



Good energy, together

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Dedicated programs for First Nations

Outline

Reconciliation through action

Current program offers

- First Nations Energy Efficiency Program
- Community Heat Pump Program
- Indigenous Community Energy Efficiency Program
- First Nations Small Business Program

Proposed 2027-30 program offers

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Reconciliation through action - making meaningful changes that improve lives today and into the future

Respectful Collaboration: Take the time to build strong, respectful relationships with Indigenous communities

Community-Led Solutions: Support Indigenous communities plan their own energy solutions, so they fit local needs and priorities

Capacity Building: Create opportunities for good jobs, training, and skill-building to help improve energy use and make homes healthier and longer lasting

Equity and Inclusion: Work with communities to reduce energy costs and improve homes in ways that are fair, inclusive, and based on what people need



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First Nations Energy Efficiency Program



First Nations Energy Efficiency Program

Energy audits

EnerGuide Rating Scale audits and blower door tests

Direct Install

Free small energy savings measures and labour dollars for community members to install

New - Additional free direct install measures

New - Smart thermostats

New - Clotheslines





First Nations Energy Efficiency Program

Insulation

Materials and labour paid by Efficiency Manitoba.

New - Increased attic insulation to R-60

New - Enhanced air sealing measures

New- Exterior wall insulation materials incentives

New – Crawlspace and basements

Windows and doors

New - Enhanced \$300/unit rebate

Commitment to hiring local labour

Installed by participating First Nation or preferred contractor

First Nations off-reserve & homeowners on reserve

NEW - First Nations members who live off-reserve or own their home on reserve may qualify for the same energy-saving upgrades through the Energy Efficiency Assistance Program

No income verification required with proof of status or letter from the home community





Participation 2020-2026

Program participation

196 “Direct Install” kits

- Pine Creek
- Ebb and Flow
- York Factory
- O-Pipon-Na-Piwin
- Lake Manitoba

101 windows and doors retrofitted

- Barren Lands
- Lake Manitoba
- Norway House
- Sioux Valley
- Opaskwayak

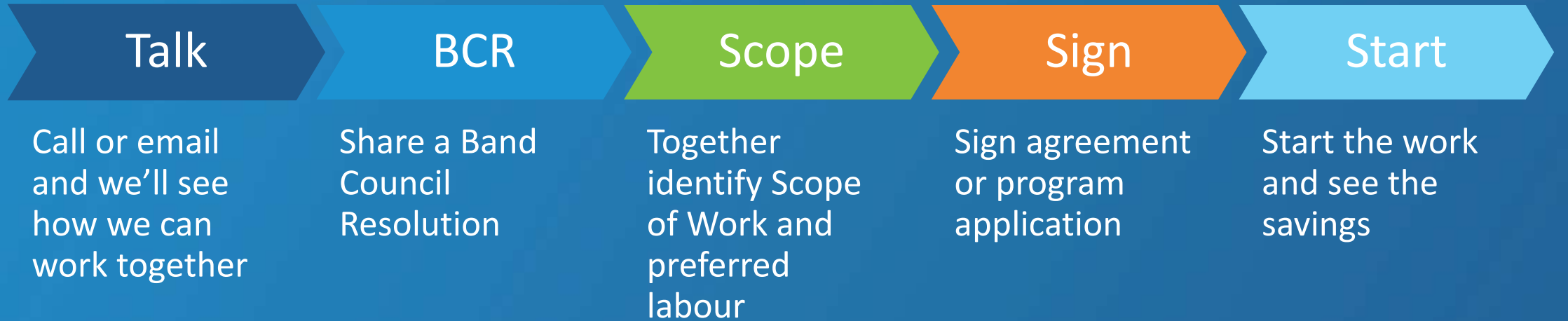
667 homes insulated

- Black River
- Garden Hill
- Misipawistik
- Norway House
- O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi
- Opaskwayak
- Sioux Valley
- Skownan
- Wasagamack

First Nations Energy Efficiency Program

2025/26	Participation	Incentives
Target	215	\$ 924,667
Actuals	693	\$ 3,068,125

How to participate?



