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# Community energy managers, internships and co-op students

Our Sustainable Communities program provides expertise, education, and funding to help eligible local governments improve sustainability in their communities.

We help local governments by providing funding to hire sustainable energy professionals. This support is designed to help you progress towards building a more energy efficient, resilient and sustainable community.

These opportunities include:

- [Community energy managers](#)
- [Co-op students and interns](#)
- [UBC sustainability scholars](#)

## Community energy manager

We're offering funding to help you hire a community energy manager for your local government. We'll provide up to 50% of the salary of a full-time senior staff member (to a maximum of \$50,000 per year) for two years (funding reviewed and renewed annually).

### What they do

An energy manager can help lead and implement energy and emissions planning and energy projects including:

- Drive development and implementation of community energy and emissions plans.
- Lead policy development and implementation to advance energy conservation and efficiency.
- Act as a champion and project manager for key energy efficiency initiatives.
- Raise awareness about our energy efficiency programs and incentives available to residents and businesses in your community.

### Eligibility requirements

Your local government or regional district is within BC Hydro's service area and meets one of the following criteria:

- Population over 75,000
- Champion community – population over 20,000 with a council-approved CEEP (or equivalent) and demonstrated leadership in electricity demand-side management

### How to apply

To learn about how your community could benefit from a community energy manager or apply, [email us](#).

[Get inspired by our sustainability projects in communities in B.C.](#)

## Interns and co-op students

We're offering funding to assist local governments in hiring co-op students and interns to fill positions related to community-wide energy efficiency. This initiative was developed to meet the needs of our municipalities and support emission reductions at the community level.

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### We're here to help

We're here to help local governments reach their sustainability goals. For more information or to apply, email us at [sustainablecommunities@bchydro.com](mailto:sustainablecommunities@bchydro.com)

Eligible local governments can receive a salary subsidy to fill student community to support energy-efficiency and sustainability projects in their community. We'll provide up to 50% of the salary costs associated with hiring an intern or co-op student to a maximum of \$7,000 per 4-month term.

**What they do** 

**How to apply** 

## UBC Sustainability Scholars

The UBC Sustainability Scholars program is an innovative paid internship program that matches graduate-level students with local governments and partner organizations to provide research support and help advance the organization's sustainability projects. UBC Sustainability Scholars are an excellent resource, and we provide funding to help you retain a scholar to move your climate action projects forward. The UBC Sustainability Scholars program runs from May to August of each year with an annual call for projects taking place each fall/winter.

Learn more about the UBC Sustainability Scholars Program [here](#).

## Local government peer networks

Peer networks are avenues for local government staff to connect, share learnings, and identify opportunities to collaborate. Participation is open to any local government staff and is voluntary.

**We support three peer networks:**

**BC Energy Step Code peer network** 

**Electric vehicle peer network** 

**Low carbon retrofits peer network** 

For more information or to join any of the peer networks, [email us](#).

**When it's available:** The peer networks meet on a quarterly basis, in addition to webinars and events throughout the year.

## Get email updates

Subscribe to receive an email from us every few months with the latest stories and updates from the Sustainable Communities program.

BC Hydro is collecting your personal information for the purpose of establishing a contact list to keep you informed about the sustainable communities program. Your personal information is collected in furtherance of BC Hydro's mandate under the *Hydro and Power Authority Act* and the *Clean Energy Act*. If you have any questions concerning how your personal information is handled, or to update your information or unsubscribe, please contact the [Sustainable Communities group](#).

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