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**SUBJECT: SaveONenergy Program**

**Background**

The Province's Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program (SHRRP) is winding down and no new funding is available to complete new retrofit projects.

Housing providers who are contemplating undertaking electricity-savings retrofit projects on their own will be interested in the new SaveONenergy Program. This initiative is funded by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and delivered through participating local electric utility companies, and is open to housing provider multi-family buildings.

**PROGRAM**

The SaveONenergy Program provides housing providers with substantial financial incentives for replacing existing equipment with high efficiency equipment and for installing new control systems that will improve the efficiency of operational procedures and processes.

Local electric utility companies can offer financial incentives to implement energy-efficiency measures for housing provider buildings, equipment and operational practices that could lower electricity costs.

**Program Benefits**

- Recouped costs for energy-saving projects
- Reduced operating/utility costs
- Enhanced building condition
- Improved resident comfort
- Expanded resident awareness of energy conservation
- Reduced impact on the environment

Please note that your project must be **pre-approved** by your local utility company in order to participate in this program.

### **Funding Details**

- As much as 50% of project costs are covered through various incentives.
- Housing provider buildings are eligible for advanced funding of as much as 50% of the estimated participant incentives for equipment replacement projects.
- Incentives apply to a wide variety of equipment upgrades and to a variety of building envelope improvement measures.
- Other incentive programs are eligible to help fund the costs - however, the total funding from all sources cannot exceed 100% of the total project cost (*Natural Resources Canada (ecoEnergy), the Province of Ontario or local gas utility may offer additional incentives or rebates*).

The following are examples of electricity savings work eligible for rebates:

- Lighting retrofits
- Lighting controls
- HVAC redesign
- Chiller replacement
- Variable speed drives
- Improvement of thermal performance of a building envelope through measures such as increased insulation, installation of high performance windows and frames, low emissive window glazing or low emissive roof barriers.

For providers who did not participate in the energy study completed by NRH, incentives are available under the Audit Funding component of the program to complete energy audits to identify the equipment upgrades that can save energy, and estimate the energy-savings potential and budget cost.

### **Eligible building types**

- Public and municipal housing located in the Province of Ontario
- Supportive housing and shelters
- Non-profits
- Cooperatives
- Affordable housing
- Buildings containing six or more Residential Dwelling Units, defined as self-contained living spaces for one household with private kitchen, bathroom and bedroom(s)
- Buildings that receive electricity from a licensed Ontario local electric utility supplied by the Ontario electricity system
- Buildings zoned as mixed-use (multi-residential and commercial space) are also eligible.

For more information, please visit [www.saveonenergy.ca](http://www.saveonenergy.ca).

## **Getting Started**

Housing providers must register online and provide business details and the name and contact information of suppliers to the project. Housing providers who require assistance with the registration process should contact their local electric utility company.

The following is a list of local utility company contacts participating in the program:

### **Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.**

Contact: Sean Perry (sean.perry@npei.ca)  
(905) 356-2681 ext. 6105  
1-877-270-3938

### **Grimsby Power Inc.**

Contact: Kathleen Cea (kathleen.cea@burmanenergy.ca)  
(905) 939-8239  
1-877-662-5489

### **Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.**

Contact: Jason Biesma (jbiesma@wellandhydro.com)  
(905) 732-1381 ext. 268

### **Canadian Niagara Power**

Contact: Mary Tibolo or Rod Barber (conservation@cnpower.com)  
(905) 994-3638

### **Hydro One**

Contact: Maria Konidis (maria.konidis@hydroone.com)  
(416) 345-5150

### **Horizon Utilities**

Contact: Vivian Partridge (vivian.partridge@horizonutilities.com)  
(905) 522-6611 ext. 2261

## **Resident Education**

Residents can have a significant impact on reducing energy consumption in housing provider buildings. This program offers funding of \$200/kW calculated based on saving from building upgrades to support resident education. When an application is approved and the project is in progress, a resident education kit will be sent to the housing provider that will provide information and tips about energy conservation and the benefits of an energy-conscious lifestyle.

**Training**

Building Operator training to support improved operation of the heating, mechanical and electrical systems will be available to housing providers. This training will provide staff with an in-depth look at the best ways to manage the facility, from information on the latest technologies, to tips, techniques, and best practices in energy efficiency and conservation opportunities.

**Service Manager's Role**

This information is provided to housing providers who are interested in reducing their electricity consumption through a retrofit program.

**Housing Provider's Role**

Housing provider staff are required to forward this Notice to their board of directors for their information.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact your local Electric Utility Company.

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