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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The Ontario Energy Efficiency Resource Guide aims to provide current information about the many programs, financial incentives, and resources that are available to help Ontarians to conserve and to achieve greater energy efficiency.

This guide is divided into four sections – by sector or end-user – as follows:

- Residential
- Multi-residential
- Low-Income
- Not-for-Profit
- All Sectors

Each section starts with a summary chart listing the available programs. This is followed by a more detailed listing that includes a program description with contact information and a web link.

Please note that while this guide does detail programs that are offered, it does not encompass all of the programs that may be offered by other Ontario municipalities. We encourage you to contact your local municipality or regional government directly to confirm what programs are locally available.

Your utility or local distribution company (LDC) may also offer a variety of energy efficiency programs. This guide details some of the larger programs that are offered through electric and gas utilities. Please contact your local providers to find out if they offer any other programs.

As funding programs and initiatives change frequently, please confirm the status of the programs, incentives and resources you find in this guide with the relevant organization.

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Residential Sector

The conservation and energy efficiency programs outlined in this section are primarily for homeowners – that is, individuals and families living in single, semi-detached, or row houses, small townhouses or condominiums. Please confirm your eligibility with the organization delivering the program.

Program Name	Services Provided								Financial Incentives								
	Assistance - General	Assistance - Technical	Education/Information	Product Exchange	Product Give-away	Product Recycling/Pick-up	Seminars/Workshops	Software	Training	Discount/Coupon	Grant	Loan	No/Low Interest Loan	Rate Reduction	Rebate	Subsidy	Tax Incentive
Residential																	
Community Go Green Fund											•						
Cool Savings Rebate Program															•		
ecoEnergy for Buildings and Houses	•								•								
ecoEnergy Retrofit - Homes															•		
Every Kilowatt Counts (EKC)			•														
Go Solar Ontario			•														
Home Energy Savings Program (HESP)															•		
Net Metering															•		
Programmable Thermostat Rebate Program															•		
RET Screen International Clean Energy Support Centre		•	•						•								
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Residential Programs

Community Go Green Fund

Provincial

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/air/climatechange/cggf.php>

The Community Go Green Fund offers grants for local projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Community Go Green Fund is part of Ontario's Go Green Plan to fight climate change.

Ontario Ministry of the Environment
1-800-565-4923

Cool Savings Rebate Program

Provincial

<http://everykilowattcounts.ca/residential/coolingsavings/>

The Cool Savings Rebate Program offers residential consumers rebates to replace outdated central heating and cooling equipment.

- \$25 to purchase and install a programmable thermostat;
- \$125 to purchase and install a mid or high-efficiency furnace with an Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM);
- \$250 to purchase and install an ENERGY STAR® qualified CAC system, heat pump or ductless split system; and
- \$400 to purchase and install a stand-alone CEE “Tier 2” level central air conditioning system or ground source heat pump.

Ontario Power Authority (OPA), Every Kilowatt Counts
1-877-797-9473

ecoENERGY for Buildings and Houses

National

www.ecoaction.gc.ca/buildings

The Energy Efficiency Housing Initiative offers a variety of education programs for the residential (& construction) sector on building new homes that are energy efficient, including guidelines to increase energy efficiency by 30% compared to Provincial building codes, the EnerGuide rating system, and ENERGY STAR® for New Homes.

Natural Resources Canada, OEE, Housing and Equipment Division
1-800-622-6232

ecoENERGY Retrofit - Homes

National

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/homes>

The ecoENERGY Retrofit Homes Program offers grants to owners of single family detached, semi-detached and low rise multi-unit residential buildings for energy efficiency improvements. The maximum per building is \$5,000 and the total amount available to one individual/entity for eligible properties is \$500,000 over the life of the program. Ontario's Home Energy Savings Program (HESP) offers matching grants up to \$5,000 for energy efficiency retrofits.

Natural Resources Canada, OEE, Housing and Equipment Division
1-800-622-6232

Every Kilowatt Counts (EKC)

Provincial

<http://www.everykilowattcounts.ca>

Every Kilowatt Counts offers Ontario residents a variety of energy conservation programs and services aimed at achieving greater energy efficiency in homes and businesses.

