

INDIGENOUS OFF-DIESEL INITIATIVE



APPLICATION FOR COHORT 2 (2022/2023)

To apply to join the second cohort (2022/2023) of the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative, please complete this form and submit it by email to nrcan.remoteenergy-energieadistance.nrcan@canada.ca.

The deadline to submit applications is November 30, 2022 by 11:59 PM PST.

If you have any questions about the application or the Initiative, please contact Chloe Elias by email at chloe.elias@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca or by phone at 343-548-1268.

Indigenous Languages

If you are looking for support translating any of the program materials into Indigenous languages, please contact Chloe Elias at chloe.elias@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca or nrcan.remoteenergy-energieadistance.nrcan@canada.ca.

Background about the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative

The Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative (IODI) is a clean energy training and funding program that supports Indigenous-led climate solutions in remote Indigenous communities that currently use diesel for heat and power.

IODI was first launched in 2019 and was designed based on 18 months of engagement with Indigenous communities, rights holders, and organizations. It is delivered in collaboration by the Indigenous Clean Energy Social Enterprise (ICE SE) and the federal government.

IODI supports a cohort of participants (who we call Energy Champions) in their journey – from training through to project implementation. Energy Champions are encouraged to work closely with a team of clean energy leaders and to engage with their communities to support community energy literacy and ensure that projects reflect their community's priorities.

There are ten Energy Champions spots available in Cohort 2. Those who are selected have the opportunity participate in all three phases of IODI:

1. Clean Energy Training through the 20/20 Catalysts program: Summer 2023 – \$25K in funding
2. Community Engagement and Clean Energy Planning: Fall 2023-Spring 2025 - \$500K in funding
3. Project Implementation: Spring 2025 onwards – Up to \$1M in funding

Energy Champions, with the support of their teams and communities, must fully complete each phase before they can move onto the next. The federal government and ICE SE will support participants in

completing each phase and accessing resources, while being responsive and flexible to community priorities.

Interested individuals and teams are encouraged to reach out with any questions about the program before the deadline.

Participation Requirements and 20/20 Catalysts Training

To join the 2022/2023 cohort, you must be available to participate in the 20/20 Catalysts program delivered by Indigenous Clean Energy Social Enterprise from April-July 2023 or have already completed the 20/20 Catalysts program. For more information about the 20/20 Catalysts program, please visit the ICE SE website.

If you have already completed the 20/20 Catalysts Program, you are still eligible to apply. If you are selected to join the Initiative, you will complete a 2-day refresher course in Spring 2023 instead of participating in the full 20/20 Catalysts Program again.

By submitting this application, you will be automatically assessed for the 20/20 Catalysts program. You **do not** need to submit an additional 20/20 Catalysts application to ICE SE. If you would like to apply only for the 20/20 Catalysts program and not the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative, please apply on the ICE website.

Costs associated with travel to 20/20 Catalysts Program training sessions and in-person training and events are covered by the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative. Please let us know if you require any accommodations to support your participation in the program.

Please contact Bonnie Van Tassel at bvantassel@indigenoucleanenergy.com, with any questions about the 20/20 Catalysts Training Program.

Eligibility Check List

To be considered for the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative you must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ You reside in, or have very close ties to, a remote Indigenous community* or group of remote communities.
- ✓ You are available to participate for the duration of the three-year initiative (2023-2026) which includes: setting up a project team, working with mentors, developing a community energy plan, leading community engagement, and planning a community renewable energy and/or energy efficiency project focused on reducing diesel and fossil fuel use for heat and/or power.
- ✓ You are able to participate in the three, weeklong sessions of the 20/20 Catalysts Program (April 30-May 5, 2023; June 11-16, 2023; and, July 23-28, 2023) or the 2 day refresher course in Spring 2023 (date to be confirmed) if you are a Catalyst alumni.
- ✓ You can attend at least one 3-day annual Gathering hosted by the Indigenous Clean Energy Social Enterprise that will take place every other year. The next Gathering is anticipated to take place in Spring 2024.

