



**Information on Grants
and Funding
Commercial,
Residential and Not for
Profit Organizations**

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Introduction

Researching and applying for funding and grants can be a daunting and time-consuming experience. Home and business owners are often unaware of the numerous grants and funding opportunities offered by the government and organizations for the improvement of our neighbourhoods.

The West End BIZ has compiled a list of programs aimed at maintaining and enhancing the buildings in the area, for the betterment of the community. This document has been created to help raise awareness of available resources for stakeholders and developers. The document outlines aspects such as eligibility, application procedures and other essential information to access these resources.

However, the West End BIZ is not associated with the selection process or the administration of most of the programs described herein. The information being presented is a brief summary of the details that are publicly available on the websites of the respective organizations administering each program. This document is intended for information purposes only, not as a definite guide for obtaining grants or funding. The information provided is deemed correct at the time of writing to the best of our abilities and based on available resources. The users of this guide are encouraged to further research each particular program they are eligible to apply for.

The information is organized by the type of main beneficiary, such as residential, commercial, or not-for-profit organization.

The West End BIZ encourages any eligible property owner to take advantage of these resources which otherwise remain untapped and underutilized.

Commercial - Business Improvement

Program Name:

Educational Seminars Grant

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$50 per business every six months

Organization:

West End BIZ

Deadline:

Per calendar year. Grant availability subject to BIZ funding, on a first-come, first-served basis

Type:

Commercial - Business Improvement

Website:

<http://www.westendbiz.ca/documents/2011EducationalSeminarsgrantapp.pdf>

Description:

Program designed to assist West End BIZ business members and/or their staff with strengthening work-related skills through continued educational opportunities

Participation:

Applicants must ensure the seminar's eligibility. If unsure of eligibility contact the BIZ office for assistance. Final decision on eligibility rests with the BIZ Communications Committee

Eligibility:

Program available only to West End BIZ business members (pay business taxes)

If the seminar is eligible you should complete an Educational Seminar Grant form and submit it to the BIZ

The educational seminar will have to be determined to be of benefit to BIZ business members and can be directly promoted by the BIZ or offered by another organization or educational institution

The applicant must ensure that they attend the same seminar as applied and approved for, unless changes were made by the organization offering the course. In the case of unexpected course changes, inform the BIZ to arrange for any adjustments

As a business owner/manager you may decide which educational seminar to attend

Reimbursement of fees takes place after the course is successfully completed. Receipts of payment and proof of attendance must be submitted to the BIZ for reimbursement to be processed

You may register for yourself or on behalf of one of your staff members

Eligible seminars, courses and workshops can provide training on, but are not limited to: Workplace health & safety, human resources, business finances, management, marketing, business communications and business developments

Commercial - Business Improvement

Program Name:

Storefront Improvement Grant

Value of Incentive:

1/3 (one third) of the total project's cost. Up to a maximum of \$1,000

Organization:

West End BIZ

Deadline:

Per calendar year. Grant availability subject to BIZ funding, on a first-come, first-served basis

Type:

Commercial - Business Improvement

Website:

http://www.westendbiz.ca/documents/2011Storefrontgrantapplication_000.pdf

Description:

Program designed to assist West End BIZ business members with improvements to the external appearance of their commercial properties

Participation:

The grant covers only new projects. Work commenced or completed prior to written approval of application to West End BIZ is not eligible for reimbursement

Eligibility:

Program available only to West End BIZ business members (pay business taxes)

Projects must be visible to the public from the front street and enhance the curb appeal of the property

Possible enhancements include exterior painting, murals or other exterior wall finishes, signage (including decorative awnings and backlit signs), exterior window coverings (awnings, decorative shutters), entryway improvements, exterior seating, landscaping or window boxes

Projects that improve visitor/customer comfort and provide outdoor seating or landscaping to promote pedestrian traffic are encouraged

Costs related to taxes, zoning, administration, legal and financing services are not eligible for reimbursement

Applicants must complete and submit the Application Form to the West End BIZ. It must include all your project costs. Additional costs will not be considered once the project application is approved. If the project cost is less than originally estimated, reimbursement is based on 1/3 (one third) of the actual total cost, even if it is less than the original anticipated total project cost

Two quotes for the work must be submitted. All work must be performed by a licensed and/or bonded contractor or tradesperson. In some cases, approval might be granted for you to do the work yourself (in such cases, only the material costs qualify for reimbursement)

Reimbursement of eligible expenses takes place once the project is finished and a completed Claim For Reimbursement Form is submitted directly to the West End BIZ, along with receipts for all expenses

