

# Indigenous Communities Conservation Program

## Lead energy saving upgrades in your community

Indigenous communities (Bands) can get a variety of energy saving products either for free or through a rebate, along with the training needed to upgrade homes in their community.

Bands can receive free LED light bulbs, showerheads, faucet aerators, weatherstripping, and more, which are delivered directly to the community, free of charge from BC Hydro. If you're undertaking additional home renovations, BC Hydro will provide rebates on advanced home energy upgrades, including: insulation, ventilation, windows, doors, heat pumps, new appliances and more.

## Who's eligible?

Indigenous communities (Bands) in BC Hydro's service territory are eligible. This program is ideal for Bands that have:

- Plans to conduct home renovations (or are already in the process of making upgrades) and are looking for support to improve energy efficiency
- Trades training/job readiness programs that provide local skilled labour
- Previously participated in the Energy Conservation Assistance Program but are interested in implementing additional home energy upgrades

## How it works

The Indigenous Communities Conservation Program provides two options. Bands can participate in one or both options, depending on what they are interested in upgrading within their homes.

1. Bands can receive free energy saving products, salary support and installation training to conduct upgrades such as energy efficient lighting, high performance faucets and showerheads, and basic draftproofing.
2. Bands and their contractors can receive training to complete advanced energy upgrades to homes (e.g., insulation and air sealing, ventilation, heat pumps) and apply for rebates to support the cost of those upgrades.

A designated Project Lead from your community will be responsible for working with BC Hydro to coordinate and deliver one or both streams of the program locally, including:

- Hiring individuals to install free energy saving products (with salary support from BC Hydro);
- Ordering free energy saving products for homes through BC Hydro's online storefront;
- Coordinating training for Band staff and local installers/contractors;
- Coordinating home visits where trained individuals will assess energy upgrade opportunities and install free energy saving products in homes;
- Applying to BC Hydro for rebates on eligible advanced home energy upgrades that have been installed

Training will be provided to all Project Leads, relevant Band staff and installers/contractors for:

- Reviewing home energy upgrade opportunities
- Installing free energy saving products in homes
- Best Practices for Air Sealing and Insulation Retrofits

### How to apply

We will work with your community to assist with the application process and will be available throughout the home energy upgrade process.

### Get started today

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