Ontario Power Authority (OPA), Conservation Bureau
1-877-797-9473

Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program (ERIP)

Provincial

<http://business.everykilowattcounts.com/feature/ERIP/>

ERIP offers incentives to businesses to encourage the most efficient retrofits for existing facilities. ERIP focuses on the areas of lighting, motors, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and the overall electricity systems, and participants can undertake retrofits outlined in the 'Prescriptive Track' or 'Custom Track'.

The following local distribution/utility companies are offering ERIP:

Grimsby Power
Horizon Utilities
Hydro One Networks
Niagara Falls Hydro

Welland Hydro-Electric
Peninsula West Utilities
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro

Go Solar Ontario

Provincial

www.gosolarontario.ca

Go Solar Ontario is a one-stop shop created by the Clean Air Foundation to provide information on solar energy. Ontario residents and businesses can call a toll-free number or use the website to find information on solar technologies, certified manufacturers, installation tips, financial options, promotional events, and other relevant resources.

Clean Air Foundation
(416) 922-9038 X 258

Home Energy Savings Program (HESP)

Provincial

<http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/energy/conservation/?page=home-energy-savings-program>

The HESP offers home owners rebates for energy audits and retrofits. HESP will reimburse 50% of the cost of a home energy audit up to \$150. HESP will also match Natural Resources Canada's ecoENERGY Retrofit Homes Program for energy efficiency retrofits up to \$5,000.

Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
1-888-668-4636

Net Metering

Provincial

<http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/>

Ontario's net metering regulation allows any Ontario customers that generate their own electricity from a renewable source (wind, water, solar or agricultural biomass) to send their excess electricity to the electrical grid in exchange for a credit toward their energy costs. This is for equipment of a maximum cumulative output up to 500 kilowatts in size.

Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
1-888-668-4636

Peaksaver

Distribution/Utility

<http://www.everykilowattcounts.ca/residential/peaksaver/>

The Peaksaver program offers a one-time \$25 rebate and a programmable thermostat or switch to residents and small business interested in lowering their summer peak energy use. During peak energy use, your local distribution/utility company will send a signal to the programmable thermostat that will turn down your air conditioner by a couple of degrees.

The following distribution/utility companies offer Peaksaver:

Grimsby Power

Welland Hydro

Horizon Utilities
Hydro One Networks

Peninsula West Utilities
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro

Programmable Thermostat Rebate

Enbridge Gas

Customers

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=285>

The Programmable Thermostat Program offers Enbridge customers with a rebate for installing a programmable thermostat that helps to reduce space heating and gas consumption.

Enbridge, Energy Efficiency Programs
(416) 495-5356

RET Screen International Clean Energy

National

<http://www.retscreen.net/ang/home.php>

The Clean Energy Support Centre offers assistance to help implement renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The Centre provides decision-making tools that reduce the costs of prefeasibility studies; training to analyze technical and financial viability of projects; and software that examines energy production, life-cycle costs, emission reductions, financial viability, and risk for various projects.

Natural Resources Canada, RET Screen International
1-800-622-6232

Retail Sales Tax (RST) Exemption on Renewable Energy Systems

Provincial

<http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/taxtips/rst/pdf/04.pdf>

The RST Exemption offers an RST Rebate to homeowners and builders who install qualifying renewable energy equipment including solar, wind, micro-hydro electric or geothermal systems. RST rebates are also provided for enhancements to an existing system.

Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Refund Unit, Retail Sales Tax
1-800-615-2757

Retails Sales Tax (RST) Exemption on ENERGY STAR® products

Provincial

<http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/taxtips/rst/pdf/04.pdf>

A point-of-sale RST Exemption applies to certain ENERGY STAR® qualifying household products purchased, rented or leased after July 19, 2007 and before August 31, 2009. The RST exemption applies to ENERGY STAR® refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, freezers, dehumidifiers, room air conditioners, and qualifying light bulbs and decorative light strings. The RST exemption is expected to provide Ontario consumers with \$36 million in 2007-08 and \$15 million in 2008-09.

Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Refund Unit, Retail Sales Tax
1-800-615-2757

The Great Refrigerator Round-up

Provincial

<http://www.everykilowattcounts.ca/residential/>

The Great Refrigerator Round-up offers homeowners free pick-up and recycling of qualifying full-size refrigerators and freezers.

The following distribution/utility companies are offering The Great Refrigerator Round-up:

Peninsula West Utilities
Port Colborne (CNP)
Welland Hydro-Electric

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro
Hydro One Networks
Horizon Utilities

Multi-Residential and Multi-Use Residential Programs

The conservation and energy efficiency programs listed in this section are open to individuals living in, owners and Board members of buildings with multiple residential units and buildings that contain both residential and business units (sometimes referred to as "MURBs"). If you live in small multi-residential or a MURB building, you may also want to review the 'Residential Programs' section, as your building may be eligible under some of residential programs. Please confirm your eligibility with the organization delivering the program.

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Residential																	
Commercial Audit Incentive Program		•													•		
ecoEnergy for Buildings and Houses			•				•	•									
ecoEnergy Retrofit - Homes															•		
ecoEnergy Retrofit - Small & Medium Organizations															•		
Every Kilowatt Counts (EKC)			•														
Gas Equipment Conversion															•		
Go Solar Ontario			•														
Higher Efficiency Boiler Program		•	•												•		
Infrastructure Ontario Loan Program											•	•					
MultiChoice Conversion Program															•		
Net Metering															•		
New Building Construction Program (NBC)															•		
Peaksaver															•		
Programmable Thermostat Rebate Program															•		
RET Screen International Clean Energy Support Centre		•	•					•									
Retail Sales Tax (RST) Exemption on Renewable Energy Systems															•		
Retail Sales Tax (RST) Exemption on Energy Star Household Products																	•

Multi-Residential and Multi-Use Residential Building Programs

Commercial Audit Incentives Program

Enbridge Gas Customers

www.enbridge.com/business

The Commercial Audit Incentives Program offers Enbridge customers technical advice and rebates for completing energy efficiency improvements. A minimum natural gas consumption of 150,000m³ per year for each facility is required to qualify for an audit incentive. Incentives payable to customers will be the lowest of: \$0.01m³ of natural gas consumed at the applicable building(s) during the most recently completed calendar year; 1/2 of the cost of the audit up to \$5,000; or 1/3 the cost of the audit up to \$5,000 if other audit incentives are received.

Enbridge, Energy Services
866-844-9994
energyservices@enbridge.com

ecoENERGY for Buildings and Houses

National

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/buildings>

The Energy Efficiency Housing Initiative offers a variety of education programs for the residential (& construction) sector on building new homes that are energy efficient, including guidelines to increase energy efficiency by 30% compared to Provincial building codes, the EnerGuide rating system, and ENERGY STAR® for New Homes.

Natural Resources Canada, OEE, Housing and Equipment Division
1-800-622-6232

ecoENERGY Retrofit - Homes

National

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/homes>

The ecoENERGY Retrofit Homes Program offers grants to owners of single family detached, semidetached and low rise multi-unit residential buildings for energy efficiency improvements. The maximum per building is \$5,000 and the total amount available to one individual/entity for eligible properties is \$500,000 over the life of the program. Ontario's Home Energy Savings Program (HESP) offers matching grants up to \$5,000 for energy efficiency retrofits.

Natural Resources Canada, OEE, Housing and Equipment Division
1-800-622-6232

ecoENERGY Retrofit - Small and Medium Organizations

National

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/retrofit>

ecoENERGY Retrofit – Small and Medium Organizations offers rebates to small and medium-sized commercial, institutional, industrial, and multi-residential facilities to implement energy saving projects. Participants receive up to \$10 per giga-joule of estimated energy savings, 25% of project costs, or \$50,000 per project.

