

Energizing Spaces Grant Guidelines

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What is Energizing Spaces?

Energizing Spaces powered by ENMAX is a 100% reimbursement grant designed to help community-based organizations improve energy efficiency. By reducing energy costs, the program enables these organizations to reinvest the savings into programs and services that enhance community life in Calgary. There are three streams of funding, and organizations may apply for 1 of the 3 streams per year.

- Appliances Application
- Rink and Security Lighting Application
- Outdoor Market Lighting Application

Who is eligible?

To be considered eligible for Energizing Spaces funding, you must:

- Be a member of the Federation of Calgary Communities in good standing
- Have written board approval to participate in the program

What is the qualifying and evaluation criteria for projects?

- **Need based on the age of outdoor lighting or appliance:** Appliances and outdoor lighting fixtures that are 10 years or older are considered inefficient. Applications will be prioritized based on the age of the appliances or lighting being replaced.
- **Financial Need:** Projects must reflect the needs of the community using the space and infrastructure. Consideration will be given to organizations and communities that would significantly benefit from the grant.
- **Community Accessibility and Engagement:** Projects should be designed to engage and be accessible to the broader community or vulnerable groups in need. Priority will be given to projects that promote inclusivity and active community participation.
- **Energy Saving Initiatives:** Projects must align with an existing energy savings plan. Priority will be based on the actions taken by the community organization toward energy efficiency, highlighting the organization's commitment to sustainability.
- **Committee discussion:** Committee members combine their ratings to shortlist the highest-ranking proposals. Final decision will be made based on the committee discussions.

* **Applications should make a case for how this grant will engage or impact your community. For example, what programs or people will benefit; how it fits with your current sustainability initiatives, etc.**

Timelines

- Application opens: **March 19, 2025**
- Application deadline: **May 11, 2025**
- Results announced: **Early June 2025**
- Project must be completed by: **December 31, 2025**
- Final submission of documents and reports: **January 15, 2026**

Please Note:

- We reserve the right to move deadlines when necessary and feasible. Any changes in the agreed project timeline should be communicated and approved in writing.
- Only one application will be considered per organization.