

LGCAP 2025

Introduction

The Local Government Climate Action Program (the Program or LGCAP) aims to catalyze the efficient flow of financial resources, data and knowledge between Modern Treaty Nations, local governments, and the Provincial Government to allow for cost effective, impactful, locally implemented climate action. For more information about the Program you can refer to the [website](#).

What is climate action?

For the purposes of this program, a climate initiative or action is one that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (mitigation) and/or strengthens resilience to the impacts of climate change (adaptation). This includes (but is not limited to): climate-related hazards; integrating climate change measures into policies, strategies, planning and investments; improving education; raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions; increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation, impact reduction and early warning systems.

Information collected will:

- Highlight local government and Modern Treaty Nation climate leadership;
- Profile action by including local government and Modern Treaty Nation emissions, resilience and climate action performance data in the annual [Climate Change Accountability Report](#), LGCAP Summary Report and on the Program's public facing [website](#);
- Help inform policy development and monitor progress on achieving provincial and local climate objectives; and
- Support provincial efforts to better collaborate with and enable communities to advance climate action.

The survey was informed by:

- Feedback from local governments, Modern Treaty Nations, external and ministerial partners;
- National and international GHG reporting protocols; and
- The CDP (formerly [Carbon Disclosure Project](#), a global non-financial disclosure system).

Instructions

Survey: Word Version

This version can be used to gather information from staff across departments. Then simply cut and paste into the online version where you will be submitting the survey. You can download the Word version here: [Local Government LGCAP 2025 Survey Template](#).

Survey: Online Version

SimpleSurvey allows multiple users to access your survey, though two people **cannot** enter information at the same time.

- For other users to contribute to your survey, simply share the unique link with your team members.
- Users must select "Save and continue later" when they are done updating the survey but not ready to submit.

Please note:

- Please do not provide any personal information (e.g. email, phone number) in the survey.
- Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*). You will not be able to submit the survey and attestation form without completing these fields.
- Some fields have formatting considerations (i.e. numbers only). You will not be able to submit the survey and attestation form until all required fields are completed properly. The red text error message will indicate what is needed.
- No commas are to be used in numerical fields.
- There is a 9,999 character limit for the open-ended questions, unless otherwise noted.
- If any questions are left blank, including optional ones, SimpleSurvey will notify you when you move to the next page with “You have unanswered questions, do you wish to continue?” If you are choosing to leave optional questions blank, simply click yes to move to the next page.
- Questions with substantial updates from last year's survey are flagged with an exclamation mark (!).
- You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP in the [LGCAP Raw Survey Data](#).
- For Questions 10-13 and 20 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.
 - **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.
 - **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.
- Please ensure responses align with your community's most recent Official Community Plan (OCP) or Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) update, particularly when answering Question 7.

Attestation Form

The attestation form is filled in after survey questions are completed. It is the second page of the SimpleSurvey submission. The attestation form is where the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, attests to the following:

1. That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
2. That Local Government Climate Action Program funds received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
3. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2026.

Requirements

1. Reporting

1. Report on **at least one** project linked to objectives from the [CleanBC Roadmap to 2030](#) and/or [Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy](#). If your community reports one initiative related to one sector (e.g. buildings) you have satisfied this requirement. Funding for the project(s) does **not** need to come from this program.
 - Please note the Province is currently considering recommendations from the independent and advisory CleanBC Review; any changes that are made will be thoughtful, practical and focused on affordability for people. Program areas will reach out to partners and stakeholders if there are any next steps related to CleanBC policies and programs.
2. For communities with populations of 5,000+ (based on 2020 B.C. Census data figures), measuring and reporting local government's traditional services emissions is required.

3. Attest that funds will be allocated to climate initiatives before submitting your survey.

Climate action success stories

Open-ended survey questions that describe one or more climate action initiatives may be highlighted in Provincial materials to acknowledge innovative local climate solutions. To be considered for inclusion on the [Local Government Climate Action Highlights](#) webpage, responses must be at least two complete sentences and provide enough detail for us to understand the initiative's key elements (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the [Local Government Climate Action Success Stories Submission Form](#) for guidance on how to complete the highlights sections for Questions 10–13, Question 19 and Question 20.

Climate action success stories are accepted year-round

In addition to mining LGCAP survey data, we accept success stories for publication any time of year. The template to submit stories outside of the LGCAP survey can be found on the [Local government climate action highlights webpage](#).

2. Deadline to submit the survey & attestation form

- The deadline for submitting your survey and attestation form is July 31, 2026.

3. Posting the survey & attestation form publicly

- The design / format of the form **can** be changed, however, all information from required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and answers can be omitted.
- The deadline to post the survey and attestation form publicly is September 30, 2026.

Note: Eligibility for the Program is determined solely by meeting the stated requirements. Additional climate action initiatives or dedicated climate action staff are not required and do not affect eligibility.

Download a copy for your records!

Once submitted, you can **download a copy of the completed survey** and attestation form (PDF, Excel, and Word options). If you close this window before the download link appears, please reach out for a copy of your submission.

If you would like page numbers on your final report, please download the Word version and add them.

Support

If the survey is accidentally submitted, a submitted survey needs to be revised, or if you have any questions, please reach out to us at LGCAP@gov.bc.ca. We will be happy to help.

