

CLEAN ENERGY FOR RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

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Ontario is home to numerous communities reliant on fossil fuels to meet energy needs.

The federal government recently announced Natural Resources Canada's [Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities Program](#) intended to help reduce reliance on diesel and other fossil fuels in northern rural and remote communities. There are two program funding streams open for applicants:

[Capacity Building Stream](#) aimed to help reduce diesel reliance, including educational and training initiatives, and activities to increase energy literacy.

[Bio-Heat, Demonstration, and Deployment Stream](#) for community initiatives to increase bioheat to offset fossil fuel use, demonstrate innovative approaches to reducing diesel use, and deploy renewable energy technologies to green local electricity grids.

Funding streams use a phased approach.

Application deadlines are **April 10th** for the Capacity Building Stream and **May 17th** for the Bio-Heat, Demonstration and Deployment Stream. <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/science/programs-funding/19791>

NRCan is hosting webinars to provide eligibility and application process information. The Capacity Building Stream webinar is on March 2, 2018 (Fr). The Bio-Heat, Demonstration and Deployment Webinars are March 5 (Fr) & March 7 (Eng). The Capacity Building Stream (Eng) webinar was held on February 28.

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