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Canada's Partnership with First Nations on Climate



- First Nations are facing disproportionate impacts of climate change, while leading efforts to advance innovative climate solutions.
- First Nations are playing a critical role advocating for climate action in Canada and globally.
- Canada is committed to renewed nation-to-nation relationships with First Nations on climate change, based on the recognition of rights, respect, cooperation and partnership.
- The Government of Canada also supports without qualification the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration) and recognizes that Indigenous Knowledge systems and ways of doing must be a cornerstone of Canadian climate policy.



Canada's Partnership with First Nations on Climate



Senior Bilateral Tables on Clean Growth and Climate Change

- With the launch of the *Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change* in 2016, Canada and Indigenous partners committed to creating senior-level, bilateral, joint tables to ensure full and effective partnership on climate action.
- **The First Nations-Canada Joint Committee on Climate Action (JCCA)**
 - Co-chaired by Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and ECCC
- **Regional First Nations climate coordinators work directly with federal officials** to identify ways for policies and programs to better support self-determined climate action.



Supporting First Nations Climate Leadership

- Development of First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda;
 - collaborative and transformational approach
- Engaging and partnering broadly to understand and reflect First Nations interests and climate priorities moving forward
- Exploring new approaches for delivering climate funding to First Nations



Indigenous Climate & Environmental Funding



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Indigenous climate and environmental funding

Federal funding programs are available to support Indigenous climate action for a safer and cleaner environment for future generations.

To narrow your search results, use the filters on the left of the table below.

Find out about previously funded Indigenous climate action projects on the [Climate Action Map!](#)

List of programs

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Eligible distinctions

- First Nations
- Inuit
- Métis

Type of program

- All funds dedicated to Indigenous Peoples
- A portion of funds are allocated to Indigenous Peoples

Ongoing intake

- Yes
- No

Match Funding Requirements

- Yes
- No
- Variable

Program Name	Description	Maximum Funding Available Per Project	Duration	Department
Northern Indigenous Economic Opportunities Program (NAEOP)	Increases the participation of northern Indigenous communities and businesses in economic opportunities. NIEOP is composed of two program streams: The Community Readiness and Opportunities Planning fund (CROP), and the Entrepreneurship and Business Development fund (EBD).	-	Variable	Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
Northern Isolated Community Initiatives (NICI) Fund	The NICI fund helps strengthen and support Indigenous and northern food systems in three territories by supporting community-led projects, with funding for equipment, local food production projects, and skills training for local and Indigenous food producers. The fund is divided into three areas of focus; Support for Agriculture and Food Businesses; Northern Food and Innovation Challenge; and, Support for Northern Food Working Group & Territorial Initiatives.	\$ 15,000,000	2019-2024	Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
Climate Change Preparedness in the North Program	Provides support to Indigenous and northern communities and governments in the North to help them adapt to climate change impacts. Funding supports projects such as vulnerability and risk assessment of climate change impacts, development of hazard maps and adaptation plans and options, and implementation of non-structural and structural adaptation measures.	Variable	April 2016 - March 2028	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Online resource to search current funding opportunities:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/indigenous-partnership/funding.html>

Links to Canada's Climate Plans

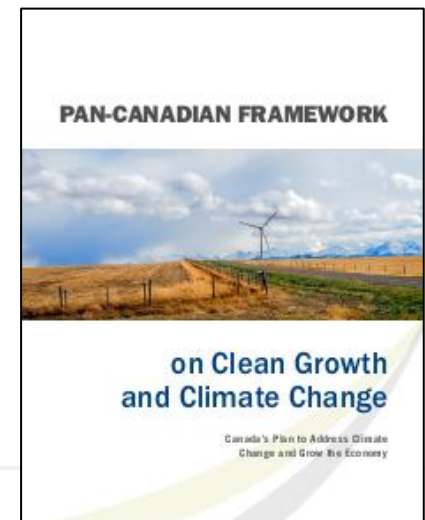
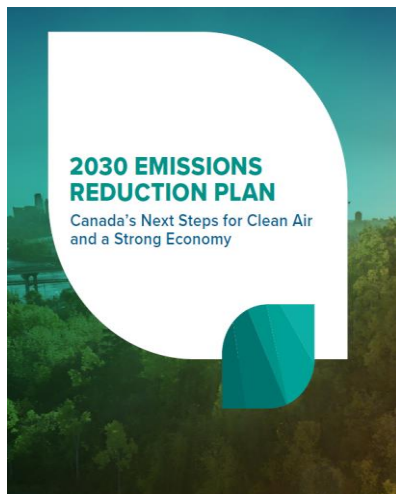


[2030 Emissions Reduction Plan \(2022\)](#)

[Canada's Strengthened Climate Plan \(2020\)](#)

[Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change \(2016\)](#)

[Environment Canada's climate plans and targets](#)





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**LOW CARBON ECONOMY FUND
INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP FUND**

FIRST NATIONS FUNDING STREAM



Indigenous Leadership Fund (ILF)

- \$180 million over seven years (2022-2029).
- Designed with lessons learned from previous initiatives and concrete recommendations by Indigenous partners.
- Provides funding for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and low-carbon heating projects led and owned by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis governments, communities, and organizations.
- Supports the self-determined climate, social, and economic priorities of Indigenous peoples.



First Nations Funding Stream

Funding available: \$73.9 million over 6 years.

Eligible applicants: First Nations governments, communities, and organizations.

Intake: Open and continuous. Call for proposals will be open October 30th, 2023, to March 31st, 2027.

Project types



Renewable Energy Production
(e.g., solar, wind, hydroelectric, biomass, geothermal)



Energy Efficiency
(e.g., building upgrades & retrofits, energy-saving solutions)



Low-Carbon Heating
(e.g., biomass heating, district heating, electric heating, geothermal, solar thermal)

Maximum ECCC contribution: \$6 million per project.



Eligibility Criteria

Projects must:

- ✓ Be First Nations owned, led, and provide direct benefits to First Nations.
- ✓ Incorporate renewable energy, energy efficiency, or low-carbon heating.
- ✓ Be ready for deployment/construction, meaning:
 - Project identification, concept definition and pre-feasibility activities are completed.
 - Sources of funding are secured or close to being secured.
 - Partnership agreements, impact/environmental assessments, permitting, and power purchase agreements are finalized or near finalization.
- ✓ Offer broader environmental, social, and economic benefits.
- ✓ Have broad-based community engagement and support.
- ✓ Have First Nation(s) leadership approval and participation.
- ✓ Have a draft or finalized Community Benefits Plan
 - Note: only required for medium/large (equal to or greater than 1MW) renewable energy projects.*
- ✓ Use proven technologies and practices.



Application Process



We communicate and work directly with First Nations governments, communities, and organizations. Applicants must first contact: LeadershipAutochtoneFEFEC-IndigenousLeadershipLCEF@ec.gc.ca



Applicants will then be sent an Expression of Interest Form and the Eligibility Criteria.



If the project is deemed eligible in principle, applicants will be sent an Application Form, an Applicant Guide, and a WBS and Budget Workbook. At this stage, the applicant will be assigned a program officer to respond to any questions or comments.



ILF program officers will guide applicants through the application process, including the EOI, and provide them with the necessary support and accommodations.



Thank you!

If you have questions on the ILF or would like to learn more about the program, please contact us via email at:

LeadershipAutochtoneFEFEC-IndigenousLeadershipLCEF@ec.gc.ca



ILF program website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/low-carbon-economy-fund/indigenous-leadership.html>