Thank you!
The LGCAP Team

The Survey

Climate Action Planning

Climate Action Plans are strategic roadmaps that identify how an organization will reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (mitigation), increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change (adaptation), or a combination of both.

To answer the following questions, consider staff that contribute to activities that reduce GHG emissions and/or strengthen resilience and the ability to adapt to climate-induced impacts. This includes (but is not limited to): climate-related hazards; integrating climate change measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation, impact reduction and early warning systems.

Question 1: How many full time equivalent (FTE) staff work on climate action in your organization?

Include only staff who have climate action as part of their job duties. Estimate FTE(s) in decimal format (0.00) by reporting the portion of time spent on climate work. For example, say your community had: Climate Coordinator: 100% time = 1.0 FTE Planner II: 50% time = 0.5 FTE Engineering Technologist: 25% time = 0.25 FTE Facilities Manager: 10% time = 0.1 FTE Total (what you would enter below) = 1.85 If there are no staff dedicated to working on climate action, that's 0% time, please enter 0.0.

7.0

Question 2: Does your local government or Nation have a community-wide climate action plan or other guiding document(s)?

Yes

Please select the type of plan(s) from the list.

In the textbox, indicate the date the plan was adopted/approved in format YYYY-MM. If you don't remember the month, you can enter "01" for January.

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation, adaptation and/or energy use)
2026-06

Please include a link to the document or webpage if available.

www.saanich.ca/climateplan

Question 3: Does your local government or Nation have a corporate climate action plan or other guiding document(s)?

Yes

Please select the type of plan(s) from the list.

In the textbox, indicate the date the plan was adopted/approved in format YYYY-MM. If you don't remember the month, you can enter "01" for January.

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation, adaptation and/or energy use)
2026-06

Please include a link to the document or webpage if available.

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Question 4: Please select up to 3 challenges impeding the advancement of climate action in your community.

Lack of jurisdiction
Lack of financial resources
Lack of provincial or federal government support or collaboration

Traditional Services Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Measuring and reporting traditional services emissions (defined in previous years as corporate emissions) is a Program requirement for all communities with a 2020 population of 5,000 residents and above ([see population statistics here](#)).

This requirement can be fulfilled using an established reporting framework of your choosing (CDP, GHG Protocol for Cities, etc.), including the LGCAP scope and boundaries described in the [LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance](#). Contracted emissions must be accounted for regardless of which protocol your local government employs. Local governments with populations below 5,000 and Modern Treaty Nations are not required to report traditional services greenhouse gas emissions but are encouraged and supported to do so on a voluntary basis.

Traditional services GHG emissions are those produced by the delivery of local government or Modern Treaty Nation “traditional services” including:

- Fire protection,
- Solid waste management,
- Recreational / cultural services,
- Road and traffic operations,
- Water and wastewater management, and
- Local government administration.

Please see the following resources for guidance:

- [LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance](#)
- [Scope Summary for Traditional Services GHG Emissions](#)
- [Traditional Services Emissions Inventory Reporting Tool](#)
- [Contracted Services Emissions Guidance](#)
- [Contracted Services Emissions Calculator](#)
- [B.C. Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions](#)
- [Emission Factors Catalogue](#)

Question 5: For the 2025 calendar year, has your local government or Nation measured and reported associated traditional services GHG emissions?

If your local government or Nation is only reporting traditional services inventory through this LGCAP survey, please select “Yes”.

Yes

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the GHG emissions from services delivered directly (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and 2 sources.

For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the GHG emissions from contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and scope 2 sources.

For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the total GHG emissions from both directly delivered and contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and scope 2 sources.

For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. This would be the sum of the two questions above. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report what protocol you used to measure emissions.

Other (please specify):

Saanich follows guidance from: LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Traditional Services GHG emissions were measured following provincial guidance. However, Police and select buildings that Saanich operates were incorporated into the scope of reporting. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/climate-change/lg/lgcap/lgcap_traditional_services_reporting_boundaries_and_scope_guidance.pdf

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO₂e are associated with facilities.

Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO₂e are associated with mobile sources.

Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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Please provide the link to the public report if available.

Optional

<https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/Planning/sustainability/2025-climate-report-card.pdf> : pg 28-20;
<https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Local~Government/Documents/2026-Adopted-Financial-Plan.pdf> - pg 24-25

Optional: Please provide any further comments you wish to share on traditional services emissions measurement and reporting here (e.g. system or approach used to measure traditional services emissions).

Facilities emissions include street lighting and underground services, which total 120 tCO₂e in 2025.

Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions

B.C. [Climate Action Charter](#) signatories have committed to measuring and reporting their community-wide GHG emissions generated from all GHG sources (anthropogenic) within their community boundary.

The [Community Energy and Emissions Inventory](#) (CEEI) initiative provides a provincial framework for tracking and reporting energy and GHG emissions at a community-wide scale. It is published with a two-year lag, however, raw unprocessed data can be requested by local governments that wish to measure and report their community-wide emissions for the buildings, on-road transportation and municipal solid waste sectors ahead of publication.

The Communities Team is aware that some local governments are developing their own community-wide GHG emissions inventories (separate from the provincial CEEI). A better understanding of community-wide emissions measurement at the local level will help the Communities Team as we upgrade the CEEI.

(!) Question 6: For the 2025 calendar year, have community-wide GHG emissions been measured for your local government or Nation (including on your behalf by your regional district)?