Natural Resources Canada, Office of Energy Efficiency (OEE)
1-800-622-6232

Every Kilowatt Counts (EKC)

Provincial

<http://www.everykilowattcounts.ca>

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Ontario Power Authority (OPA), Conservation Bureau
1-877-797-9473

Gas Equipment Conversion

Enbridge Gas Customers

www.enbridge.com/business

The Gas Equipment Conversion Program offers customers a one-time rebate for the installation of energy efficiency equipment that results in measurable natural gas reductions. The incentive is calculated on the basis of the annual projected cubic meters of natural gas added to the address at the rate of \$0.05/m³ up to \$30,000 per address. Higher efficiency equipment and systems conversions can qualify for higher incentives. Additionally, a \$100 rebate for each gas dryer conversions is also available.

Enbridge, Energy Services
866-844-9994
energyservices@enbridge.com

Go Solar Ontario

Provincial

www.gosolarontario.ca

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Clean Air Foundation
(416) 922-9038 X 258

Higher Efficiency Boiler Program

Enbridge Gas Customers

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=Opener&control=OpenObject&cached=true&parentname=Community>

The Higher Efficiency Boiler Program offers financial incentives to encourage upgrades to higher efficiency heating and domestic hot water boilers. The Program also offers information, energy management and monitoring, research and development, training and technical assistances. To be eligible, boiler upgrades must be 84% combustion efficient and condensing boilers must be 90% combustion efficient.

Enbridge
(416) 495-5263

Infrastructure Ontario Loan Program

Provincial

<http://www.infrastructureontario.ca/en/loan/index.asp>

Infrastructure Ontario offers low-interest loans to public sector organizations for most capital expenditures. Eligible organizations include hospices; housing providers; local service boards; not-for-profit long term care homes; municipal corporations; municipalities; and not-for-profit professional arts training institutions, universities, and colleges.

Infrastructure Ontario, Loan Operations Group
1-800-230-0937

MultiChoice Conversion Program

Enbridge Gas Customers

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=381&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=0&mode=2>

The MultiChoice Conversion Program offers Enbridge customers rebates of \$0.10/m³ of natural gas saved, to a maximum of \$30,000 (for 3 or more measures) per facility, building, or project. Natural gas savings can come from replacing equipment, operational changes or building automation systems.

Enbridge
(416) 495-5263

Net Metering

Provincial

<http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/>

Ontario's net metering regulation allows any Ontario customers that generate their own electricity from a renewable source (wind, water, solar or agricultural biomass) to send their excess electricity to the electrical grid in exchange for a credit toward their energy costs. This is for equipment of a maximum cumulative output up to 500 kilowatts in size.

Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
1-888-668-4636

New Building Construction Program (NBC)

Enbridge Gas Customers

http://www.egd.enbridge.com/B/B05-11_building_design.asp

The NBC Program offers rebates of \$0.075/m³ of annual natural gas savings (up to \$15,000) to encourage the design of energy efficient buildings for the commercial, institutional, and multi-residential sectors.

Enbridge
(416) 495-5697

Peaksaver

Provincial

<http://everykilowattcounts.ca/residential/peaksaver/>

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The following distribution/utility companies offer Peaksaver:

Grimsby Power
Horizon Utilities
Hydro One Networks

Welland Hydro
Peninsula West Utilities
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro

Programmable Thermostat Rebate Program

Enbridge Gas Customers

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=285>

The Programmable Thermostat Program offers Enbridge customers a rebate for installing a programmable thermostat that helps to reduce space heating gas consumption.

Enbridge, Energy Efficiency Programs
(416) 495-5356

RET Screen International Clean Energy

National

<http://www.retscreen.net/ang/home.php>

The Clean Energy Support Centre offers assistance to help implement renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The Centre provides decision-making tools that reduce the costs of prefeasibility studies; training to analyze technical and financial viability of projects; and software that examines energy production, life-cycle costs, emission reductions, financial viability, and risk for various projects.

