

Funding Incentives for Efficiency Projects



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Implementation				
Fund Name	Source	Program Description	Funds Available	Eligibility
Business Development Program	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency www.acoa.ca	Designed to help set up, expand or modernize a business. The program offers access to capital in the form of interest-free, unsecured, repayable contributions	Up to 50%-75% financing	Small to medium-sized enterprises and not-for-profit organizations providing support to the business community
Solar Air & Hot Water Rebate	Conserve Nova Scotia www.conservens.ca	Provides help to cover the installed cost of a solar air or hot water heating system for residential, institutional, industrial or commercial use	15% rebate up to a maximum of \$20,000	Small to medium-sized enterprises
ecoENERGY Retrofit for Industry	Natural Resources Canada www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/	Financial incentive of \$10/gigajoule of estimated annual savings for energy saving projects	Up to 25% of project costs to a maximum of \$50,000 per application and \$250,000 per corporate entity	Industrial small to medium-sized enterprises and not subject to Environment Canada GHG regulations
ecoENERGY for Renewable Heat		Incentive offered to the industrial, commercial and institutional sector to install active energy-efficiency solar air or solar-water heating systems	Calculated incentive amount: performance factor x incentive rate x area of collector (see website for more details)	Businesses, industries and public institutions
ecoENERGY Retrofit for Buildings		Financial incentive for existing buildings and industrial processes, up to \$10/gigajoule of estimated energy savings	25% of eligible project costs or 50,000 per project	Owners of small and medium-sized buildings in the commercial and institutional sectors
C&I Custom Program for Implementation	Nova Scotia Power Inc. www.nspower.ca	Incentives for energy efficiency projects	Lesser of: -\$0.15 per annual kWh of electrical energy saved, -50 percent of the customer's cost of implementation. An amount which provides a simple payback of one year.	Eligible projects should save at least 20,000 kWh of electrical energy per year
Value Added Manufacturing Program	Resource Recovery Fund Board www.rrfb.com	Providing financial assistance for locally-based businesses to develop value-added products from materials recovered from the waste stream	Maximum contribution no more than 50% of total costs of the proposed project, unless specifically approved by the RRFB	Individuals, businesses, partnerships, organizations, agencies, municipalities and universities
Training				
Lunch and Learn Sessions	Dalhousie University's Eco-Efficiency Centre www.dal.ca/eco-efficiency	1 -2 hour Lunch-and-Learns sessions are offered throughout the year. Sessions highlight a variety of issues pertaining to the economic and environmental performance of small and medium-sized enterprises.	No cost	Small to medium-sized enterprises
Dollars to \$ense Workshops	Natural Resources Canada www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/	Four one-day workshops – Spot the Energy Savings, Energy Management Planning, Energy Monitoring, and Energy Efficiency Financing	Registration fee payment required	Industrial, commercial and institutional organizations

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Sustainable Prosperity Program for Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SME)	Dalhousie University's Eco-Efficiency Centre www.dal.ca/eco-efficiency	A four-step program that will identify opportunities for a business to reduce energy, water, chemical use, and waste, while streamlining operations and reducing costs. Carbon footprint management services are available using the Centre's carbon footprint calculator.	No cost	Small or medium-sized enterprises
Improving your Competitiveness	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency www.acoa.ca	Assistance for meeting global standards for quality and environmental management systems; training and marketing strategies in the form of interest free, unsecured, repayable loans or provisionally repayable loans	Up to 75% of eligible costs	Small to medium-sized enterprises and not-for-profit organizations providing support to the business community
Computational Fluid Dynamics Study	Natural Resources Canada www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/	Software model that predicts the performance of large combustion units	50% the cost to a maximum of \$30,000	Industry with sophisticated production processes
Process Integration Study		Identify the inefficiencies in a process and select the best opportunities for improvement	50% the cost to a maximum of \$50,000	Industrial facilities with complex thermal energy transfer
C&I Custom: Feasibility Study	Nova Scotia Power Inc. www.nspower.ca	Assessment of facility opportunities	Up to \$15,000	Medium to large commercial and industrial businesses
C&I Custom: Preliminary Energy Audit		Preliminary energy audit and scoping study	Up to \$1,000	Medium to large commercial and industrial businesses
Research				
Research and Development Program	Resource Recovery Fund Board www.rrfb.com	Repayable, conditionally repayable and non-repayable loans to assist Research and Development initiatives in support of the Province's Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy and the Mandates of the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc.	Maximum 50% of eligible costs	Business, private and/or public partnerships, organizations, agencies, municipalities, universities and individuals.
Developing Your Innovative Ideas	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency www.acoa.ca	Financial assistance for the development of new and/or improved products, services and processes in the form of interest-free provisionally repayable loans	Up to 75% of the eligible costs	Small to medium-sized enterprises and not-for-profit organizations providing support to the business community
Environmental Technology Program	ecoNova Scotia www.gov.ns.ca/ecoNova Scotia	Financial assistance for: -Technology Development and Commercialization Projects -Technology Adoption and Deployment: Pilot Demonstration Projects	Maximum 50% of project costs	Institutions, organizations and businesses. Must be registered and in good standing with the NS Registry of Joint Stock Companies
Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) Small Projects: Accelerated Review Process (ARP)	National Research Council http://irap-pari.nrc-nrc.gc.ca/	Contributes to the cost of small research and design projects such as technical feasibility studies, diagnostic projects, technology evaluations, lean manufacturing and productivity improvement schemes	Up to \$50,000 per project for in-house people costs and up to 75% of contractor costs.	Canadian SMEs
Tax Rebates/Loans				
Federal Tax Incentive	Natural Resources Canada www.nrcan-nrcan.gc.ca	Please order the free guide entitled Class 43.1 Technical Guide and Technical Guide to Canadian Renewable and Conservation Expenses (CRCE)	See guide for more details	Industrial, commercial and institutional