No, but for a past year

What is the reporting year for your most recent inventory of community-wide emissions?

Format: numerical YYYY

2024

What is the interval for reporting community-wide emissions?

Format: open-text (e.g. every 6 months, every 5 years...)

Every year, with a one-year time lag (ie. 2025 emissions data will be released in 2026)

For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report your community-wide on-road transportation sector emissions in tonnes of CO₂e.

Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report your community-wide buildings sector emissions in tonnes of CO₂e.

Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report your community-wide municipal solid waste sector emissions in tonnes of CO₂e.

Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

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For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report the total for the on-road transportation, buildings, and solid waste sectors.

This would be the sum of the three questions above. Please note: No commas are to be used in numerical fields.

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If your local government or Nation is measuring community-wide emissions, please report the protocol(s) being used to measure emissions.

Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GPC)

For the most recent year available, did your community use raw data from the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory initiative to calculate community-wide emissions?

No

Question 7: Currently, the Province's legislated GHG emission reduction targets are 40% by 2030, 60% by 2040 and 80% by 2050, relative to 2007. Please state your local government or Nation's target(s). Please ensure your response reflects your community's most recent OCP or RGS update. Please enter "0" if no targets or baseline are established for the years given in the table.

2030

Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)

50

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)

2007

2040

Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)

0

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)

0

2050

Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)

100

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)

2007

Question 8: Does your local government or Nation have net-zero or carbon-neutral emissions target(s)?

For the purposes of our reporting, we're only asking about net-zero and carbon neutrality, but acknowledge that there are a variety of corporate targets. Net-zero refers to a jurisdiction or organization achieving a balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and removed from the atmosphere (e.g. planting trees or using carbon capture technologies) Carbon neutral refers to an organization reducing emissions as much as practicable and then offsetting the remainder by purchasing offsets or other similar mechanisms Please select all that apply.

Yes: Community-wide net-zero target

Yes: Corporate net-zero target

Question 9: Please select up to three supporting indicators that would be most valuable to your local government or Nation to advance climate action.

Previously, the Province reported these indicators through the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory initiative. The Province could prioritize publishing these indicators again in the future.

Greenspace: Land area that is parks and protected greenspace

Walk score: Proximity to services

Other (please specify):

VKT by fuel and vehicle type and class and location from ICBC annually; Utility and mechanical equipment data at parcel level (e.g., nat gas connection and use, hot water equipment type and fuel source by building, with regular reporting to account for replacement equipment), whether building has active cooling; divide building energy use in institutional vs commercial to report MURBS separately; calculate our 15-minute city metric.

Provincial Policy Alignment - Mitigation

The CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 is B.C.'s plan to meet provincial emissions reduction targets to be 40% below 2007 levels for 2030 and set us on course to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

One requirement of this Program is that you must **report on a minimum of one project** linked to objectives from the [CleanBC Roadmap to 2030](#) and/or [Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy](#) (CPAS). Funding does **not** need to come from this program. For questions 10-13, if your community reports one initiative related to one sector (e.g. buildings) you have satisfied this requirement. That said, please select

all that apply.

For questions 10-13, please note the following regarding "**Ongoing**" initiatives. "Ongoing" includes initiatives that are either:

- Implemented in previous years and still active (e.g., an organics diversion project started in 2022 that continues to divert waste).
- Currently available or in effect in 2025 (e.g., supplementing Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs).

For questions 10-13 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.

- **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.
- **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.

Question 10: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to the buildings sector.

This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions

Highest efficiency standards for new space and water heating equipment

Zero Carbon Step Code adoption

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits

Other (please specify):

Participating in Building Benchmark BC and District 2030 to track and report on building energy performance; use of renewable natural gas

Please enter the Emissions Level required for Part 9 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).

Optional. Format: Open-text

Emissions Level 4

Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions

Topping up Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs

Bylaw changes to facilitate heat pump installations or electrical upgrades (please explain):

Saanich Heat Pump Financing Service Bylaw, 2022, No.9761 to establish a financing program for the conversion of residential fossil fuel heating system to electric heat pumps.

Zero Carbon Step Code adoption

Other (please specify):

Retrofit Support Programs: Climate Action Tax Exemption; Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator Pilot (partnership); Strata Energy Advisor (partnership); Home Energy Navigator (partnership); Energy and carbon emissions reporting requirements for large buildings; participation in Building Benchmark BC; pilot community for provincial Home Energy Planner; ongoing implementation of Building Retrofit Strategy

Please enter the Emissions Level required for Part 3 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).

Optional. Format: Open-text

Emissions Level 4

Please enter the Emissions Level required for Part 9 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).

Optional. Format: Open-text

Emissions Level 4

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to buildings.

Please enter NA if your community reported no buildings initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025.

Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

1. Saanich Council adopted an Energy and Emissions Reporting Requirement for large buildings in 2025, alongside the City of Victoria. The first cohort of buildings, those larger than 30,000 square feet (2,787 m2), will report their 2025 energy use data by June 2026.

2. 2025 marked the first full year in operation for the two retrofit concierge programs that are supporting larger, more complex buildings in partnership with the Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (ZEIC): the Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator and the Strata Energy Advisor. Together, these programs have now engaged with 14 buildings in exploring electrification projects, with two buildings likely pursuing retrofits.

