenous communities.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CATEGORIES

Eligible BCICEI projects could receive support through contributions up to \$500,000 in assisted project costs; however, project support levels will be determined based on demand for funds, the strength of applications, and project development category funding caps (in Guidelines 3.2.3). Categories of project development phases under BCICEI include:

Feasibility and Site Selection

Activities conducted to assess the project in detail, such that a decision can be made on proceeding with the project. Feasibility and site selection activities include: hydrologic assessment, wind monitoring, resource assessments, archaeological overview assessment, preliminary designs, business plans, detailed cost estimates, etc.

Environmental Review and Permitting

Development activities for this stage include: costs for such items as applying for and obtaining permits and approvals (including those necessary to create a Development Plan as required by the BC government), land surveys and land rights, etc.

Project Design and Engineering

Project design and engineering activities for this stage include: issuing tender documents for the purpose of selecting contractors, negotiating and establishing contracts, as well as interconnection studies, electricity project management, legal agreements, financing fees, pre-construction activities, financial modelling, etc.

Demand Side Management

Conservation and efficiency activities designed to manage demand for energy. Examples of such activities include: energy performance modelling to establish a path for compliance with environmental building codes or standards, studies related to the design of energy efficient building systems or models, etc.

Clean Energy (small scale installation/non-utility scale)

Installation of small scale clean energy projects or small scale community-owned energy generation to power the First Nation community in whole or in part that could include biomass, biogas, geothermal, hydro, solar, wind or ocean power. Small scale would include projects to provide power for community buildings or 100kw or less; small scale would include projects that make the community grid independent (or less grid dependent)

Pre-Construction/Pre-Commercial Operation Date (COD):

Projects that have an existing energy purchase agreement, or impact benefit agreement, that are expected to generate significant revenue and jobs for its community. Both capital and non-capital costs that will assist the execution of the agreement are considered eligible.

Remote communities that are reliant on diesel electricity generation are also eligible to apply for the construction of renewable electricity generation projects. Eligible construction activities include final project engineering, contract labour, equipment for project construction, technology procurement, and associated materials.



APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Read the BCICEI Application Guidelines
Available on our webpage:
<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/bcicei/>
- 2 Complete all fields of the BCICEI Application Form (electronically or manually)
Available on our webpage:
<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/bcicei/>
- 3 If submitting electronically, save the completed BCICEI Application with the following filename format: ApplicantName_BCICEI_ddmmyy.doc
- 4 Prepare supporting documentation and submit with the BCICEI Application as a complete application package
(see sections 4 and 5.2 of the BCICEI Application Guidelines)
- 5 Email or mail (fax submissions not accepted) the completed BCICEI Application Form and any supporting documentation to New Relationship Trust:

Submit by mail:
New Relationship Trust
Attn: Cole Sayers
3188 Alder Court North
Vancouver, BC V7H2V6

Submit by email:
bciceiapplications@nrtf.ca



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BCICEI APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Completed applications and all supporting documentation must be received by the New Relationship Trust in hard copy or electronically by

4:30PM (PST), Monday February 1, 2021.



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