Commercial - Business Improvement

Program Name:

Safety Grants

Value of Incentive:

1/2 (one half) of the total project's cost. Up to a maximum of \$500

Organization:

West End BIZ

Deadline:

Per calendar year. Grant availability subject to BIZ funding, on a first-come, first-served basis

Type:

Commercial - Business Improvement

Website:

http://www.westendbiz.ca/documents/2011Safetygrantapplication_000.pdf

Description:

Program designed to assist West End BIZ business members with implementing measures to protect their property, staff, customers and inventory

Participation:

The grant covers only new projects. Work commenced or completed prior to written approval of application to West End BIZ is not eligible for reimbursement

Eligibility:

Program available only to West End BIZ business members (pay business taxes)

Applicants must complete and submit the Application Form to the West End BIZ. It must include all your project costs. Additional costs will not be considered once the project application is approved. If the project cost is less than originally estimated, reimbursement is based on 1/2 (one half) of the actual total cost, even if it is less than the original anticipated total project cost

The West End BIZ supports projects that reduce vandalism, increase staff and customer safety, reduce shoplifting and/or robbery and those that reduce or eliminate undesirable after-hours activities

Possible enhancements include door alarms, video surveillance systems, shatterproof window coatings, new break-proof exterior windows, exterior doors and locks, counterfeit money detectors and entryway enhancements to accessibility, lightning, steps, etc.

Two quotes for the work must be submitted. All work must be performed by a licensed and/or bonded contractor or tradesperson

Costs related to taxes, zoning, administration, legal and financing services are not eligible for reimbursement

Reimbursement of eligible expenses takes place once the project is finished and a completed Claim For Reimbursement Form is submitted directly to the West End BIZ, along with receipts for all expenses

Commercial - Business Improvement

Program Name:
Night Light Grant

Value of Incentive:
Variable. See website for further details

Organization:
West End BIZ

Deadline:
Per calendar year. Grants availability subject to BIZ funding, on a first-come, first-served basis

Type:
Commercial - Business Improvement

Website:
http://www.westendbiz.ca/documents/2011NightLightgrantapp_000.pdf

Description:
Program designed to encourage West End properties to light up the exterior of their buildings and surrounding areas, including parking lots, thereby enhancing safety and reducing vandalism

Participation:
Applicants must complete and submit the Application Form to the West End BIZ. Applicants must roughly estimate the number and location of needed light fixtures

Eligibility:
Program available to West End BIZ businesses (pay business taxes) and honorary members. An honorary member is either a not-for-profit organization or an apartment/condo block within the BIZ boundaries

Once the application is received by the BIZ a night-time site audit will be performed by BIZ staff to determine the actual number of lights, type and wattage required to meet the applicant's needs

Upon approval the applicant will receive free high quality commercial-grade light fixtures from the BIZ, complete with photo sensors and break-proof shields. It is the applicant's responsibility to install the fixtures within six weeks of receiving them, by a qualified electrician, unless prior alternate arrangements are made

The applicant will be required to sign a contract, taking responsibility to install and maintain the fixtures in working condition

Commercial

Program Name:

Commercial Kitchen Appliance Program

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$1,250 per fryer and \$2,500 per steamer

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

No more than 90 days after purchase of appliance

Type:

Commercial

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/kitchen/eligibility.shtml

Description:

The program promotes the replacement of inefficient commercial-kitchen appliances with ENERGY STAR qualified appliances

Participation:

After ensuring eligibility of the intended appliance, buy and install it. Subsequently, fill out a form provided by retailers, contractors or Manitoba Hydro. Submit it in conjunction with supporting documents, no more than 90 days after its purchase

Eligibility:

To participate, the beneficiary must be a Manitoba Hydro customer eligible for General Service electricity or the Natural Gas rate

An inspection may be arranged in advance by Manitoba Hydro to confirm eligibility

Must be the end user of the appliance (not a vendor, manufacturer, etc.)