Natural Resources Canada, RET Screen International
1-800-622-6232

Retail Sales Tax (RST) Exemption on Renewable Energy Systems

Provincial

<http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/taxtips/rst/pdf/04.pdf>

The RST Exemption offers an RST Rebate to homeowners and builders who install qualifying renewable energy equipment including solar, wind, micro-hydro electric or geothermal systems. RST rebates are also provided for enhancements to an existing system.

Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Refund Unit, Retail Sales Tax
1-800-615-2757

Retails Sales Tax (RST) Exemption on ENERGY STAR® Products

Provincial

<http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/taxtips/rst/pdf/04.pdf>

A point-of-sale RST exemption applies to certain ENERGY STAR® qualifying household products purchased, rented, or leased after July 19, 2007 and before August 31, 2009. The RST exemption applies to refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, freezers, dehumidifiers, room air conditioners, and qualifying light bulbs and decorative light strings. The RST exemption is expected to provide Ontario consumers with \$36 million in 2007-08 and \$15 million in 2008-09.

Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Refund Unit, Retail Sales Tax
1-800-615-2757

Low-Income Programs

The conservation and energy efficiency programs listed in this section are available for low-income individuals and families, and public and private low-income/social housing providers. Individuals and families may also want to review the ‘Residential Programs section for further programs. Public and private low-income/social housing providers may also want to review the ‘Multi-Residential’ and/or ‘Institutional, Commercial, and Industrial’ section, as your building(s) may be eligible under some of those programs. Please confirm your eligibility with the organization delivering the program.

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Residential																		
Budget Billing Plan														•				
Community Start-Up & Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB)										•								
Cool Savings Rebate Program															•			
Emergency Energy Fund (EEF)										•						•		
Enhanced TAPS Program					•													
Every Kilowatt Counts (EKC)			•															
Green Light On a Better Environment (GLOBE)	•	•	•				•	•	•									
Golden Age Service										•				•				
Peaksaver															•			
Programmable Thermostat Rebate Program																•		
Retail Sales Tax (RST) Exemption on Energy Star Household Products																	•	
Share the Warmth (STW)										•								
The Great Refrigerator Round-up						•												
Winter Warmth										•								

Low-Income Programs

Budget Billing Plan

Enbridge

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=275>

The Budget Billing Plan offers Enbridge customers the opportunity to spread out their natural gas charges over 11 equal installments to help control for fluctuating seasonal energy costs. Customers can sign up for the program between September and February.

Enbridge Gas
1-877-362-7434

Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB)

Provincial

<http://www.cleo.on.ca/english/pub/onpub/PDF/socialAsst/csub.pdf>

The Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB) offers financial assistance to Ontarians who qualify for social assistance from Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

The CSUMB can be used:

- to keep your utilities from being cut off;
- to get your utilities back if they have been cut off; and/or
- for a utility deposit when setting up a new home

The maximum request from CSUMB is:

- \$799 for singles and couples without a dependent child(ren) under 18, and
- \$1,500 for families with a dependent child(ren) under 18.

Potential participants should contact your OW or ODSP office to apply.

Service Ontario
1-800-267-8097

Cool Savings Rebate Program

Provincial

<http://everykilowattcounts.ca/residential/coolingsavings/>

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Ontario Power Authority (OPA), Every Kilowatt Counts
1-877-797-9473

Emergency Energy Fund (EEF)

Provincial

http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/english/pillars/community/programs/homeless_prevent.htm

The Emergency Energy Fund offers financial assistance to Ontario residents to help pay for utility arrears, security deposits, and reconnection costs for electricity, natural gas, oil and other forms of energy. Each municipality has its own eligibility criteria. Please contact your local municipality for more information.

Ministry of Community and Social Services
1-888-789-4199

Enhanced TAPS Program

Enbridge

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=587>

The Enhanced TAPS Program offers qualifying low-income families and individuals free energy saving tools including:

- installation of a programmable thermostat;
- installation of foam pipe insulation;
- an energy efficient showerhead; and
- kitchen and bathroom aerators.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact their local community service agency listed on the program web page.