3. Fire Hall 2 redevelopment will be all electric and net zero carbon, incorporating mass timber materials, EV infrastructure, solar PV, and work towards LEED Gold and Step Code Level 2.

4. Nearly half the residential heating oil tanks in Saanich have now been replaced with electric heat pumps (45% reduction from 2019)! Since launching in 2022, Saanich's Heat Pump Financing Program has helped 70 residents replace oil and gas furnaces with high efficiency electric heat pumps. These upgrades, from the financing program alone, are estimated to reduce GHG emissions by 370.5 tCO₂e annually (or 5,557.5 tCO₂e over a 15-year lifespan) and cut household energy use by approximately 3,944 GJ (59,160 GJ over a 15-year lifespan). This program is severely constrained in scaling up and meeting demand and potential by a lack of Provincial PACE legislation and an inability to borrow to loan or access funding support.

Question 11: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to the transportation sector.

This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate transportation policies, programs and actions

Implemented a zero-emission vehicle preference or requirement for contracted work from a service provider

Active transportation infrastructure investments

Active transportation education and encouragement programs

Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for use of bikes/scooters)

Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet)

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments

Electric vehicle purchases and electric equipment/machinery purchases (i.e. electric zambonis)

Other (please specify):

Adoption of Zero Emissions Fleet Strategy in June 2025; Climate Friendly Commuter strategy underway

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions

Improving or expanding public transportation

Mode shift targets for passenger and/or commercial transportation (shifting from private vehicles to sustainable modes like walking, cycling and public transit) in Official Community Plan, Regional Growth Strategy or other guiding documents

Established personal (passenger) transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for active transportation and zero-emission vehicles

Established commercial transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for energy efficient commercial transportation and zero-emission vehicles

Bylaws updated to prioritize energy efficient transportation hierarchy (i.e. pedestrians first)

Revising existing bylaws or implementing new ones to support active transportation

Active transportation planning

Active transportation infrastructure investments

Active transportation education and encouragement programs

Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for bikes/scooter uses)

Bylaws that reduce or eliminate off street parking requirements

Installation of secure public bike parking (i.e. bike valet)

Neighbourhood or community-wide speed limit reductions

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

Mandatory EV infrastructure in new construction

Established electric vehicle charging ready bylaws

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments

Other (please specify):

Public engagement for the Neighbourhood Bikeways Identification and Prioritization Project

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to transportation.

Please enter NA if your community reported no transportation initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

1. Recent upgrades to the streets surrounding Tillicum Elementary School have enhanced safety and accessibility while advancing environmental resilience. Albina Street, Maddock Avenue, and Orillia Street previously had narrow sidewalks, ageing stormwater infrastructure, and limited safe crossings. Residents expressed a desire for streets that are safer, more connected and neighbourhood friendly, supported by more trees and green spaces. Completed in 2026, the project delivered safer and more comfortable crosswalks and sidewalks, expanded active transportation connections, traffic calming measures, and stormwater system improvements. It also added street trees and green infrastructure to help manage rainfall, reduce urban heat impacts, and strengthen climate resilience. This project is a strong example of how one project can achieve multiple community goals; safety, accessibility, climate action, resiliency, community health, affordability and biodiversity.

2. The District has made significant progress in expanding its active transportation network. Since 2020, more than 40 kilometers of protected bike lanes and over 5 kilometers of sidewalks have been added, alongside a range of improvements to transit accessibility, bus shelters, and overall road safety. Today, 57% of bus stops meet accessibility standards.

3. Saanich offers incentives for EV Ready Plans and electrical infrastructure upgrades to support at-home charging in existing multi-family buildings through top-ups to the CleanBC EV Charger Rebate Program. Since this program launched in 2021, uptake has grown considerably and as of 2025, Saanich has 31 EV Ready Plans for multi-unit residential buildings, with 15 having completed the retrofits (providing over 1,074 EV ready stalls) and more expected in 2026.

4. 50 additional staff completed E-bike safety training, for a total of 153 staff trained and able to access the municipal fleet e-bikes. The District continued to participate in Go-By-Bike Week and added a new secure bike closure at the Douglas municipal building to encourage staff cycling.

Question 12: Please indicate all other climate initiatives (excluding buildings, transportation, and adaptation and resilience) your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to community-wide and corporate action.

This section includes initiatives such as land-use planning, renewable energy projects, waste diversion, etc. This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate climate policies, programs and actions

Circular economy or zero waste strategy

Sustainable procurement policy

Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass)

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions

Complete, compact communities

Organics diversion

Circular economy or zero waste strategy

Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass)

Climate engagement

Other (please specify):

Community programs and grants, including One Planet Saanich and the Neighbour to Neighbour Resilience Initiative; providing top-up to the BCSEA Cool It! Climate Leadership Program (managed by the CRD)

Complete, Compact Communities - Please select all that apply.

See Complete Communities Guide and Program for supports advancing identified community goals through the creation of more complete, compact and energy efficient communities.

Rezoning

Small-scale multi-unit housing (e.g. duplex, triplex, fourplex, rowhouse)

Infill development

Urban containment boundaries

Official Community Plans

Community Development Plans

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to community-wide or corporate action.

