

Current Energy Transition Community Programs

The following energy transition initiatives are currently in market or will be launched soon. Details are included regarding annual/total budget, applicant activity:

Building Energy Retrofit Accelerator (BERA) is a rebate program that facilitates renovations to improve energy efficiency in commercial and institutional buildings. Rebates are designed to encourage deep green retrofit choices by using bundling and bonusing for those investments with greater GHG reduction impact. Eligible upgrades include HVAC systems, windows, lighting fixtures, building envelopes and more. Limited to builders of minimum 10,000 sq feet.

Annual rebate budget: \$1,000,000
Total Budget: \$3,150,000
Launched June, 2020 (Program ends May, 2023)
Uptake (as of January, 2021)
 Applications received: 55
 Projects/Installations completed: 5
 Funds Committed: \$723,152

Residential Solar Rebate Program provides financial incentive for homeowners to generate renewable energy on their homes. The program offers a rebate of 40 cents/installed watt to a maximum of \$4,000 towards the installation of rooftop solar panels (approximately 15% of equipment and installation costs).

Annual rebate budget: \$350,000 (for each of four years)
Total Budget: \$1,500,000
Launched: July, 2019, program ends June 2023)
Uptake (as of January, 2021)
 Applications received: 286
 Projects/Installations completed: 242
 Funds Committed/Disbursed: \$829,000/\$670,000

Solar Potential Map: In partnership with Google and MyHeat, Edmonton is the first municipality in Canada to access a new rooftop solar potential platform. This new tool provides a bird's eye view of every rooftop and helps homeowners understand their solar potential and the environmental and financial benefits they can expect. Edmontonians ready to go solar will find a link for the Solar Rebate Program (Launched June, 2018).

Electric Vehicle Charger and E-Bike (ECEB) rebate program helps Edmontonians electrify their transportation and supports active transportation modes. In response to fiscal constraints, the program has been limited to one year instead of three as originally designed. The program launched on June 3, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021.

E-Bicycles:

Annual rebate budget: \$50,000
Total rebate budget: \$50,000
Uptake (applications closed as of June, 2020)
 Applications received: 700
 E-Bike rebates distributed: 85
 Funds distributed: \$50,000

Electric Vehicle Chargers:

Annual budget: \$150,000
Total Budget: \$150,000
Uptake (as of January, 2021)
 Applications received: 126 (16 commercial & 110 residential)
 Projects/Installations completed: (Commercial/ Residential) 3/47
 Funds Committed: \$98,000

Home Energy Retrofit Accelerator (HERA) is a residential energy efficiency incentive program designed to facilitate home renovations that reduce GHG emissions, save energy and lower utility bills. A replacement for the Home Energy Plan program delivered collaboratively with Energy Efficiency Alberta (2018-2019), HERA will advance Edmonton's retrofit economy, trigger local economic activity and build industry capacity. The program will also stimulate the market to properly value energy efficient homes by making household energy performance information available publicly via EnerGuide labels.

Annual budget: \$600,000 (for each of three years)
Total Budget: \$1,800,000
Launched: January 13, 2021
Uptake (as of January, 2021)
 Applications Received: 22
 Applications Approved: 15
 Funds Committed/Disbursed: \$3,850/\$0