



Accelerating the transition to a net-zero Halifax/Kjipuktuk for *everyone*

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Land Acknowledgement

HCi3 is located in Kjiptuk, within the traditional, unceded and unsurrendered territory of Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and present home of the Mi'kmaq. They have lived here for over 10,000 years in deep relationship with the land and its inhabitants. We understand the importance of learning, listening, and partnering with the Mi'kmaq people and honour their wisdom and enduring contributions. Together, we strive to ensure a healthy and sustainable future for our children and the generations to come.

Additionally, we acknowledge the invaluable contributions of African Nova Scotians, who have resided in this region for over 400 years. Their presence and experiences are an integral part of our history and the future of environmental stewardship, and we honour their enduring relationship with the land.

Our Purpose

Investing in a net-zero Halifax for everyone

Our Values

Integrity, Innovation, Partnership

Our Mission

With our partners, we will accelerate and enable the uptake of measurable, equitable and meaningful climate solutions by financing scalable projects

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Low Carbon Cities Canada Network



The Low Carbon Cities Canada (LC3) Network works with local municipalities and community partners to demonstrate, de-risk and scale up local climate solutions that reduce key emissions sources and create valuable and equitable community benefits.

- Established by federal endowment in 2019
- Seven centres coordinated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities



LC3 Centres

- Alberta Ecotrust (Calgary and Edmonton)
- Greater Montreal Climate Fund
- Halifax Climate Investment, Innovation, and Impact Fund
- The Atmospheric Fund (Toronto)
- Ottawa Climate Action Fund
- Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (Vancouver)



Our Approach

■ We work through:

- Impact investing
- Strategic programs & grants
- Partnership
- Capacity building

■ Our Focal Areas:

- Decarbonising the built environment
- Clean transportation
- Renewable energy

■ LC3 Performance Indicators:

- Greenhouse gas emission reductions potential at scale
- Community benefits potential
- Strengthening equity and Reconciliation
- Creation and support of jobs
- Enabling capital flow at scale

Our Commitment to Equity and Reconciliation

We acknowledge the profound disparities in the impacts of climate change, disproportionately burdening historically marginalized and racialized communities. These communities have endured a legacy of discrimination, land dispossession, and environmental racism, and have often been sidelined from decision-making processes.

HCi3 is committed to integrating social equity and Reconciliation, rooted in Indigenous perspectives, as foundational principles in all our work.



Impact Investing

What we invest in

- Energy efficient building solutions
- EVs and low carbon mobility
- Renewable energy

What we offer

- A minimum of \$100,000 up to \$1 million
- Investing with others for greater impact
- Flexible financing structures, including loans, lines of credit, community bonds, equipment leases, loan guarantees and equity investment



What we look for



Measurable carbon reductions

- Projects have longer term carbon reduction potential



Local impact

- Projects can be located anywhere but must benefit Halifax/Kjipuktuk



Scalable opportunities

- Projects must have potential to scale up or be replicated



Social equity and Reconciliation

- We look to invest in and partner with organizations advancing social equity and contributing to Reconciliation



Proven technologies

- Technologies must be field-tested and verified by third parties



Community benefit

- Projects must have co-benefits for local communities, e.g., job creation, well-being, food security or improved environmental quality



Grant Program

What we offer:

- **Two grant intakes:** Spring and Fall
- **Two grant streams:**
 - **Catalyst:** up to \$10,000, streamlined process
 - **Acceleration:** up to \$75,000
- Funding for projects **up to 24 months** in duration
- **Support for projects at any life cycle stage** from initial studies to final evaluation

What we support:

- Low carbon building solutions
- Shared and electric mobility
- Community-led renewable energy
- Other projects with significant GHG reduction potential

Climate Impact:

Projects have long term carbon reduction potential and are scalable and replicable.

Community:

Communities benefit beyond GHG reduction, e.g., through building partnerships, job creation, resilience, capacity building, and/or affordability.

What we're looking for

Equity:

Groups and populations that have been traditionally excluded and systematically disadvantaged in climate solutions are empowered to participate in solutions that affect them.

Reconciliation:

Projects contribute to a reconciliation economy where wealth and resources are equitably shared and sustainably stewarded for this generation and those yet to come, in relationship with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.



Grant Highlights

- Transportation:
Ecology Action Centre Pop Up Bike Hubs

Photo credit: Ecology Action Centre. Pop-Up Bike Hub Summer Interns at Work in Millbrook (2024)

Grant Highlights

Buildings: Billet Workshop: Tiny Passive Homes

- Smaller, cost-effective, and sustainable homes
- 500 square feet
- Environmentally friendly building materials



Grant Highlights

- Transportation:
Volta Research, V2G
(vehicle to grid) Charging



Grant Highlights

- Renewable Energy + Transportation

Solar Powered E-Bikes

Zen Electric Bikes + MSVU

Image source:
Zen Electric Bikes





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