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CEPP Education Grants Webinar

Wednesday, May 18th
10 am – 11 am

Hear how your co-operative, not-for-profit or charitable organization may qualify for a CEPP Education Grant of up to \$125,000.

The Community Energy Partnerships Program has recently announced an invitation for applications to a new CEPP Education Grant funding stream. CEPP Program Managers Evan Ferrari and Laura Tozer will present on the basics of applying for a CEPP Education Grant. Webinar participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of clarification on program applications, guidelines and rules.

To register and receive log-in details send an email to:
education@communityenergyprogram.ca.

CEPP Education Grant - Key Information

Key Dates

Start of Call for Applications: Friday, May 6, 2011

Applicants' Deadline for Questions: 5pm EDT on Friday, May 20, 2011

Posting of responses to Questions: noon EDT on Friday May 27, 2011

Deadline for Issuing Addenda to Education Grant Rules: noon EDT on Monday, May 30, 2011

Application Submission Deadline: 5pm EDT on Friday June 3, 2011

How To Apply

Applications are now available and will be accepted until June 3, 2011 at 5pm EDT. After reviewing the grant overview and rules, applicants may download the application form and guidelines and submit their application by email to:

ceppeducationgrants@deloitte.ca. All applications must be submitted electronically and no printed copies are necessary or will be accepted.

Submitting Questions

Questions will be accepted by email at: education@communityenergyprogram.ca until May 20, 2011 at 5 pm EDT. Responses will be sent out and posted by May 27, 2011.

For more information visit the [CEPP website](#).

Boys and Girls Club of London to Connect Solar Project



The Boys and Girls Club of London (BGC) is a sports club that runs education and recreational programming for youth. For over 50 years, the Club has created “a place where kids can be themselves” in the London area.

In order to sustain the Club financially, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada established foundations to undertake fundraising campaigns and events such as the London Ribfest. In past years, the Foundation board has been actively researching new and innovative fundraising ideas. When the Feed-In-Tariff program was announced in Ontario, they identified solar energy as a new opportunity. The Foundation board then formed a solar feasibility sub-committee and started investigating options.

Don Donner, the Executive Director considers the solar project “an entrepreneurial and creative way of dealing with sustainability issues in the Province.” The Foundation was concerned about whether they could assume the financial risk associated with the early stages of the project until they learned about the Community Energy Partnership Program, which helped them over this initial hurdle. CEPP supported the Boys and Girls Club of London Foundation to conduct legal work, business planning and an engineering study.

After some reinforcing of the facility roof, the Foundation was able to get started on installing over 600 panels. Not only will the solar project generate a reliable revenue while producing clean energy on the rooftop year-round, Don also sees the project as an opportunity to demonstrate good leadership on the environment to the 8000 kids that visit the club on annual basis.

There has been immense interest from other community facilities in the London area from

organizations such as Big Brother, Big Sisters. Of the 24 boy and girls clubs in Ontario, 3 are already actively pursuing solar projects using this model. Back at the Boys and Girls Club of London, the Club board is now looking into their next project; solar thermal systems to heat their two swimming pools, a project that will harness the power of the sun, and save the building on energy costs.

The 138 kW project is set to be connected to the grid this week.

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