

Energy Incentives & Funding

What funding is available?

We know that every dollar counts when you're building a high-performance building. So we've prepared this document that summarizes incentives supporting projects that are:

- Part 3 energy efficient buildings,
- New construction and/or major renovation,
- Based on energy modelling, and
- (Generally) in British Columbia.

The information is current as of September 2020 and is not a complete summary of all program requirements; full details should be obtained from the program providers at the links we've included.

How can we help?

Focal is familiar with delivering energy services to support all of these programs. If any of these incentive or funding programs sound like a fit for your project, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#) to discuss how we might be able to assist you.



Commercial New Construction Program

Available Incentive

- Energy Study incentive up to \$15,000
- Capital incentive up to \$500,000
 - Based on lifetime CO₂e reduced relative to a baseline
 - Range from \$30/t to \$120/t CO₂e

Eligibility

- BC Hydro service territory (including New Westminster)
- Achieve min. 400 t CO₂e in lifetime GHG savings
- New construction or major renovation
- Involve technology that provides net electrical load growth
- Apply at the end of concept design stage
- Meet program timing requirements

Full program information [here](#)

Custom Lite Program

Available Incentive

- Energy Study incentive up to 50% of cost, max. \$2,000
- Capital incentive up to \$48,000 (\$72,000 for heat pump projects)
 - Based on lifetime CO₂e reduced
 - Rate of \$40/t CO₂e (\$60/t CO₂e for heat pump projects)

Eligibility

- Use equipment on approved Custom Incentive Measures list

Full program information [here](#)

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Commercial New Construction Program

Available Incentives

- Energy Study rebate is 50% of cost up to \$15,000
- Airtightness rebate is 75% of test cost up to \$5,000 each for mid- and post-construction tests
- Capital rebate based on:
 - Path 1, Step code projects: \$1.00, \$1.60 or \$2.20 per ft² for Step 2/3/4+ projects
 - Path 2, Non-step code projects: \$1.00, \$1.60 or \$2.20 per ft² for 10%+, 20%+ or 30%+ savings over a baseline

Eligibility

- FortisBC service territory (including Grand Forks, Penticton, Summerland and Nelson Hydro)
- Part 3 building at least 50,000 ft²
- Apply during pre-construction phase

Full program information [here](#)



Note: National funding programs are available beyond BC

Co-Investment Fund: New Construction

Available Funding

- Long term, low-interest loans to eligible borrowers

Eligibility

- Must have support from a level of government
- Meet organization and project requirements
- Meet financial viability and social outcomes requirements
- Energy model demonstrating at least 25% energy and GHG savings over NECB or 15% savings over NECB 2017

Full program information [here](#)

Rental Construction Financing

Available Funding

- Low-cost loans to eligible borrowers

Eligibility

- At least 5 rental units, responding to rental supply need
- Meet financial viability and social outcomes requirements
- Energy model demonstrating at least 15% energy and GHG savings over NECB 2015

Full program information [here](#)