Enbridge
1-877-362-7434

Every Kilowatt Counts (EKC)

Provincial

<http://www.everykilowattcounts.ca>

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1-877-797-9473

Green Light On a Better Environment (GLOBE)

Provincial

<http://www.globeservices.ca%5C/>

Green Light On a Better Environment (GLOBE) offers tenants and service providers in the social housing sector assistance and tools to help improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and operations.

GLOBE offers:

- workshops and training;
- assistance with energy audits, including a template and web based auditing tool;
- support services, regarding project management, program evaluation, standards and legislation;
- educational primers; and
- case studies, tips, and links to relevant organizations and legislation

GLOBE
(416) 594-9325

Golden Age Service

Enbridge

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=278>

The Golden Age Service offers residential customers 65 years or older a variety of benefits including:

- waiving of security deposits (if there is a good payment record), and
- the option to pay for monthly gas bills after receiving your pension cheque (your bill will show the same due date, but there will not be late payment charges).

Golden Age members can also benefit from these additional programs:

- special payment arrangements to help if you fall behind;
- budget Billing Plan to spread payments out evenly throughout the year; and
- pre-Authorized Payments to automatically withdraw monthly payments.

Enbridge Gas
1-877-362-7434

Peaksaver

Provincial

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Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro

Programmable Thermostat Rebate

Enbridge Gas Customers

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Enbridge, Energy Efficiency Programs
(416) 495-5356

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Provincial

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Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Refund Unit, Retail Sales Tax
1-800-615-2757

Share the Warmth (STW)

Provincial

<http://www.sharethewarmth.org/about.html>

Share the Warmth offers energy assistance and energy conservation services to families, seniors, the disabled, and the terminally ill, living at or near the poverty level. Share the Warmth does not give money or cover the entire cost of an applicant's heating needs, instead Share the Warmth purchases heat and energy in the form of gas, electricity, oil, propane, wood or kerosene and delivers it to households in order to address a portion of the applicant's overall need sufficient to ensure warmth in the winter. Geographic regions served are dependant on funding availability and participating utilities.

Share the Warmth
(416) 736-4671
info@sharethewarmth.org

The Great Refrigerator Round-up

Provincial

<http://www.everykilowattcounts.ca/residential/roundup/index.php>

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Port Colborne (CNP)
Welland Hydro-Electric

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro
Hydro One Networks
Horizon Utilities

www.enbridge.com/winterwarmth

Winter warmth offers financial assistance to residential customers living at/or below the poverty line who have exhausted all other sources of financial support. Successful applicants can have a credit applied towards their electricity or gas bills.

Potential applicants:

- have energy bills that are currently in arrears;
- have recently received a disconnection notice; and/or
- are experiencing personal circumstances that make it difficult to pay current energy bills.

Winter Warmth is delivered by community agencies through the United Way. Please refer to the Winter Warmth website for regional contact information.

Enbridge
(416) 495-5662

Not-For-Profit Sector

The conservation and energy efficiency programs outlined in this section are for not-for-profit organizations, registered charities, and incorporated organizations. Please confirm your eligibility with the organization delivering the program.

Program Name	Services Provided								Financial Incentives								
	Assistance - General	Assistance - Technical	Education/Information	Product Exchange	Product Give-away	Product Recycling/Pick-up	Seminars/Workshops	Software	Training	Discount/Coupon	Grant	Loan	No/Low Interest Loan	Rate Reduction	Rebate	Subsidy	Tax Incentive
Not-For-Profit (NFP) Organizations																	
Community Go Green Fund											•						
Community Power Fund		•	•								•						
Conservation Fund											•						
EcoAction Community Funding Program	•										•						
ecoEnergy for Renewable Heat															•		
ecoEnergy for Renewable Power											•						
Environmental Damages Fund (EDF)											•						
Infrastructure Ontario Loan Program												•	•				
Ontario Solar Thermal Heating Incentive (OSTHI)															•		
Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Grants											•						

Not-for-Profit Programs

Community Go Green Fund

Provincial

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/air/climatechange/cggf.php>

The Community Go Green Fund offers grants for local projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Community Go Green Fund is part of Ontario's Go Green Plan to fight climate change.