If all criteria are met, a cheque will be mailed to the beneficiary

The installed appliance must be an ENERGY STAR qualified appliance, listed as eligible by Manitoba Hydro

The appliance to be installed must have a higher energy efficiency rating than an existing installed appliance

The steamer must be used for a minimum of 2,920 hours annually (i.e. electricity to electricity). The fryer must be used for a minimum of 5,840 hours annually and use natural gas

Program Name:
Commercial Building Envelope Program

Value of Incentive:
The incentive payment must not exceed the customer's cost of the qualifying product or energy efficient measure

Organization:
Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:
Pre-approval must be obtained. Installation must be completed no more than 12 months after receiving approval

Type:
Commercial

Website:
http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/building_envelope/how_to_take_part.shtml

Description:
The program promotes the installation of energy efficient measures for buildings through the provision of monetary incentives

Participation:
Those interested must contact Manitoba Hydro and request an application form. Once completed the application form must be submitted to obtain pre-approval

Eligibility:
All products/measures to be installed must be new, of current manufacture, and meet applicable energy efficiency standards

If pre-approval is granted, installation must be started and completed no more than 12 months afterwards

Products intended for exterior use shall be rated for satisfactory operation at temperatures between -40°C to 40°C

Once installation is finished a Completion Form, questionnaire, and all invoices must be submitted to Manitoba Hydro

Products/measures must not contain or consist of hazardous materials

A post-completion inspection will be performed by Manitoba Hydro. If the work was performed satisfactorily a cheque will be issued and mailed to the beneficiary

Installation must be performed in accordance with applicable codes and regulations and the manufacturer's specifications

Necessary design and construction is the responsibility of the applicant/customer

Commercial

Program Name:

Commercial Clothes Washer Program

Value of Incentive:

\$180 per ENERGY STAR qualified washer

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

Contact Manitoba Hydro for deadline

Type:

Commercial

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/clotheswashers/index.shtml

Description:

The program provides incentives for the installation of energy efficient front-loading washing machines

Participation:

Purchase and install an ENERGY STAR qualified front-loading, commercial clothes washer

Contact Manitoba Hydro for an application form

Eligibility:

To participate the applicant must be a Manitoba Hydro customer billed at an Electrical General Service Rate

Submit your completed application with attached Completion Questionnaire, and all copies of supporting itemized invoices

Applicants must be the owner of or in control of the building where the washer(s) is/are to be located

The washer to be installed must be ENERGY STAR qualified, front-loading, and commercial grade with a Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 2.0 or greater, new and have a higher energy efficiency rating than the existing washer(s), purchased within the program timelines, installed in non-single-family facilities, such as Laundromats, multi-residential housing (apartments, student housing, military barracks) common laundry areas

Installation in-suite is not eligible

Program Name:

Commercial Custom Measures

Value of Incentive:

\$0.20/kWh annually saved electricity, or
\$0.30/m³ annually saved natural gas

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

Pre-approval is required before feasibility study or installation of measure is performed. Consult website for more details

Type:

Commercial

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/custom_measures/how_to.shtml

Description:

The program is designed to accommodate custom energy efficiency projects not covered by other Power Smart programs.

Participation:

When feasibility study is finished and written approval is granted, installation of energy saving measures can take place

Eligibility:

Eligibility will be determined based on the effectiveness of the proposed energy saving measures. A concept analysis meeting and subsequent custom measures proposal will be considered to determine initial feasibility

Once installation is completed applicant must fill out a Completion Declaration, including copies of paid project invoices, certificate of approval (electrical inspection), natural gas installation permit (if applicable), occupancy certificate (not required for existing retrofitting where a certificate is not issued) and Completion questionnaire

Applicant must explain how proposed measure will save electricity and/or natural gas, the capital cost, estimated savings, and payback period. A base case (lower capital cost, less efficient options) and proposed energy efficient case should be discussed with Manitoba Hydro

A post-installation site visit by Manitoba Hydro must be arranged and performed. If the energy saving measure was satisfactorily installed the incentive is paid

If proposed energy saving measure is deemed adequate, a feasibility study can be performed to identify potential further energy savings

Commercial

Program Name:

Commercial Lighting Program

Value of Incentive:

Incentives are provided per energy efficient lighting measure installed. See website for further information

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

Pre-approval must be obtained and installation be completed no more than 12 months after receiving approval

Type:

Commercial

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/lighting/information_sheets/incentives.pdf

Description:

The program is designed to promote the installation of energy efficient lighting.

Participation:

To participate applicant must:

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the incentive program the applicant must:

- Be a Manitoba Hydro customer eligible for the Electrical General Service Rate
- Use the lighting system in a commercial and not in a residential capacity (ex. individual apartment suites, hotel rooms, senior citizen housing units are not eligible)
- Operate the lighting system for at least 2,000 hours per year
- Be the end user of the lighting (i.e. not a lighting vendor, manufacturer or installer).
- Remain a customer of Manitoba Hydro for a minimum of three (3) years after the date of incentive payment.