Community Heat Pump Program



Community Heat Pump Program

GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

- Reduces electric heating costs by up to 60%
- Requires pipe loops buried underground
- Pulls heat from earth to warm home in winter
- Pulls heat out from home to cool in the summer

COLD CLIMATE AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

- Reduces electric heating costs by up to 30%
- No pipe loops required, and unit is above ground
- Pulls heat from outside air to warm home in winter
- Pulls out heat from inside air to cool home in summer

Community Heat Pump Program

Community Driven Outcomes Contract

- Social financing innovation for heat pump and building envelope retrofits in First Nations
- No cost to community
- Training on installation, operation and maintenance

Partnership between

- Raven Indigenous Outcomes Funds
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Efficiency Manitoba

Delivered by local service providers

- Coordination
- First Nations led installation



RAVEN INDIGENOUS
Outcomes Funds



2020 - 2026
1.54 GWh
131 Homes

Participating First Nations

Current communities

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Completed communities

Peguis First Nation

Fisher River Cree Nation

First Nations Call for Interest 2025

In discussion and negotiation with six new First Nations

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Training

Employment

Energy Savings

- Ground source heat pumps in 24 homes
- Whole home approach to retrofits
- EnerGuide audits, insulation, windows and doors

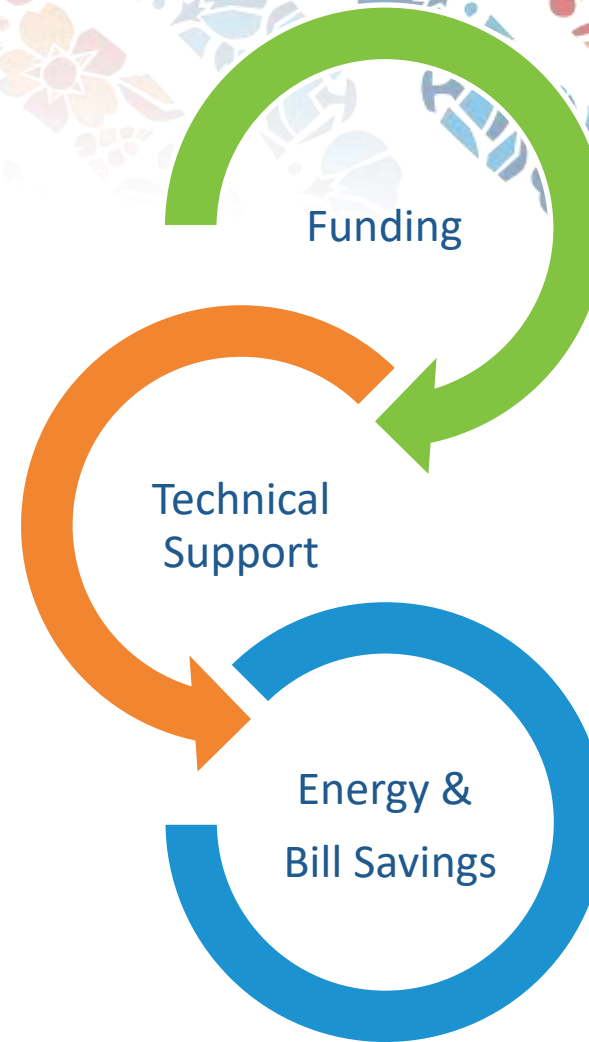


Indigenous Community Energy Efficiency Program



Indigenous Community Energy Efficiency Program (ICEEP)

- Supports and resources to hire an Energy Efficiency Advocate
- Guidance from our technical and energy team
- Understand energy use and needs
- Identify and act on energy saving opportunities



Leveraged by energy efficiency advocates

- First Nation Small Business Program
- First Nation Energy Efficiency Program
- Community Heat Pump Program
- New Buildings Program
- New Homes Program
- Innovation Fund
- New program pilots