Ontario Ministry of the Environment
1-800-565-4923

Community Power Fund

Provincial

www.cpfund.ca

The Community Power Fund is designed to help Ontario-based community organizations in developing and installing renewable energy projects. The Fund is divided between grants for large projects, that will be commissioned within 2-3 years (up to a maximum of \$2.5M) and small grants for pre-feasibility, feasibility, and strategic opportunities (up to a maximum of \$500,000).

Community Power Fund
(416) 977-3154

Conservation Fund

Provincial

<http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/cfund/>

The OPA's Conservation Fund offers grants to eligible organizations for sector specific electricity conservation and demand management projects. The program's goals are to build marketplace capacity for conservation programs, test new or unique program elements, and can be scaled up to deliver significant and quantifiable energy savings.

Ontario Power Authority (OPA), Conservation Bureau
1-877-797-9473

EcoAction Community Funding Program

National

http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/what_is_e.html

The EcoAction Community Fund offers grants to eligible not-for-profit organizations for projects that have measurable, positive impacts on the environment. Projects can focus on action, community capacity building, or a combination of objectives.

Environment Canada, ecoAction
1-800-668-6767
ecoaction.on@ec.gc.ca

ecoENERGY for Renewable Heat

National

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/heat>

ecoENERGY for Renewable Heat offers financial incentives for the installation of a solar heating systems to eligible organizations in the industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) sectors. The incentive is 25% of the purchase, installation and other costs of qualifying systems to a maximum of \$80,000 per installation. Organizations eligible for this program can also obtain a matching grant through the Ontario Solar Thermal Heating Incentive (OSTHI) Program.

Natural Resources Canada, Renewable and Electrical Energy Division
1-877-722-6600
ecoenergyvrp@nrcan.gc.ca

ecoENERGY for Renewable Power

National

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/power-electricite/index-eng.cfm>

ecoENERGY for Renewable Power offers financial assistance for the installation of renewable energy generation projects, including wind, biomass, low-impact hydro, geothermal, solar PV and ocean energy. ecoENERGY for Renewable Power will provide an incentive of ¢1 per kilowatt hour for up to 10 years to eligible low-impact, renewable electricity projects constructed by March 31, 2011. The program is a \$1.48 billion investment that aims to produce 14.3 terawatt hours of new electricity from renewable energy sources.

Natural Resources Canada, Renewable and Electrical Energy Division
1-800-622-6232

Environmental Damages Fund (EDF)

National

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/>

The EDF offers grants to projects that help repair harm done by pollution. The Fund is generated from pollution penalties and settlements imposed by the court system.

Environment Canada, ecoAction
1-800-661-7785
edf-fde.on@ec.gc.ca

Infrastructure Ontario Loan Program

Provincial

<http://www.infrastructureontario.ca/en/loan/index.asp>

Infrastructure Ontario offers low-interest loans to public sector organizations for most capital expenditures. Eligible organizations include hospices; housing providers; local service boards; not-for-profit long term care homes; municipal corporations; municipalities; and not-for-profit professional arts training institutions, universities and colleges.

Infrastructure Ontario, Loan Operations Group
1-800-230-0937

Ontario Solar Thermal Heating Incentive (OSTHI)

Provincial

<http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/energy/conservation/?page=OSTHI>

OSTHI offers grants of up to \$80,000 to ICI sector entities that install a qualifying solar water or solar air heating system. OSTHI can provide up to 25% of the cost of the installation of an eligible solar thermal heating system. OSTHI matches grants available through Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) ecoENERGY for Renewable Heat Program.

Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
1-888-668-4636

Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Grants

Provincial

http://www.trilliumfoundation.org/cms/en/app_materials.aspx?menuid=15

The Trillium Foundation offers not-for-profit organizations grants for a variety of different projects relating to environment, arts and culture, sports and recreation, as well as human and social services.