Please enter NA if your community reported no community-wide or corporate initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

- 1. The Zero Waste Strategy was adopted by Saanich Council at their meeting on May 11, 2026. The Zero Waste Strategy was developed through research and data analysis – including input from technical experts, the public, and community representatives to create 16 strategies and 54 actions across four focus areas with the goal of achieving Saanich's targets to reduce per-capita waste to 250 kg/year by 2031 and 210 kg/year by 2040.*
- 2. In 2025, the District sponsored 6 Saanich businesses to complete the Synergy Circular Economy Accelerator Program. The program is designed to provide a comprehensive assessment of a company's business practices and provide recommendations on actions they can take to improve their circularity. If all 6 businesses are to implement the suggested actions from their assessments, they could divert a cumulative 28,250kg from the landfill and save \$66,472 annually.*
- 3. Strawberry Festival is the District's largest and longest running festival, drawing more than 10,000 visitors each year. The festival is widely known for its legendary servings of strawberries and ice-cream and will often serve as many as 4,000 bowls at each event. In 2025, to reduce waste at Saanich events, the District received funding from the CRD Rethink Waste Grant to help support the purchase of stainless-steel bowls to replace the use of single-use paper and compostable bowls. By reusing these bowls every year, the district cuts down on single-use waste and saves about \$650 each year by not buying disposable bowls.*
- 4. In 2025 Saanich staff initiated a reusable dishware program to reduce single-use items at Saanich staff meetings and events. At the Earth Day Festival, Saanich partnered with the company Friendlier to provide reusable dishware at this event.*

Provincial Policy Alignment - Resilience and Adaptation

The goal of climate adaptation is to reduce risk and vulnerability associated with climate change impacts. To manage climate impacts, local governments and Nations are integrating climate adaptation principles into decisions and everyday activities.

One requirement of this Program is that you must report on **at least one or more** project(s) linked to one or more objectives from the [CleanBC Roadmap to 2030](#) and/or the [Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy](#) (CPAS) in Questions 10-13. If your community reports one initiative related to one sector you have satisfied this requirement, but please select all that apply for Questions 10-13.

Question 13: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation had completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year to adapt to and build resilience to climate impacts.

This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the asset or project level
Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions
Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives
Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.)
Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills)
Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes)
Creating data systems to support climate action
Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions
Developing emergency/hazard response plans
Developing business continuity or similar plan(s)

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the community level
Undertaking or completing a Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) at the community level
Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions
Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives
Hydro climatological data collection
Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.)
Public engagement on climate risks and actions
Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills)
Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes)
Developing or acquiring hazard or climate risk mapping (e.g., floodplains), data or similar information
Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions
Developing emergency/hazard response plans

Please highlight one or more climate adaptation project(s) that were completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year to reduce risk and increase resilience.

Please enter NA if your community reported no initiatives to reduce risk and increase resilience that were ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section. The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness may use these on ClimateReadyBC.

1) In 2025, staff worked to embed climate change within the Asset Management Program using the Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (PIEVC) green protocol. Workshops were undertaken for each asset type to evaluate climate change risks and identify the adaptation actions necessary to mitigate them. This information is being used to inform the 2026 Climate Plan and individual Asset Management Plans and risk registers.
2) 5 new Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) projects were completed in 2025. The N2N project offers Saanich residents a \$500 grant to complete a neighbourhood project that addresses emergency preparedness, climate action, and caring for nature at a neighbourhood scale.

Question 14 a): Has a climate risk and vulnerability or similar assessment been undertaken for your local government or Nation?

Please select all that apply. If completed, please provide the year of completion in the textbox (YYYY).

Yes at the community level
2026

Yes at the asset or project level
2026

If available, please provide a link to the document:

Community Climate Hazard and Resilience Assessment (DRAFT) -

<https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/Planning/sustainability/Community-Climate-Risk-2026-DRAFT.pdf>; Risk Assessment Report (2019) -

https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/Planning/sustainability/ResilientSaanich_RiskAssessmentReport.pdf

Question 14 b): Are you integrating climate risk into asset management, budgeting and climate action plans?

Yes, in asset management

Yes, in budgeting

Yes, in climate action plans

(!) Question 15 a): Please select the most significant climate hazards faced by your community and please specify the associated adaptation measures completed or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year, if any.

I.e. for extreme heat: cooling stations. If entering a hazard under "Other", please write the hazard and related measure(s) in the textbox. Textbox limit: 998 characters

Extreme heat

Saanich's Heat Pump Financing Program; Saanich's Climate Action Tax Exemption Program to support electrification retrofits in commercial, multi-unit residential and mixed use buildings; building retrofit support programs - Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator (RARA) Pilot (partnership with Landlord BC), Strata Energy Advisor (partnership with Zeic), Home Energy Navigator (partnership with the CRD); other building retrofit incentives and rebates information on Saanich website; ; supported creation of the CRD's Extreme Heat Information Portal; extreme heat information on Saanich website; distribution of BC's Extreme Heat Preparedness Guide; Tillicum Green Infrastructure Project planting of over 1200 trees and shrubs and installation of rain gardens in 2025 on lands including and surrounding Tillicum Elementary school to address extreme heat and flood risk

Wildfire smoke

Measuring Overheating in Multi-unit Buildings project; Saanich's Heat Pump Financing Program; Saanich's Climate Action Tax Exemption Program to support electrification retrofits in commercial, multi-unit residential and mixed use buildings; building retrofit support programs - Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator (RARA) Pilot (partnership with Landlord BC), Strata Energy Advisor (partnership with Zeic), Home Energy Navigator (partnership with the CRD); other building retrofit incentives and rebates information on Saanich website; information on Saanich website (Climate Adaptation to Heat and Smoke webpage)

Overland/riverine flooding

IDF curve updates, Integrated Stormwater Management Plans; Tillicum Green Infrastructure Project planting of over 1200 trees and shrubs and installation of rain gardens in 2025 on lands including and surrounding Tillicum Elementary school to address extreme heat and flood risk

Coastal flooding and/or storm surge events

Collaborating with the City of Victoria, Town of Esquimalt and Town of View Royal on the development of the Gorge Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy, with other key stakeholders and supported by UBCM DRR funding

(!) Question 15 b): Please select the impacts your community experienced in the 2025 calendar year related to the hazards above.