Determine lighting requirements

Complete application ensuring employed measures fulfill Manitoba Hydro's requirements
Arrange for the performance of a walkthrough of proposed site (renovations only)

Make any necessary changes to application
Obtain project authorization

Perform installation

Fill Completion declaration including supporting documentation (Completion questionnaires, certificate of electrical inspection, invoices of product cost, design, labour and taxes must be separated from materials)

Post - installation walkthrough must be performed and if satisfactory incentive payment is processed

Applicant must also ensure fulfillment of installation requirements and compliance with project and product eligibility.

Program Name:
Commercial HVAC

Value of Incentive:
Case specific. See website for further information.

Organization:
Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:
Pre-authorization must be obtained before installation of any measure is performed

Type:
Commercial

Website:
http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/hvac/how_to_take_part.shtml

Description:
The program is designed to promote the installation of energy efficient technologies for heating, ventilation and cooling

Participation:
Contact Manitoba Hydro to obtain an application

Submit completed application

Eligibility:
Determined on a case by case basis

Obtain pre-approval and proceed to install energy efficient measures

Fill out and submit a Completion Declaration, including supporting documentation (completion questionnaire, invoices - design, labour and taxes must be listed separate from materials)

A post-completion inspection will be performed by Manitoba Hydro and if satisfactory, incentive payment will be processed

Commercial

Program Name:

Commercial Network Energy Management Program

Value of Incentive:

Covers 100% of eligible software program cost and up to \$15 per software license

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

No pre-authorization required. A month of software usage is required for application purposes

Type:

Commercial

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/nemp/index.shtml

Description:

Program designed to promote the usage of energy management software to reduce wastage of electricity from personal computers

Participation:

To participate, purchase and install eligible software

Eligibility:

The utilized software must be selected from Manitoba Hydro's list of approved energy management software

Make use of software for a minimum of one month

The eligible energy management software must be used for a minimum of one month before applying for the program

Submit documentation including an energy savings report generated using the approved software, a Network Energy Management Application and a Network Energy Management Completion Questionnaire

Application will be reviewed and if satisfactory, applicable incentives will be paid

Program Name:
New Building Program

Value of Incentive:
Incentive value is based on selected design option (prescriptive or custom building path)

Organization:
Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:
Pre-approval must be obtained before starting any design work

Type:
Commercial

Website:
http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/new_building/index.shtml

Description:
Program designed to provide guidance for the construction of new energy efficient buildings

Participation:
Contact the Power Smart staff at Manitoba Hydro, who will offer guidance throughout the design process, construction, and early operation of the new energy efficient building

Eligibility:
All new building projects must be pre-approved before developing schematic drawings and/or applying for any construction/foundation permits

The program is eligible alongside other incentive programs offered by Manitoba Hydro

Financial incentive will be calculated (and paid) based on the conditioned square footage of the building, the design option chosen, and the building type

A design building path will be selected at the beginning of the process. Participants can opt for the prescriptive building path which provides a prescribed measure set outlined in the Power Smart Design Standards (suitable for smaller buildings such as retail, restaurants, and small offices). Or, applicants can opt for the custom building path which offers greater flexibility, but achieved energy efficiency performance must be at a level at least 33 per cent greater than the Model National Energy Code of Canada Buildings 1997 (suitable for larger, more complex facilities)

Commercial

Program Name:

Commercial Refrigeration Program

Value of Incentive:

Variable, determined by energy efficient feature that is installed. See website for further details

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

At any time until program's deadline of March 31, 2017

Type:

Commercial

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/refrigeration/index.shtml

Description:

Program designed to promote the installation of measures that reduce energy consumption for commercial refrigeration purposes

Participation:

Contact Manitoba Hydro and request an application package

Complete and submit application

Eligibility:

Must be a Manitoba Hydro customer eligible for the General Service electricity rate

If pre-approval is granted, proceed to install the specified energy efficient measures

Be the end user of the energy efficient refrigeration measure

Submit your completed documentation including Completion Declaration and Questionnaire, itemized invoices, copy of Certificate of Approval/ electrical inspection (if applicable)

The refrigeration equipment must be used in a commercial, not a residential capacity (ex. individual apartment suites, hotel rooms, senior citizen housing units are not eligible)

Remember that itemized invoices must be specifically requested from your vendor, manufacturer, installer, or contractor. All material costs must be listed separately from labour and taxes

Remain a customer of Manitoba Hydro for at least 3 years after the incentive payment in received

A post-completion inspection walkthrough will need to be arranged with Manitoba Hydro

If energy efficient measures are satisfactory, an incentive payment will be processed and mailed to you, your vendor or installer

