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Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada



ecoENERGY for Aboriginal and Northern **Communities Program**

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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy – **AANDC Programming Overview**



ecoENERGY Program Description

(2011-2016, \$20 million over 5 years)

- Application-based program, once per year
 - For fiscal year 2014-15, application period was from February 7 to March 7, 2014

Program Objective

To <u>reduce greenhouse gas emissions</u> from <u>electricity generation</u> and <u>heat production</u> in <u>Aboriginal</u> and <u>northern communities</u> across Canada by supporting <u>development stages of renewable energy projects</u> and <u>implementation of renewable energy projects integrated with community buildings</u>

• Eligible Resources and Technologies

 Residual/district heating systems; Biomass; Ground source/water source heat pumps; Geoexchange heating/cooling systems; Wind; Solar photovoltaic; Solar hot water; Solar air heating; and Hydroelectricity (less than 50MW)

ecoENERGY Program Description - cont'd

Available Funding and Eligible Projects

- Up to \$100,000 for implementing a renewable energy project integrated with community buildings.
- Up to \$250,000 for feasibility stages of 'stand-alone' renewable energy projects that produce energy for a group of buildings or an entire community.

Priority Given To

- Projects in off-grid communities;
- Communities that have not received funding from EANCP in the past (going back to 2007);



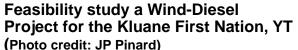
Off-Grid Communities – Addressing Energy Challenges

Energy Challenges	Impacts	Integrating local energy benefits communities by
Community growth	Increasing energy needsOngoing load restrictionsSupply reliability issues	Addressing growing energy needsAlleviating load restrictionsImproving energy reliability
Increasing cost of diesel	Increasing O&M costs	Reducing reliance on dieselReducing O&M costs
Climate change impacts (e.g., failing ice roads)	Increasing transportation costs	Utilizing local resourcesReducing requirement to transport fuel
Transportation, storage, transfers of fossil fuels	Environmental damage, remediation costsHealth and safety risks	 Reducing risks to human health and the environment
Local emissions	Human health impacts	 Reducing or displacing greenhouse gas and other emissions
Competing priorities	Low capacity and resources	Developing local capacityPromoting community ownership
Inadequate supply, reliability issues	 Limiting economic development opportunities 	 Enabling local economic development opportunities

Key factors associated with strong ecoENERGY funding applications:

- Demonstrating greenhouse gas reductions;
- Supporting the implementation of a <u>renewable energy technology that is proven</u> commercial in Canada;
- Demonstrating economic benefits for participating community;
- Incorporating social benefits;
- Obtaining community/stakeholder support;
- Linking specific work activities with a reasonable budget;
- Providing completed background studies (including RETScreen); and
- Incorporating a capable project team.

Project Examples





Community Heating with Locally Harvested Biomass Feedstock for the Tetl'it Gwich'in Council, **NWT**



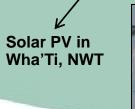
Geothermal heat at F.H. school, **Whitehorse**



Residual heat recovery in Igaluit, NU



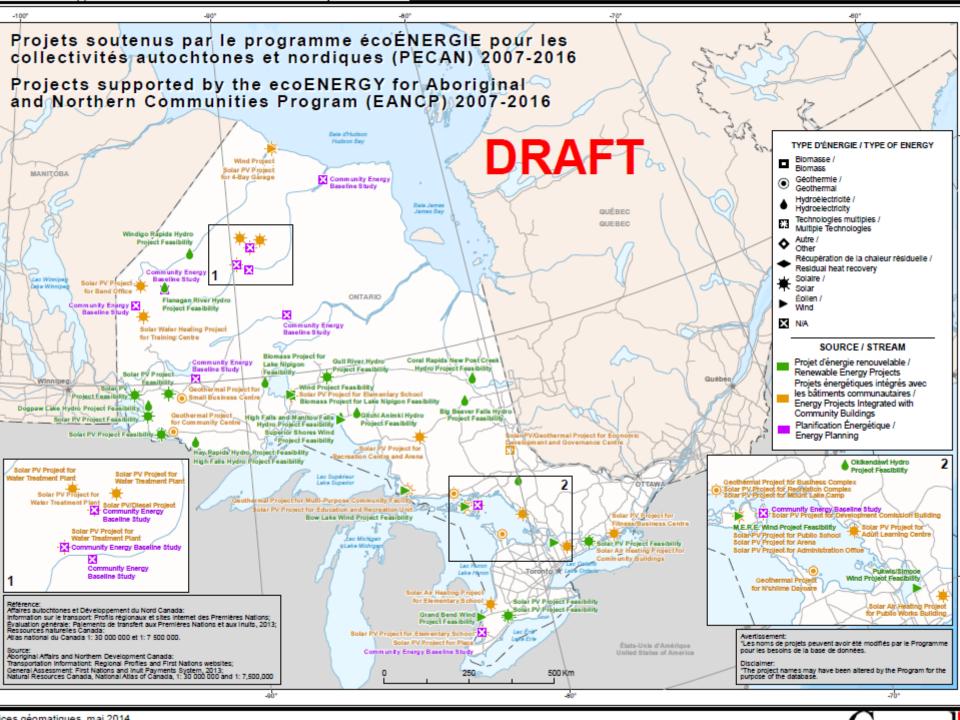
Run-of-river hydro at Canoe Creek, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, BC



Solar PV on Water Treatment Plant, **Kingfisher Lake First** Nation, ON



Solar PV on School, **Lennox Island First** Nation, PEI





MERE Wind Project - M'Chigeeng First Nation

(completed mid-2012)



Picture courtesy of MERE web site

Pic Mobert First Nation – White River (Gitchi Animki) Water Power Development (construction has begun)



Deer Lake First Nation – School Rooftop Solar PV Project

(completed March 2014)



AANDC Energy Related Programming – How we fit in

Climate Change Division

ecoENERGY for Aboriginal and Northern Communities Program

The only program focused solely on development and implementation of renewable energy projects (North and South)

Land and Economic Development

Programming
through the Federal
Framework for
Aboriginal
Economic
Development
(South)

Strategic
Partnerships
Initiative
(North and South)

Community Infrastructure Branch

Capital Facilities
and Maintenance
Program
and the
First Nation
Infrastructure
Fund

(South)

Canadian High Arctic Research Station

Upcoming programming focussing on northern science & technology research & development, and demonstration

(North)

AANDC's **ecoENERGY** program is one of the <u>Clean Energy</u> programs which are part of the Government of Canada's ecoACTION programs that make up Canada's Clean Air Agenda to address action on climate change.

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