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Funding now available through the Community Generation Capacity Building Program

The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is a joint initiative of the RMA, the AUMA, the Government of Alberta, and Energy Efficiency Alberta.

Municipalities and community groups across the province have an opportunity to play a prominent role in supporting Alberta's energy transition by developing their own renewable energy projects. These projects will enable Albertans to share in the benefits of community-scale renewable energy generation.

Community generation refers to renewable energy that is distribution system-connected and provides benefits to communities. Community generation allows communities and citizens to directly participate in energy projects through full or partial ownership of the projects. Through participation in community generation projects, Albertans gain the ability to access renewable energy and generate revenue by selling electricity to the grid.

To support the development of these projects, the [Municipal Climate Change Action Centre](#) (MCCAC) and [Energy Efficiency Alberta](#) (EEA) have partnered to launch the Community Generation Capacity Building (CGCB) Program. The CGCB Program provides funding to eligible groups for activities focused on pre-development of a specific community generation facility compliant with the new [Small Scale Generation Regulation](#), or activities which enable the development of community generation projects through partnerships and tools.

The CGCB Program builds on the success of the [Community Energy Capacity Building](#) (CECB) Program offered by EEA in 2018 by improving the program process for participants and making additional funding available. The MCCAC is providing a contribution of funding dedicated specifically to municipal projects.

If your municipality is interested in exploring the feasibility of a community generation facility or participating in the growth of the community generation industry through the development of tools or training, you are encouraged to submit an application to the CGCB Program.

Applications to the CGCB Program must be submitted by **5:00 pm on February 22, 2019** via e-mail to CGCB@efficiencyalberta.ca.

For more information on the CGCB Program, click [here](#).

For more information on the topic of community generation, click [here](#).

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