ICEEP in Skownan First Nation

ICEEP Participation

Advocates hired

- Anisinew Okimawin
- Dakota Plains
- Ebb and Flow
- Lake Manitoba
- Lake St. Martin
- Misipawistik
- Norway House
- O-Pipon-Na-Piwin
- Pine Creek
- Shamattawa
- Sioux Valley
- Skownan
- York Factory

Approved applications

- Mathias Colomb
- Nisichawayasihk
- Pinaymootang
- Red Sucker Lake
- Sagkeeng
- Swampy Cree Tribal Council

Reimagining and recreating ICEEP

Current state

- Very popular & valued
- Supports Housing Departments staffing and local capacity
- Open to First Nations, Tribal Councils and political organizations
- Multiple and competing priorities
- Challenges retaining staff
- Moving from funding and support to achieving greater energy savings

Potential enhancements

- Community kick-off events?
- Local promotions (i.e. radio, Facebook)?
- Ongoing & regular community visits from Efficiency Manitoba?
- More regular check-ins and support?
- Adjusting number of communities approved for advocates?
- Increased wages?



First Nations Small Business Program



First Nations Small Business Program

Free building assessment and energy-efficient upgrades delivered in two phases

Basic upgrades

- A-line LED bulbs
- Faucet aerators
- Pre-rinse spray valves
- Premium assessment

Premium upgrades

- LED linear lamps
- Specialty LED bulbs
- LED exit signs
- Smart thermostats
- Lighting controls
- NEW - pitched roof insulation

- Stream of the Indigenous Small Business Program
- Delivered by contracted third-party service provider
- EM works with participating First Nations to contract a community labour solution for the deeper retrofits



First Nations Small Business Program

100% free turn-key upgrades for First Nations businesses and commercial buildings

Who can participate?

- First Nations commercially metered buildings, either in community or off-reserve
- The band or a band member pays the utility bill
- Under 15,000 square feet
- Not part of a national franchise or chain & have ten or fewer locations in Manitoba
- First Nations business owners off-reserve must verify status



First Nations Small Business Program

- Over 600 retrofits (basic & premium upgrades) in over 300 businesses and commercial buildings
- In community and off-reserve
- 17 First Nation communities and 2 Tribal Council

Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council

Dakota Plains First Nation

Dakota Tipi First Nation

Ebb and Flow First Nation

Fisher River Cree Nation

Anisiniw Okimawin

Keeseekoowenin First Nation

Lake Manitoba First Nation

Long Plain First Nation

Misipawistik Cree Nation

Norway House Cree Nation

Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Peguis First Nation

Pine Creek First Nation

Pinaymootang First Nation

Pimicikamak Cree Nation

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

St. Theresa Point First Nation

Swan Lake First Nation

Waywayseecappo First Nation



**Teekca's Boutique
participated in Norway House
and Winnipeg locations**

Programs & offers for 2027-2030





2027-30 dedicated programs for First Nations

First Nation Energy Efficiency Program

- Now includes ground source heat pump and air source heat pumps formerly offered by the Community Heat Pump Program
- Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRV) & Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERV)

First Nation Small Business Program

- Two service providers to choose from

Indigenous Community Energy Efficiency Program

- Reimagining & recreating

First Nations Energy Efficiency Program proposed enhancements

Technology	Rebate amount
EnerGuide evaluations	No cost
Insulation (interior)	No cost
Insulation (exterior)	Enhanced rebate
Ground source heat pump	No cost through CDOC model Up to \$22,500
Cold climate air source heat pumps	No cost - Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program \$7,500
Windows & Doors	\$300
HRV & ERV	Piloting new offer Planned for \$1,500
Smart thermostats	No cost

First Nations Energy Efficiency Program targets

	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Participation	538	638	814
EnerGuide Audits	300	400	575
Insulation	403	458	555
Heat Pumps	300	400	575
Windows & Doors	145	203	304
HRV & ERV	-	80	80
Smart thermostats	35	35	35

Program participation targets for 2027-2030

First Nations Small Business Program

	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Participation	75	75	75

Indigenous Community Energy Efficiency Program

	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Number of Advocates	6	6	6





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Miigwech
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