

Emissions Reduction Alberta's (ERA) Energy Savings for Business (ESB) program will help eligible condo buildings in Alberta decrease operating costs and reduce emissions.

The program offers incentives to install commercially available high-efficiency products and onsite energy generation technologies that meet their needs.

- ▶ Incentives of up to \$250,000 are available per project
- ▶ Up to \$500,000 per parent company
- ▶ Minimum project incentive amount of \$500
- ▶ Funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis
- ▶ This is a short-term economic stimulus program.

Recognizing that time is money to Alberta's condo buildings, the ESB program will give condo buildings fast access to cost-effective incentives. The ready-made menu of incentives will save condo buildings time and money in developing their projects. A detailed listing and incentives amounts can be found on eralberta.ca/esb.

Project example: Building Envelope

Windows, air leakage, and ventilation make up 75 per cent of energy loss in multi-unit residential buildings. If you are renovating an older condo building, consider upgrading the building envelope and windows. Eligible measures in this category include air curtains and door dock seals (which reduce heating and cooling costs), wall and ceiling insulation, and high efficiency windows.

PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR INCENTIVES

A wide range of cost-effective, high-efficiency products and onsite energy generation technology are eligible for incentives through the program.

Measures most relevant to condo buildings include:

- ▶ Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- ▶ Water heating
- ▶ Lighting systems
- ▶ Combined heat and power (CHP)
- ▶ Building envelope and windows.

Consider this:

Space and water heating account for 80 per cent of energy costs in multi-unit residential buildings. By installing heat recovery ventilation systems, you can reduce energy use by 13 per cent. With high-efficiency condensing boilers (93 per cent efficient), you can reduce energy use by up to 21 per cent. By setting the thermostat 5 degrees lower, you can achieve 9 per cent savings in space heating.

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

BUSINESSES ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

The program is designed to support the more than 160,000 small- and medium-sized enterprises in Alberta. All businesses and non-profits serviced by an Alberta electric utility are eligible, except for residences; some types of new construction projects; municipally, federally, and provincially owned buildings; publicly funded institutions; and large emitters—as defined under Alberta's Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) regulation.

The common areas and equipment of multi-unit residential buildings, including condo buildings, are eligible. Examples of common areas include, but are not limited to, parking lots, building walls, windows, and the roof. It is important to note that condo units must share a common wall to be considered a multi-unit residential building.

For projects to be eligible, they must occur at facilities or buildings located within Alberta, meet project timeline requirements, and follow the criteria outlined in the Participant Terms and Conditions located on eralberta.ca/esb.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1 REGISTER

- Review available resources on eralberta.ca/esb
- Participants and contractors register in program portal
 - ▶ ERA will review and provide approval for eligible contractors

2 APPLY FOR PRE-APPROVAL

- Participants initiate application
 - ▶ Provide basic project information
 - ▶ Assign an eligible contractor
- Contractors complete application
 - ▶ Provide project details and documentation
- Participants submit pre-approval
 - ▶ Review, confirm accuracy and submit pre-approval application
- ▶ ERA PROVIDES PRE-APPROVAL NOTICE
- Participants accept terms
 - ▶ Review application summary, pre-approval notice and accept Participant Terms & Conditions

3 PROJECT INSTALLATION

- Participants and contractors initiate and complete project installation
 - ▶ Purchase and install all associated equipment

4 POST-PROJECT SUBMISSION

- Participants initiate post-project submission
 - ▶ Notifies ERA project is complete and begins review process
- Contractors complete post-project application
 - ▶ Submit all required documentation
- Participants submit post-project application
 - ▶ Review, confirm accuracy and submit post-project application

ERA PROVIDES FINAL APPROVAL NOTICE

5 RECEIVE INCENTIVE

- Participants provide banking information
 - ▶ Provide participant information or assign incentives to contractor
- ▶ INCENTIVE PAYMENT ISSUED



Image: Condo Building in Calgary

HOW TO APPLY FOR INCENTIVES

Apply now with ESB's streamlined intake and fully virtual approach. Please review all available resources to learn more about requirements, how to apply, and more.

WHERE TO GO FOR QUESTIONS OR SUPPORT

Our website has program information, including program requirements, training videos, application checklists, and more.

www.eralberta.ca/esb

support@esbprogram.ca | 1-844-407-0025

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We're happy to help you with any questions about the program or how to apply. Our dedicated contact centre is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

How does the ESB program benefit condo buildings?

ESB will directly support the implementation of effective design systems that reduce energy use and emissions. As a result, some condo buildings may see decreases in their long-term operating costs.

Other tips for reducing energy use and emissions:

Although not included as eligible measures in ESB, condo buildings can benefit from replacing incandescent bulbs with LED lighting and by installing weather stripping. Additional opportunities can be identified by completing an energy audit of your building.