Select all that apply

Heat-related illness
Respiratory impacts (e.g., reduced air quality, smoke exposure)
Damage to roads, bridges, or transportation networks
Damage to water, wastewater, or stormwater systems
Water shortages or restrictions
Power outages or electrical system strain
Damage to buildings or critical facilities
Service disruptions (e.g. transit, waste collection, recreation facilities)
Increased operating costs for response and recovery
Increased erosion or slope instability
Biodiversity loss or ecosystem stress
Negative impacts to local businesses or tourism
Insurance losses or increased premiums
Cultural impacts (e.g., threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods)

Question 16: What information do you need to know to be able to plan effectively for the future of your community, with respect to the hazards and impacts identified in Question 15?

Please select one or more of what you consider the most valuable types of information for planning.

Local knowledge
Adaptation planning information
Information on partnership opportunities
Examples of actions taken by other communities
Other (please specify):
The key issue is funding and insufficient/no capital to implement climate adaptation actions at the local government level. Identifying the cost of inaction in BC and implementing alternative means of funding (e.g., polluter pays) is crucial. We need detailed cost info from other communities that have experienced impacts from climate hazards. Additionally, there is a strong need for provincial legislation to protect trees and ecosystems. Note: we have not ticked boxes we already have data for

Question 17: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation had completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year related to working with neighbouring communities.

Please select all that apply.

Collaborating on data collection, mapping or monitoring climate risks

(!) Question 18: Has your local government or Nation completed a natural asset inventory (an assessment of natural resources like forests, wetlands, and waterways for their ecosystem services and value)?

Yes

What types of natural assets were inventoried?

Select all that apply.

Wetlands

Rivers, streams, lakes, and riparian areas

Forests and urban forest

Grasslands, meadows, and agricultural lands

Coastal ecosystems (estuaries, beaches, eelgrass, kelp, etc.)

Parks and natural areas / urban green space

Is your local government or Nation actively managing your natural assets based on this inventory?

Planning to start soon

Equity

Certain populations are more vulnerable to climate hazards and impacts (e.g. people experiencing homelessness, low-income households, seniors/elders, people living alone).

Taking an equity-informed approach to climate action is about enhancing climate resilience for everyone in B.C., regardless of where and how they live and requires a just approach that integrates equity considerations into climate planning and adaptation responses.

(!) Question 19: How does your local government or Nation ensure equitable access to and distribution of climate action opportunities and benefits?

Please select all that apply.

By collecting and analyzing disaggregated and/or spatial data to inform the design and/or monitor the implementation of climate actions

By partnering with other organizations (such as health authorities, social service agencies, or Indigenous leadership bodies)

By collecting disaggregated or spatial data on the impacts of climate actions

By engaging with equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change

By designing and/or implementing climate actions that address the needs of equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change

By undertaking wider benefits and/or equity assessments for its climate actions

By working to ensure climate actions align with UNDRIP and/or national laws pertaining to Indigenous rights

Optional: Please highlight a climate initiative completed or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.

Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

1) In 2025, Saanich worked with the Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) to lead engagement with equity-deserving populations to better understand their lived experiences with climate change. The groups included low-income households, people living with disabilities, unhoused residents, youth, seniors, visible minorities, newcomers or immigrants, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, and Indigenous peoples. CSPC engaged directly with 180 residents through in-person sessions and a public survey and completed a Climate Equity by Design report that has informed the 2026 Climate Plan. The work identified how equity-deserving groups are experiencing and adapting to climate change, and the resilience measures and supports they may need.

LGCAP Funding

The Program must be able to demonstrate the impact this funding has on greenhouse gas emissions reductions, resilience and adaptation, and building local capacity to advance climate action in B.C. To substantiate the Program, we must develop a baseline understanding of where local governments and Nations are at with respect to climate action and track progress over time.

For Question 20 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.

- **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.
- **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.

Question 20: In the previous calendar year (2025), how did your local government or Nation spend or commit to spend its remaining LGCAP funding received in the March 2024 3-year lump sum? Based on our records for your community, these funds total: \$724,016. This is the amount of your March 2024 3-year lump sum that was reported on hold in the LGCAP 2024 survey, if any.

Instructions: Please ensure the amount(s) entered below equals the dollar amount displayed above. Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative. Please select "funds on hold" for any funding that was not spent or committed to be spent during the 2025 calendar year. For the purposes of this question, "committed to be spent" refers to having officially allocated funding for specific projects with certainty, even if it has not yet been spent. You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP funding in the LGCAP Raw Survey Data. Format: no dollar sign, no comma and up to two decimal places.

