

Ontario: Enbridge Gas Savings by Design Affordable Housing Program New Construction Projects

Are you a shelter organization:

- In Ontario?
- Doing new construction?
- Early in the development process, either exploring feasibility or beginning design and development?

Consider participating in the [Savings by Design Affordable Housing Program by Enbridge Gas](#) to receive:

- Free design work to create a high-performing, energy-efficient project
- Up to \$1,000 per unit in financial incentives
- A more optimal and comfortable building for tenants to live in

Note: You should have a project design team in place before pursuing this funding (at least an architect, mechanical engineer, and electrical engineer).

How the Program Works

The program follows five steps:

1. **Initial Application:** Complete the simple application form at the bottom of the [program's webpage](#) or email Alexander Colvin, Energy Solutions Advisor at alexander.colvin@enbridge.com to indicate your interest in the program. Application approval typically occurs three days after submission.
2. **Initial Visioning Session:** The Enbridge Gas team will meet with you to define your project requirements and sustainability priorities. This meeting will be one to two hours and can be booked as soon as a week after approval of your initial application. The intention of the meeting is for the Enbridge Gas team to understand the priorities of your project.
3. **Full-Day Design Workshop:** After the team at Enbridge Gas understands your project priorities, they will design and facilitate a full-day workshop tailored to your needs. This will take approximately one month to develop. Your project design team (architect, mechanical engineer, electrical engineer, etc.) will attend the free, full-day workshop (online or in-person) to learn how to maximize your project's energy and environmental outcomes from industry experts. Afterwards, you will receive a report, presentation slides, and a recording (if applicable) of the workshop.
4. **Consultant Incentive:** You will receive a \$7,500 incentive to cover the fees that your project design team and other applicable consultants charge to attend the full-day workshop.
5. **Per Unit Incentives:** You and your project design team will apply what you learned in the workshop to your project. Based on your completed project's energy performance post-construction, your organization could receive up to \$1,000 per affordable unit, up to \$120,000 (or 120 units). You will receive 50% of the incentive at the building permit stage, while the remaining 50% will be received after construction is complete, based on energy performance.

Benefits of the Program

The Savings by Design program offers many benefits to organizations designing an energy-efficient building.

These benefits include:

- Lowering operating costs for the organization
- Reducing energy consumption, thus limiting the organization's negative impact on climate change and environmental deterioration
- Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Meeting performance targets of capital funding programs, like those through the [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#) (CMHC) and the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) (FCM)
- Improving the comfort of building residents with energy-efficient technology and design elements

There is no cost to participate in the program.

Eligibility

You are eligible for this program if you are **a shelter, a transitional or supportive housing provider**, a social or municipal housing provider, or if your rental building is market-rate multi-family with at least 30% of units at 80% or less of the average market rate.

You must have received funding, either in the past or presently, from the government. This includes but is not limited to: the provincial government, your municipality, CMHC, or FCM. This funding could be for your operations, maintenance, or a capital project. This requirement is to demonstrate that another funder acknowledges your organization is providing low-rent, affordable spaces for residents.

Additionally:

- Your project must be located in Ontario.
- Your project must be located in an Enbridge Gas service area. (See map below. If you are unsure if your area is serviced by Enbridge, contact Alexander Colvin to determine if you are eligible).
- Your project must be in the early planning stage, before design drawings have begun.
- Your project must create at least six units. There is no maximum number of units, but the incentive maximum is \$120,000.
- To receive financial incentives per unit, your project must achieve 20% or higher than the Ontario Building Code (OBC) energy efficiency standard.
- If your project is located in a municipality with Green Development Standards (GDS) requiring the achievement equal to or above 20% better than the OBC, an incremental performance target of 5% above the respective GDS target would be applied. This applies to projects in Toronto.
- HST will not be added to financial incentive payments.

How to Apply

Complete the brief form at the bottom of their program's [webpage](#) to indicate your interest in the program, or reach out to Alexander Colvin, Energy Solutions Advisor, at alexander.colvin@enbridge.com or (519) 670 2484.

Enbridge Service Area Map