Ontario Trillium Foundation
1-800-263-2887

All Sectors

The conservation and energy efficiency programs outlined in this section are available to all sectors, from residential to commercial, industrial and institutional. Program eligibility changes frequently. Please confirm your eligibility with the organization delivering the program.

Program Name	Services Provided								Financial Incentives								
	Assistance - General	Assistance - Technical	Education/Information	Product Exchange	Product Give-away	Product Recycling/Pick-up	Seminars/Workshops	Software	Training	Discount/Coupon	Grant	Loan	No/Low Interest Loan	Rate Reduction	Rebate	Subsidy	Tax Incentive
All Sectors																	
CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC)	•		•														
ecoEnergy Technology Initiative										•							
Enbridge AWAIRES Fund										•							
Innovation Demonstration Fund (IDF)										•							
Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program (RESOP)																•	
Rural Economic Development Program (RED)										•							
Sustainable Technologies Development Canada (SDTC)										•	•						
Technology Early Action Measures (TEAM): Climate Change Technologies																	

All Sectors

Canmet Energy Technology Centre (CETC)

National

<http://www.cetc.nrcan.gc.ca/>

The CETC works with Canadian companies, universities, international organizations and government to develop, demonstrate and deploy technologies in the industrial, commercial, built environment, community, oil and gas, and power generation sectors to address environmental issues associated with energy use and production.

Natural Resources Canada
1-800-622-6232
gmurphy@nrcan.gc.ca

ecoENERGY Technology Initiative

National

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/technology>

The ecoENERGY Technology Initiative offers funds for research, development and demonstration of next-generation clean-energy technologies. The Initiative is a \$230 million investment that aims to accelerate the development and market readiness of clean energy technologies.

Natural Resources Canada, Office of Energy Research and Development
1-800-622-6232

Enbridge AWAIRES Fund

Provincial

<https://portalplumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=686&PageID=0&cached=true&mode=2&userID=2>

The Enbridge AWAIRES Fund offers grants for projects that help support clean air initiatives and improve public health in Enbridge service areas. Projects must be action orientated, deliver significant benefits to the overall air quality, and reduce pollutants.

Enbridge
(416) 495-5790

Innovation Demonstration Fund (IDF)

Provincial

<http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/idf/guidelines.asp>

The IDF is a non-entitlement funding program that focuses on the commercialization and demonstration of globally competitive, innovative technologies, processes and/or products. The objective of the IDF is to help companies commercialize innovative technologies in Ontario.

Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation, Commercialization Branch
(416) 326-0841
idf@ontario.ca

Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program (RESOP)

Provincial

http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/SOP/Page.asp?PageID=122&ContentID=4107&SiteNodeID=162&BL_ExpandID=161

RESOP offers energy generators a standardized price for the electricity they produce that is added to the grid. Contracts are guaranteed for 20 years with price dependant on electricity source. The aim of the program is to help Ontario meet its renewable energy targets and to simplify eligibility, contracting and other rules for small renewable energy electricity generating projects.

Ontario Power Authority (OPA), Conservation Bureau
1-877-797-9473

Rural Economic Development Program (RED)

Provincial

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/>

RED offers financial assistance to help rural communities remove barriers to community development and economic growth. Projects are cost shared, with OMAFRA providing up to 50% of eligible costs. Funding may be available for up to 90% of eligible costs under special circumstances.

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
1-877-424-1300
red.omafra@ontario.ca

Sustainable Development Technologies Canada (SDTC)

National

<http://www.sdte.ca/>

SDTC offers grants and loans to support the development and demonstration of clean technologies, which provide solutions to the issues of climate change, clean air and water and soil quality, and that deliver economic, environmental and health benefits to Canadians.

Development Canada, Sustainable Technologies
(613) 234-6313

Technology Early Action Measures (TEAM): Climate Change Technologies

National

<http://www.team.gc.ca/>

TEAM offers assistance to facilitate late-stage technology development and demonstration of technologies that have significant potential to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while sustaining economic and social development.

Natural Resources Canada, Office of Energy Research and Development
1-800-622-6232