Please note: Priority will be given to applicants whose remote Indigenous community, or communities, do not already have federal funding for community-scale clean energy or energy efficiency projects.

Remote Indigenous communities involved in projects that will result in grid connection or connection to other sources of power (such as a major hydro project) within 5 years of the application deadline are **not eligible**.

Individuals and communities who have already participated in the first cohort of IODI are **not eligible**.

***What qualifies as a remote Indigenous community?**

The community must have a majority Indigenous population that identifies as First Nation, Inuit and/or Métis; **and,**

The community must not be connected to the North American electrical grid or the natural gas pipeline network, and must be a permanent or long-term (5 years or more) settlement with 10 or more dwellings.

APPLICATION FORM

* mandatory section

First Name *

Last Name *

Gender (optional)

Pronouns (optional)

Community or communities *

Organization name

Role in Community (if applicable)

Primary Phone Number *

Email *

Tell us about yourself (750 character max)*

Have you previously completed the 20/20 Catalysts Program? *

No, this will be my first time taking the Program

Yes, I have previously completed the Program

Project Information (If Applicable)

Are you or your community currently involved in a clean energy initiative? *

This could include discussing energy within your community, creating dedicated clean energy positions, energy efficiency efforts, planning for solar, wind, hydro, biomass, transmission, energy planning, etc.

If yes, please briefly describe the initiative (2500 character max).

Where possible, please include information such as: the project focus (energy efficiency, solar, hydro, transmission, etc.), how long the project has been in development and the current status, any partners that are currently involved, the location of the project, and your role in/connection to the project. Please indicate whether the project has received federal funding and if so, what the funding supports within the project.

Clean Energy Areas of interest (Select all that apply) *

Please select what areas of clean energy you are most interested in from the list below

Solar PV

Solar Thermal

Wind

Hydro

Biomass

Geothermal

Energy Efficiency

Energy Storage

Combined Heat Power

District Energy Transmission

Smart- & Micro-Grids

Community Energy Planning

Energy Literacy

Energy Project Financing

Other:

HOPES AND GOALS

Why do you and your community want to participate in the Initiative? What do you hope to gain and learn? * (2500 character max)

How do you plan on applying what you learn in the Initiative to your community, organization, and/or project?* (2500 character max)

Are there any barriers that could limit your full participation in the Initiative?* (1250 character max)

Successful community-scale projects often require strong teams and community support. Please share how you will work with your community to ensure there is support for participating in the Initiative and, if known, which organizations and team members you expect to be involved.* (2500 character max)

Is there anything else you would like the program to know to support your full participation?*

(2500 character max)

PROGRAM COMMITMENTS

I agree to attend required in-person events from April 2023-March 2026. This includes the three one-week intensive training sessions for the 20/20 Catalysts program 2023 or the Catalyst Refresher program, and at least one Gathering, hosted by ICE SE. The first Gathering will be held in Spring 2024.

In-person events will follow all provincial public health guidelines related to COVID-19. Please let us know if any accommodations are needed to support your participation.

I agree to make every effort to participate in all webinars and coaching/mentorship sessions offered from April 2023-March 2026.

I agree to be a Clean Energy Champion and lead my community and team through the three phases of the Initiative.

I agree to seek community endorsement to join the Initiative and provide written support to the program team by March 2023.

I agree to seek out a project team of at least two people by March 2023.

I consent to the federal program team sharing this application with ICE SE and key project information during the Initiative to support the advancement of my project.

Applicant Signature

Date

NOTES

Please attach any additional information that might be relevant. Although not necessary, this could include support letters from community members, governments or organizations.

Upon acceptance into the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative, participants will be asked to provide additional information to the program team.

Catalyst alumni are expected to complete a 2-day refresher course in **Spring 2023**, date to be confirmed, in lieu of participating in the 20/20 Catalysts 2023 program.