

Information Sessions on First Nations Electricity Program 2026

- ▶ Funded by a \$140 million endowment provided by the Province of B.C.
- ▶ Administered jointly by the New Relationship Trust (NRT) and BC Hydro.
- ▶ Successful applicants will enter into a funding agreement with the New Relationship Trust and an Electricity Purchase Agreement with BC Hydro.

About the First Nations Electricity Program

In 2023, the Province of B.C. provided New Relationship Trust with a \$140 million endowment to expand the B.C. Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative and further support small-scale, First Nations-led clean energy projects that are connected to the grid by helping to offset the higher anticipated costs of these projects. This funding led to the development of the First Nations Electricity Program – a new stream of the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative. The program will support:

- the development of small-scale First Nation-led on-grid clean energy projects
- First Nation economic development and Provincial reconciliation objectives
- addressing the growing demand for power in B.C. while limiting the impact on BC Hydro ratepayers
- offsetting the costs to enable smaller clean energy projects to be competitive

Proposed Project Eligibility Criteria

The project must:

- be able to connect to BC Hydro’s integrated distribution system
- be between 2MW and 15MW in size
- have First Nations majority ownership of 51% or more
- be clean energy technology as defined by the Clean Energy Act
- have a commercial operation date before December 31, 2032

Initial proposed program design is outlined in a 2024 [discussion paper](#) and engagement [summary](#).

Estimated Key Dates

Information Meetings on Program Elements & Process	Spring-Summer 2026
Issue What We Heard Report and share key documents	Summer-Fall 2026
Procurement & Application Period	Fall 2026-Early Spring 2027*
EPA Award	Spring-Summer 2027*

**Dates to be finalized*

Your Involvement

New Relationship Trust and BC Hydro are hosting three virtual information sessions. The sessions will provide a detailed overview of the application process for the First Nations Electricity Program 2026 and an opportunity to gather feedback to inform the final program parameters.

New Relationship Trust and BC Hydro are working with Mahihkan Management to facilitate these information sessions.

How to Join

The same information will be shared at each session. Please register for only one session to ensure everyone can participate.

DATE	TIME	REGISTRATION
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	9:00am-12:30pm	Register Here
Thursday, June 25, 2026	9:00am-12:30pm	Register Here
Tuesday, July 7, 2026	9:00am-12:30pm	Register Here

To register click on the registration link above and provide your information. If you are unable to attend any of the listed sessions, please send your feedback in writing to events1@mahihkan.ca.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

New Relationship Trust

New Relationship Trust (NRT) is an Indigenous-led nonprofit based in B.C. Since 2006, the NRT has distributed funding to First Nations communities across B.C. to advance governance, economic development, education, clean energy, food sovereignty, and long-term self-determination.

BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative

Administered by the NRT, the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) provides support and capacity-building funds to First Nations, tribal councils, and organizations majority owned by First Nations working on the development of clean energy projects in B.C.

In June 2023, the Province of British Columbia announced a contribution of \$140 million to NRT to expand the BCICEI and further support small-scale, First Nation-led clean energy projects on BC Hydro's integrated electricity grid. Interest earned from the endowment is currently being used to support existing BCICEI funding streams, including pre-construction costs for small, distribution-scale projects.

Mahihkan Management

Mahihkan is an Indigenous-owned business that specializes in designing and delivering Indigenous engagements and events. Culturally and ethnically diverse, Mahihkan works with contractors representing many cultures, including Indigenous Peoples and have worked in collaboration with government and Indigenous led organizations to deliver engagements within BC and across Canada. For more information, visit: mahihkan.ca

For questions, comments or more information on how to be involved, contact events1@mahihkan.ca.