

What is the Energy InSites program?

The Energy InSites- Accelerating Indigenous Community Energy Retrofits program offers support to communities to find and secure funding to modernize community buildings. The program team conducts energy assessments on community buildings to understand the community's energy consumption and emission profile, identifies retrofit opportunities, and assists in the funding identification and application process.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities in AB, SK, MB, and NWT are eligible to apply.

PROGRAM COST

The Energy InSites program is fully funded for approved communities, and services provided under the program are delivered at no cost.

What support does the Energy InSites program provide to approved communities?

CIER has partnered with The LEAP Group to offer the following consulting services:

- Conduct Energy Efficiency Assessments
- Identify Deep Retrofit Opportunities
- Identify Renewable Energy Opportunities
- Support Funding Research and Applications
- Support Project Planning Activities

What are the benefits for approved communities?

- Receive funding to hire a part-time “Energy Champion” from the community to support the program.
- Conduct energy assessments on commercial, institutional, industrial and multi-unit residential community buildings.
- Receive support securing funding to modernize community buildings through deep retrofit projects.
- Participate in various community engagement, educational and capacity building activities.
- Collaborate in virtual learning circles to network and share knowledge.

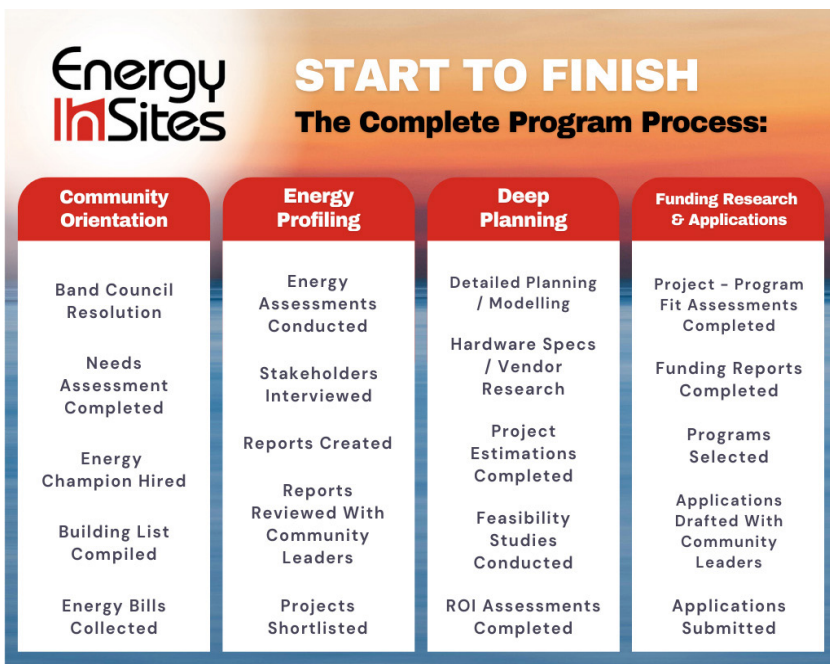
What are the expectations from approved communities?

- Appoint or hire an Energy Champion to support program activities.
- Provide the CIER and LEAP teams access to community buildings to conduct energy assessments.
- Provide access to information required to support energy assessments (e.g., historical energy consumption information).

What are the program deliverables?

- Conduct energy assessments on community buildings.
- Complete energy assessment and retrofit opportunity reports to support funding applications.
- Collaborate to identify funding opportunities.
- Draft and submit funding applications.
- Develop capacity-building activities to increase community understanding of energy consumption and emissions.
- Train and familiarize community members with energy assessments, deep retrofit opportunities, and network opportunities within the community and with other communities.

What are the program steps?



What are the anticipated program timelines?

The anticipated program duration is approximately one year from community orientation to completion of program deliverables.

Support is available through the program until March 31, 2027. Interested communities are encouraged to apply by December 31, 2025 to allow enough time for program completion by the March 31, 2027 program closing date.

Who leads the Energy InSites program?

The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) is Canada's first Indigenous-directed environmental non-profit charitable organization, founded in 1995 by eight First Nation Chiefs from across Canada. CIER's mission is to work in partnership with Indigenous communities to support and build sustainable Indigenous communities and a healthy environment. CIER focuses on meeting Indigenous communities' needs by enabling Indigenous partners to build on their strengths using valued traditional, local, and Western scientific methods. With a focus on building environmental capacity with Indigenous communities, CIER assists through educating, conducting research, and building skills to help Indigenous communities achieve their goals.

The LEAP Group is an Indigenous-owned business that is passionately focused on serving Indigenous communities and commercial, institutional, and multi-family clients with energy efficiency assessments, project planning, project management, funding identification, financial analysis, grant management, and other technical support services.

How do we get involved?

Interested communities are encouraged to contact CIER at earth@yourcier.org or directly apply by completing this <https://form.jotform.com/242134501941043>