

## About Community Energy

*Community Energy* is about communities developing, building and owning renewable energy projects. It might be community groups, farmers, co-operatives, local businesses, First Nations, faith groups, schools or neighbours.

*Community Energy* allows ordinary people to take an active role and participate in Ontario's green energy economy for the benefit of their communities and future generations.

The Community Energy Partnerships Program is here to help.

The CEPP team offers:

- A toll-free Q&A service: 1-888-907-CEPP (2377)
- Application clinics via webinar and conference call
- A monthly webinar series
- An e-newsletter to keep you informed

CEPP is managed by the Community Power Fund and Deloitte with funding from the Ontario Power Authority.



The Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) is a grant program helping communities engage in, and develop renewable energy projects.

Apply for a  
Community Energy Grant  
of up to \$200,000

Please visit our website for more information on how to apply for a grant or contact the CEPP team.  
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CEPP offers two different types of grants to support renewable energy:

- 1) Project Grants; and
- 2) Education Grants

### Project Grants

Project Grants are available for up to \$200,000 to facilitate the participation of communities in the development of renewable energy generation facilities. These grants will effectively “level the playing field” for groups that may otherwise be excluded from developing renewable energy projects, due to financial barriers. Project grants will also encourage local partnerships, help community partners maximize their equity share and achieve a high level of local community engagement, participation and investment in renewable energy projects by providing funding for a diversity of technology types, organizational and community types and geographic regions in Ontario.

### Education Grants

Education Grants are intended to inform Ontarians about the development of renewable energy facilities and raise awareness about the opportunity for local community engagement, participation and investment in these projects. Grants of up to \$125,000 may be awarded to experienced co-operative, not-for-profit or charitable organizations.

#### Who is Eligible for Project Grants?

Eligible applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- One or more individuals resident in Ontario
- Registered charities based in Ontario
- Not-for-Profit organizations based in Ontario
- Co-operative organizations
- Private corporations or limited partnership where all shareholders/partners are eligible under one of the above categories

For more information on eligibility, please see the Program Rules

#### Some activities that are covered may include:

- Hiring a program manager
- Incorporating a co-operative or community organization
- Undertaking technical studies
- Acquiring professional analysis of project feasibility
- Conducting site analysis and planning

#### What Projects are Eligible for Project Grants

Eligible projects must:

- Use wind, solar photovoltaic (PV), biomass, biogas, landfill gas or waterpower
- Have installed capacity greater than 10 kW and less than or equal to 10 MW (co-op projects may be greater than 10 MW). Co-operative projects over 10 MW are eligible to apply for up to \$500,000.
- Be located in Ontario
- Be economically viable
- Be the subject of a future FIT contract

#### Grants do not cover:

- Project development work that has already been undertaken
- Construction and equipment costs
- Fees paid to government agencies (e.g. OPA) or local electric utility
- Non-electricity generating projects such as solar thermal

## Boys and Girls Club of London



When the Board of the Boys and Girls Club Foundation of London, heard the announcement about the Community Energy Partnerships Program, they were unanimous in their decision to apply. The Board had been discussing new fundraising ideas, and a solar project was at the top of their list. They then formed a feasibility sub-committee and got started on what resulted in the development of a 600-panel, 138 kilowatt solar rooftop installation. Of the 24 Boys and Girls Clubs in Ontario, the London club is the first to establish this community energy model. The club partnered with Fanshawe College to create a solar education curriculum and renewable energy career development program using the system as a hands-on demonstration site. Over 8,000 kids visit the Club annually.

### Example of a Project Cycle