Corporate
Community
Funds on hold
331569.10

Corporate Initiatives

Buildings initiatives
Transportation initiatives
Resilience and adaptation initiatives

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits
396.40

Corporate transportation policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Active transportation infrastructure investments

4890.52

Active transportation education and encouragement programs

1200

Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for use of bikes/scooters)

4890.51

Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet)

5000

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments

69342.89

Other

18733.87

Please use this textbox to enter the initiative(s) the "other" funding amount above has gone towards:

Development of Zero Emissions Fleet Strategy

Corporate resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the asset or project level

5000

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions

5000

Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills)

1500

Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes)

5000

Community-wide Initiatives

Buildings initiatives

Transportation initiatives

Resilience and adaptation initiatives

Other community-wide initiatives

Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Topping up Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs

3381.25

Other

81949.14

Please use this textbox to enter the initiative(s) the "other" funding amount above has gone towards:

Regional retrofit program; Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator (RARA) Program; Strata Energy Advisor Program; Oil Removal Requirement; Direct Install Feasibility Study

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Active transportation planning

96.39

Active transportation education and encouragement programs

96.39

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

273.06

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments

273.06

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the community level

10000

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions

5000

Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives

1500

Public engagement on climate risks and actions

3000

Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes)

5000

Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions

25149.60

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Climate engagement

56517.96

Climate study

5006.09

Energy study

5006.09

Asset management

1500

Circular economy or zero waste strategy

63651.79

Other

4091.89

Please use this textbox to enter the initiative(s) the "other" funding amount above has gone towards:
Community GHG/EcoFootprint Inventories & Data; General staff training, tours and presentations, membership dues

(!) Funds on hold - How will funds be allocated?

If a decision has been made, please enter the project(s) and the amount of funding that will go towards each (if known):
All of the remaining LGCAP funds have been committed and will be admitted to projects and spent in the next year

To expand upon your selection(s), please highlight the initiative(s) your local government or Nation's LGCAP funding received in March 2024 has been spent on or committed towards in the 2025 calendar year.

Please provide specifics on your selections made above such as the kind of technology used, the scale/scope, the building/location, or the expected impact (i.e. the make and model of an EV, the kilometres of a bike lane built...). Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

LGCAP funding supported the development of the 2026 Climate Plan, which consisted of extensive community engagement (engaged with 1,664+ residents at 20+ events), equity-centered engagement (led by The Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria), the development of a Community Climate Hazard and Resilience Assessment and Corporate Climate Risk Assessment and associated training (using the Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee green protocol), energy and emissions modelling (completed by Licker Geospatial Consulting Co), consumption-based emissions inventory modelling (completed by CHRM Consulting), collaboration with First Nations, Knowledge Holders and external stakeholders, and the development of updated climate actions to guide resilience and adaptation planning and mitigation measures.

Corporate projects included:

- Implementation of the fleet e-bike program. Fifty additional staff completed e-bike safety training to access the e-bike fleet pool in 2025, for a total of 153 staff trained through this program. A new secure bike enclosure was added to a municipal building for staff and fleet e-bike use.*
- New electric vehicle infrastructure at two corporate facilities to support reduced noise and tailpipe emissions from Saanich fleet vehicles in the community*
- The development and adoption (August 18, 2025) of the Zero Emissions Fleet Strategy to support the transition to zero-emission fleet vehicles*

Community initiatives included:

- Completion of the 2024 community GHG inventory to support the development of the 2025 Climate Plan Report Card. Progress can be found in the 2025 Climate Plan Report Card at saanich.ca/climateprogress*
- Top-up and retrofit support programs, including the EV Ready MURB CleanBC Top Up (Saanich now has 31 EV Ready Plans for multiunit residential buildings, with 15 having completed the retrofits (providing over 1,074 EV ready stalls)), Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator (RARA) Program, Strata Energy Advisor Program and the regional retrofit service*
- The Tillicum Green Infrastructure project. This project implemented green infrastructure and improved the active transportation network at Tillicum Elementary School and surrounding streets, including delivering safer and more comfortable crosswalks and sidewalks, expanding active transportation connections, introducing traffic calming measures, stormwater system improvements and the planting 1,200+ Shrubs and Trees*
- Development of the Zero Waste Strategy and zero waste initiatives at Saanich events, including the purchase and use of up to 4,000 reusable bowls at Saanich Strawberry Festival and hiring Friendlier for reusable food and beverage packaging at Saanich Earth Day Festival*
- Programming and engagement with schools, including the BCSEA Cool it! program, One Planet Saanich and class presentations. Engagement at Saanich and community events, including engagement for the Gorge Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy project started in partnership with the City of Victoria, Esquimalt and View Royal to plan for future sea level rise and extreme flooding along the Gorge Waterway and Portage Inlet*
- One Planet Saanich and OneEarth Living, in partnership with the District of Saanich, developed the Sustainable Living Action Pack for Seniors Homes and launched the One Planet Seniors initiative in 2025. This initiative is providing free support to Seniors home facilities (55+ strata, independent living and care homes) based in Saanich.*
- Public electric vehicle charging studies/planning in preparation for 11 new on-street chargers to be installed, for a total of 43 Saanich-owned public EV chargers available throughout the District.*

Question 21 a): What is your internal decision criteria for spending LGCAP dollars?

