

Manitoba Merit-based Low Carbon Economy Fund

Program Overview



The Merit-base Program

The one-year \$31.25M Merit-based program was launched in the spring of 2023 under the Manitoba Low Carbon Economy Fund in partnership with Canada.

Provides capital funding for projects that reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency.

Supports fuel switching off of high carbon fossil fuels and modernizes systems across all sectors of the economy.



The Merit-based Program Overview can be found at:

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/grants/merit-based-low-carbon-economy-fund-program-overview.pdf

Why Are Canada and Manitoba Investing?

- Makes the transition to cleaner fuels more affordable for Manitobans;
- Provides energy efficiency and associated cost savings across multiple sectors;
- Strengthens Manitoba's competitiveness in the global economy with investments in modernization and efficiencies;
- Promotes clean growth and green job creation;
- Supports building and process improvements that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, positively contributing to provincial, national and international climate goals; and
- Ensures industry and businesses in Manitoba are trade-ready in the emerging global low-carbon economy and Manitoba municipalities are attractive for investment.



Project Funding

Projects that achieve one or more of the following priority areas are potentially eligible for funding:

- Fuel-switching from fossil fuels to non-fossil fuel energy sources;
- Energy efficiency upgrades (excluding natural gas and grid supplied electricity applications);
- Landfill gas capture and use; and
- Self-generated clean energy to offset the need for fossil fuels (examples)
 - Ground source heat pump systems
 - Methane from bio-digestion processes (wastewater processing, in vessel composting)



Projects that switch from:



Fossil Fuels

(Natural Gas, Propane, Coal, etc.)



Biomass



Geothermal



Electricity



Eligibility Criteria

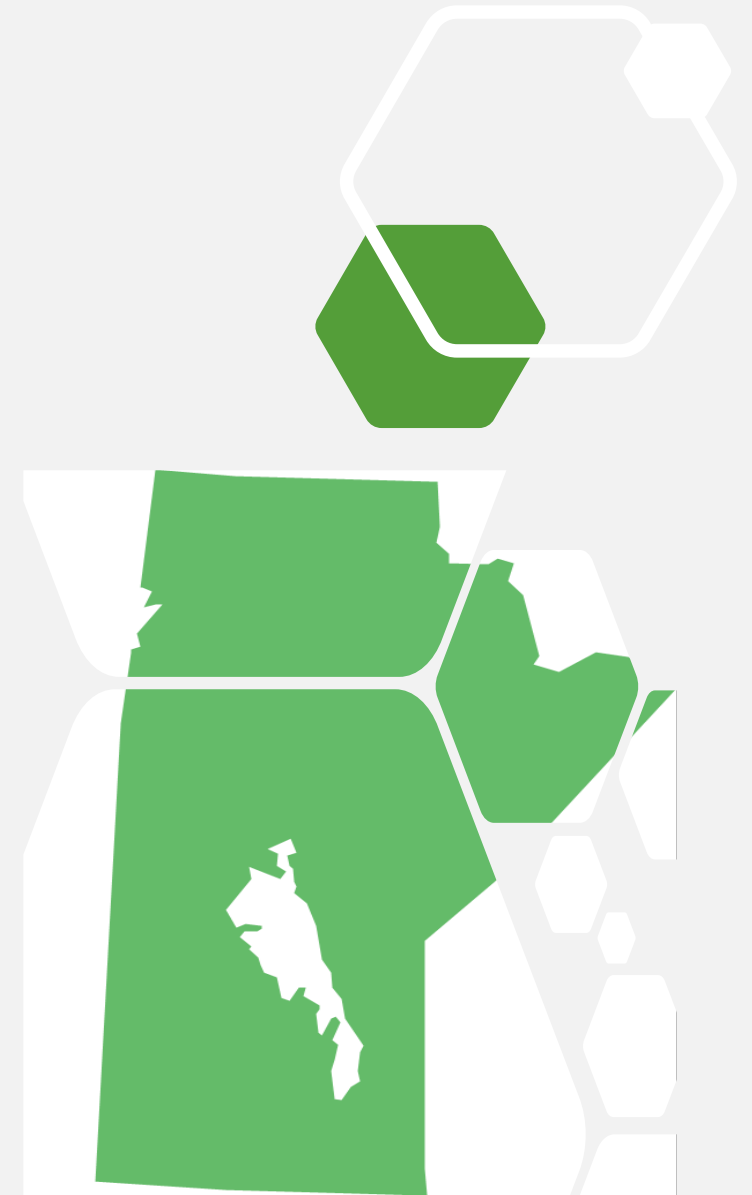
- Eligible recipients include Manitoba **Municipalities, Government Entities, Industry, Indigenous Communities and Not-for-Profit Organizations**
- Eligible costs include those directly related to the project such as equipment and construction costs.
- **Projects must be full complete by March 31, 2025**

Ineligible Projects:

- Projects that qualify for or already supported by Efficiency Manitoba (ie. natural gas efficiency projects)
- Transportation projects such as zero emission vehicles or charging infrastructure
- “Fossil fuel-to-Fossil fuel” switching projects

For more information see:

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Available Incentives



Funding incentives by project recipient:

- Indigenous recipient, including Indigenous for-profit organizations → up to 75% of eligible costs
- Provincial Government and/or entity i.e. School, Crown Corporation, Health Authority → up to 50% of eligible costs
- Municipality and/or municipal entity, regional or local government and/or their entity → up to 40% of eligible costs
- Incorporated not-for-profit organization, operating primarily in Manitoba → up to 40% of eligible costs
- Manitoba for-profit organization → up to 35% of eligible costs

Application Process

Expression of Interest
by December, 1 2023
(MB Grants Portal)

Review – Invitation
to Submit an
Application

Determination and
Grant award BEFORE
January 30, 2024

- Applicants may apply for more than one project using individual Expression-of-Interest forms
- Expression-of-Interest reviewed on an as received basis
- Those that appear eligible for funding will be requested to complete an application.
- Grants will be awarded on a continual basis until January 30, 2024 or until the fund is exhausted

Projects must be fully completed by March 31, 2025

Apply early to ensure funding availability

The Expression of Interest Form can be found at: <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/low-carbon-economy-fund/> -

Associated Links

- **Program Overview:** https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/grants/merit-based-low-carbon-economy-fund-program-overview.pdf
- **Expression of Interest Form:** <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/low-carbon-economy-fund/>
- **Low Carbon Economy Fund:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/low-carbon-economy-fund.html>
- **2030 Emissions Reductions Plan – Canada’s Next Steps for Clean Air and a Strong Economy:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/03/2030-emissions-reduction-plan--canadas-next-steps-for-clean-air-and-a-strong-economy.html>
- **Budget 2022 – A Plan to Grow Our Economy and Make Life More Affordable:** <https://www.budget.canada.ca/2022/home-accueil-en.html>



Thank You

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www.manitobaclimategreenplan.ca