

## QUEST Canada – Call for Expressions of Interest



### **QUEST Canada is looking for municipalities in the Atlantic Provinces to participate in the new Pan-Atlantic Net-zero Community Accelerator Program**

QUEST Canada invites small and mid-sized municipalities across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland & Labrador to join the new, three-year Pan-Atlantic Net-zero Communities Accelerator (NCA) program.

With an initial target Pan-Atlantic cohort of 15 municipalities, eligible applicants include local governments (Indigenous, municipal, regional or a group of small municipalities and/or bands), or organizations applying on behalf of a local government or a group of local governments (e.g. a local energy distributor or not-for-profit organization).

#### **Why Participate?**

- Get tailored services to help you develop and/or implement a community energy plan or initiative
- Reduce your GHG emissions - communities directly and indirectly account for 51% of GHG emissions
- For every % of reduction in community energy use, more dollars are kept in your local economy

To-date, over 30 municipalities have participated in the program, across New Brunswick and the three Prairie Provinces.

### Services Offered by QUEST Canada:

- 1 - Community Energy Benchmark Assessment – together we identify strengths and areas for improvement
- 2 - Energy Mapping Exercise – we'll identify opportunities for energy and emissions reduction
- 3 - CEEP Development Workshop – then we'll take a deep dive into areas of opportunity
- 4 - CEEP Implementation Workshop
- 5 - Monthly Meetings and Webinars
- 6 - Success Stories — during and after, we share your successes far and wide
- 7 - Economic Impact Assessment, and more!

### Municipal Staff Time Requirements:

QUEST's team will be undertaking much of the work involved. Expectations of participating municipal staff include sharing information, receiving monthly national and regional e-news and program updates, participating in virtual (or in-person) meetings and workshops, and attending relevant webinars.

Once participation is confirmed, QUEST will develop an Accelerator plan tailored to the community, including a description of the services to be provided to the municipality from 2024 to 2027.

### Outputs:

As a result of your participation, each municipality will receive a **Benchmark Assessment** report, as well as a **Recommendations Report** for your **Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)** which can be used to obtain Milestone 3 of the FCM-ICLEI Partners for Climate Protection Program. Each municipality will also benefit from a **CEEP Implementation Recommendations Report**, which can be used to obtain Milestone 4 in the FCM-ICLEI Partners for Climate Protection Program.

### Cost to Participate:

Communities will confirm their participation in the program by paying a small fee based on population. Indigenous communities are exempt from paying program fees.

Community Population	Fee
Less than 2,000	\$2,000
2,000 - 5,000	\$3,000
5,000 - 10,000	\$4,000
10,000 - 25,000	\$5,000
25,000 - 50,000	\$6,000
Greater than 50,000 and clusters	Customized

### To Apply:

If your municipality or group of municipalities is interested in participating in the initial Pan-Atlantic NCA cohort of 15 Atlantic Province communities, please write to QUEST Canada's Senior Lead, Projects, **Eddie Oldfield** at: [eoldfield@questcanada.org](mailto:eoldfield@questcanada.org), with the subject line 'Pan-Atlantic NCA Expression of Interest', and included the information below.

- A. Municipal name, address, website
- B. Main contact, title, division/department
- C. Size and population of Municipality(s)
- D. Does your community have an integrated community energy and emissions plan?  
(If yes, please attach.)
- E. Does your community need help to develop a community energy and emissions plan (CEEP)?  
(Yes / No)
- F. If your community already has a CEEP, what are your highest priority projects for which you may need assistance to bring to life? (List all that apply.)
  - o Local government operations
  - o Land use, transit, or active transportation
  - o Waste and diversion
  - o Renewable / low carbon electricity
  - o Renewable / low carbon heat
  - o Electric vehicles
  - o New commercial buildings
  - o Existing commercial buildings
  - o New residential buildings
  - o Existing residential buildings
  - o Sequestration
  - o Embodied emissions
  - o Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Deadline:

The Pan-Atlantic NCA Program Call for Expressions of Interest **opens March 15**, and **closes Monday, April 29 @ 5:00 pm** Atlantic Daylight Time.

### Questions?

Please don't hesitate to send a quick email to QUEST's **Eddie Oldfield** at: [eoldfield@questcanada.org](mailto:eoldfield@questcanada.org)

For more on QUEST Canada's NCA Program visit: <https://questcanada.org/nca>

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