



Ottawa Retrofit Accelerator Program

The Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Areas
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A 3-year, \$10M program, funded by NRCan's Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative.

Support **meaningful progress on the path to decarbonization.**

Provide an **ecosystem of support services** building owners and operators at any stage of your decarbonization journey.

Eligibility

1. Existing buildings

2. In Hydro Ottawa's service territory

3. Building types

- Commercial
- Institutional
- Multi-unit residential buildings (minimum four stories or 600 m² horizontal footprint, common entry)

4. Building ownership

- Legal entities incorporated or registered in Canada, including for-profit and not-for-profit organizations
 - Indigenous governing bodies, for-profit, and not-for-profit organizations
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Key program offerings



Funding

- Energy and carbon pathway studies
- Retrofit technical feasibility studies
- ▣ Recommissioning and retro-commissioning



Training and certification

- Free courses
- Subsidized certification



Support services

Support services for building owners and managers to help develop and implement carbon reductions at any stage



Your energy partner

Experts in your corner to demystify the deep retrofit process





Advisory services

- **Technical assistance**

Providing technical assistance throughout the retrofit process to ensure successful outcomes.

- **Continuous improvement and evaluation**

Dedicated team to support with regular evaluations and performance assessments of deep retrofit process.

- **Support at each stage of your carbon reduction journey**

Whether you require a roadmap, locating funding sources, or staying the course throughout project implementation, our team is here to support you.

- **Enduring support relationship**

Access suite of core decarbonization support services beyond the window for study funding.

Funding: energy carbon pathway studies



You could be eligible to receive **funding covering up to 75 per cent**, or in some cases up to 90 per cent, of your energy and carbon pathway study **to a maximum of \$50,000 per building**.

Our team can also assist you in identifying the right funding, grants, and financing options for your building retrofit projects.

Hydro Ottawa is expanding the supports available

Technical Feasibility Studies & Detailed Design

FUNDING FOR DESIGN,
ENGINEERING, AND
BUSINESS CASE
DEVELOPMENT

Re-commissioning and Retro-commissioning

TUNE UP YOUR EXISTING
EQUIPMENT TO MANAGE
ENERGY AND COSTS

Expanding vendors

EXPAND CONSULTANT
POOL



Subsidized certification

- ORA covers 75 per cent of the cost
- Join in-person CEM courses in Ottawa
- Join public courses
- Same program eligibility criteria

Register for In-Person Certification and Exam

- Certified Energy Manager
 - February 23 - 27, 2026
 - March 23 - 27, 2026

Register for Public Courses Online

- Advanced Course on Existing Building Commissioning (EBCx)
 - Certified Building Commissioning Professional (CBCP)
 - Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
 - Certified Measurement and Verification Professional (CMVP)
 - Certified Sustainable Building Operator (CSBO)
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Project timeline

The program will run through to **March 31, 2027**, with core support activities continuing until project completion.

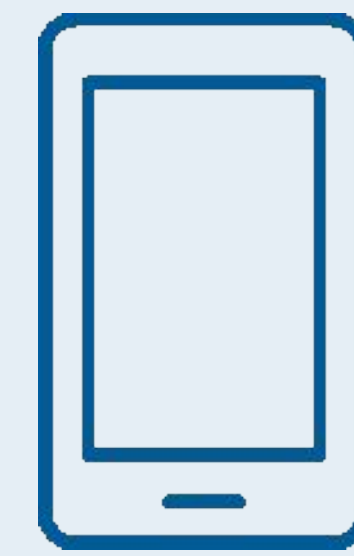
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