All our project/program planning is based on achieving the actions outlined in our Climate Plan. For each year, the Sustainability Team completes a work planning exercise that is informed by the latest Climate Plan Report Card and is often done collaboratively with the CRD and City of Victoria to identify projects that are underway or to be started, to work towards achieving our goals. We then refer to our budget, which includes funds from LGCAP and our internal Climate Action Reserve Fund and allocate funds to our ongoing future projects. We identify grant opportunities during this process and allocate time and resources to apply. We then present additional budget requests to Council for staff and projects that are unable to be covered with the funding available and prioritize projects that we have identified as higher impact.

Question 21 b): Does your local government or Nation use a formal framework to apply a climate lens on infrastructure planning and decision-making?

This could include the Provincial preliminary GHG assessment guidance, the Federal climate lens guidance, or another climate lens framework.

Yes

Question 22 a): In the previous calendar year (2025), how much additional external funding for climate action were you able to acquire by leveraging your 2024 LGCAP funds? This could include matching grants as well as private investment.

Format: no dollar sign, no comma, and up to two decimal places

350893.34

Question 22 b): Please list the funding programs leveraged and associated funders (i.e. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Canada/Province).

Please enter "NA" if no funds were leveraged.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund; Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation (DRR-CA) funding stream of the Provincial Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), administered by Union of BC Municipalities; Capital Regional District Rethink Waste Grant; BC Hydro Sustainable Communities Implementation Offer; CleanBC Go Electric Fleets; BC Hydro EV Ready Fleet Plan Program

Question 23 a): What is the value of the Program's continuity for your community or Nation, and how does it support other priority initiatives for your local government or Nation (e.g., affordability, housing, safer communities/public safety, emergency preparedness and response, economic growth and good jobs, protecting critical services people rely on)?

Optional

LGCAP funding is extremely valuable and critical to completing priority mitigation and adaptation initiatives in Saanich. It is the majority portion of the Sustainability Division's 'base budget' (prior to grant applications) and as of 2026 we are also using LGCAP to fund a Sustainability Project Manager Position in the team to free up the capacity to do climate adaptation work. Consistent and dedicated annual funding enables us to plan for and complete many projects and leverage a substantial amount of external funding which would otherwise be unattainable. Most of the dollar amounts above relate to the Sustainability Division's work, but there is a considerable amount of Saanich's annual budget spent on climate action throughout other departments as well (e.g., Transportation funds on active transportation, Water Resources funds on integrated stormwater management, Emergency Services funds on emergency plans, etc.). LGCAP funding makes more resources available for climate action planning and implementation across the organization, enabling Saanich to advance a range of municipal and provincial priorities. With growing budgetary constraints, significant cuts to provincial and federal climate grants and weakening of their climate policy, aging infrastructure, competing priorities and funding being top barriers to advancing climate action, the continuity of LGCAP ensures that the District can continue many of the great climate action programs and services mentioned above, continue planning for and executing future climate action projects and reaching the goals and targets indicated in the 2026 Climate Plan. In the absence of this funding, the District would lose a critical position in the team, be able to secure much less external funding, be subject to greater climate risk, impacts and future costs.

(!) Question 23 b:) Which provincial priorities does the LGCAP help advance in your community?
Optional. Select all the apply.

Protecting critical services people rely on
Infrastructure resilience
Emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction
Housing
Energy efficiency in buildings
Community health and well-being
Economic stability and good local jobs
Affordability
Reconciliation efforts
Safer communities and public safety
Protecting the natural environment and ecosystems
Supporting vulnerable populations

(!) Question 23 c): On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is LGCAP funding to your community's ability to advance the provincial priorities identified above?
Optional

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(!) Question 23 d): Which of the following tangible outcomes has your community directly experienced as a result of LGCAP-supported initiatives, if any?
Optional. Select all that apply:

Improved resilience of infrastructure or community assets
Reduced long-term infrastructure, maintenance, or asset management costs
Improved emergency preparedness or response capacity
Support for housing-related planning or policy development
Energy cost savings for the local government and/or community
Improved natural asset management (e.g., wetlands, forests, shorelines)
Economic development or local employment opportunities
Biodiversity or ecosystem benefits
Improved air quality or public health outcomes
Advanced reconciliation efforts
Improved relationship with the Province
Improved decision-making or integration of climate considerations into planning and operations

(!) Question 23 e): On a scale of 1 to 5, to what extent has LGCAP funding helped your community move work forward sooner, or enabled work that would not have happened without the funding?
Optional

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Please note on posting the survey publicly:

- All information from the required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and responses can be omitted.
 - The Province will use the information from optional questions for internal purposes only.
- When posting the survey publicly, the design / format of the form can be changed.

Local Government Climate Action Program Attestation Form

Instructions for the Attestor (CFO or equivalent staff person):
Complete and sign this form by filling in the fields below.

I, the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, attest to the following:

- 1. That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
- 2. That Local Government Climate Action Program funds received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
- 3. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2026.

Attested by (first name, last name)
Paul Arslan
Professional title
Director of Finance
Local government or Modern Treaty Nation
The Corporation of the District of Saanich
Date
2026-07-09
Attestor signature
Please note: File upload e-signatures are not enabled as uploaded files do not appear on the final report. If you require a redo for the digitally-drawn signature, please click the trash can. If that doesn't work, please submit your survey then contact us at LGCAP@gov.bc.ca.
Signature captured

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