

Affordable Housing Energy Savings Program (AHESP)

Description

The Government of Alberta has allocated \$25 million for Affordable Housing Energy Savings Program (AHESP) to make Alberta's provincially and municipally owned affordable housing stock more environmentally and financially sustainable. The program includes access to \$9 million in federal funding from the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund (LCELF).

Alberta's affordable housing system contains over 36,000 affordable housing units in Alberta; supporting over 75,000 Albertans with low income, including seniors. The day-to-day operation of the government supported affordable housing program is managed by 102 housing management bodies (HMBs) and other housing providers. The primary objective of the program is to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of the provincial and municipal affordable housing stock.

Expected outcomes

The program creates several opportunities:

- Reduced GHG emissions and improved energy efficiency
- Increased environmental and financial sustainability of affordable housing
- Lower utility costs for affordable housing providers and tenants
- Support implementation of GoA's Climate Leadership Plan (CLP)

Program Evaluation and Prioritization

Seniors and Housing will solicit applications from HMBs and other housing providers across the province for funding for energy audits that will identify buildings requiring retrofits.

Results of energy efficiency audits will be used to assist in prioritizing retrofit projects where greatest energy efficiency gains can be realized. Prioritized retrofit projects will be completed to improve energy efficiency in existing affordable housing assets.

Eligible retrofits

The energy efficiency retrofits will include:

- Replacing exterior windows and doors
- Upgrading and/or installing attic, exterior wall and basement insulation
- Replacing heating, cooling, water and lighting systems

The Government of Alberta has made a strong commitment, through the Provincial Affordable Housing Strategy, to foster a stable and integrated affordable housing system that will make life better for Albertans now and into the future.

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