Program Name:

Energy Finance Plan

Value of Incentive:

Maximum loan of \$5,000. Minimum loan of \$500. Minimum monthly payment of \$15

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

Pre-authorization of credit must be obtained before commencing any work

Type:

Commercial & Residential

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/customer_services/financial_programs/energy_finance_plan.shtm
[lmg_optimization/how_to_take_part.shtml](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/customer_services/shtm/energy_optimization/how_to_take_part.shtml)

Description:

Program designed to provide financing options to improve the applicant's electrical or natural gas service

Participation:

The applicant must contact a qualified electrician or licensed contractor who is a participant in the Energy Finance Plan

Eligibility:

The program is available to the registered owners of residential, seasonal, farm and commercial buildings where approved natural gas and/or electrical improvements are to take place

The participating contractor will complete the loan agreement with you and obtain subsequent approval for your loan

For a full list of qualified improvements and those that do not qualify, consult the program's website

The contractor will be paid directly by Manitoba Hydro and monthly loan installments will be payable on your energy bill

Upgrade work performed by the contractor must be completed within 6 months of the date of signing the loan agreement

No down payment is required, but a 15% interest rate is applicable

Following the expiry date of the initial six months of the loan agreement, additional payments might be made at any time during the remaining term of the agreement. Finance charges will be reduced accordingly

The loan becomes due and payable if the building is sold

Residential

Program Name:

Power Smart Residential Loan

Value of Incentive:

Maximum loan of \$7,500 per residence.
Minimum loan of \$500. Minimum monthly payment of \$15

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

Pre-authorization of credit must be obtained before commencing any work

Type:

Residential

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/residential_loan.shtml

Description:

Program designed to facilitate the purchase of energy efficient upgrades

Participation:

To apply for the Power Smart Residential Loan, speak to your contractor (if you have one) or retailer (if you are doing the work yourself)

Eligibility:

Applicants must be a Manitoba Hydro customer and the owner of the home in which energy improvements are to take place

Your contractor or retailer will work with you to determine if your project is eligible for financing and will assist you with completing the loan application

The loan covers upgrades to windows and doors, residential space heating equipment, insulation, air leakage sealing, ventilation, lighting, residential water heating equipment, and water conservation

If your contractor or retailer does not participate in Manitoba Hydro's Power Smart Residential Loan have them contact Manitoba Hydro at 1-888-624-9376 or e-mail the Power Smart Energy expert for information on how to participate

The selected energy efficient upgrade should be performed to levels recommended by Manitoba Hydro

No down payment is required, but a \$20 administration fee will be charged during the initial 6 months of the loan agreement. Following the expiry date of the initial 6 months of the Loan Agreement, additional payments may be made at any point during the remaining term of agreement. Finance charges will be reduced accordingly

The loan does not apply to central air conditioning

The loan becomes due and payable when the house is sold

Program Name:

Home Insulation Program

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Type:

Residential

Value of Incentive:

No more than the material cost of the insulation measures installed

Deadline:

Insulation must be installed no more than 6 months after receiving pre-approval. Final documentation must be submitted no more than 30 days after finishing installation of insulation

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/home_insulation_steps.shtml#step1

Description:

Program designed to provide rebates for the insulation of homes

Eligibility:

Applicants must have an active Manitoba Hydro account and be the home owners of the home in which insulation is to be installed

The home must be a detached, semi-detached, or mobile/modular home on a permanent foundation, with a permanent water supply

The home in question must be intended as the principal residence of either the home owner or tenant

Participation:

Pre-approval must be obtained by working directly with your contractor/retailer to complete the pre-approval form, to be submitted to Manitoba Hydro

Once pre-approval has been obtained installation can proceed

The applicant must ensure that the project is performed according to specifications/standards

Once installation has been completed, the applicant must submit an application form with the signature of the contractor/retailer and must include all the original receipts

Form must be submitted no more than 30 days after finishing installation

Manitoba Hydro will then process your rebate

A post-installation inspection may be performed before the rebate is paid out

Residential

Program Name:

Lower Income Energy Efficient Program

Value of Incentive:

Contact Manitoba Hydro for details

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

Contact Manitoba Hydro for details

Type:

Residential

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/lieep/index.shtml

Description:

Program designed to provide individuals or families of limited income with energy efficient upgrades for their homes

Participation:

If the eligibility criteria are fulfilled, an application form must be completed and submitted to Manitoba Hydro at:

Eligibility:

The application must be signed and completed by the owner of the residence

Lower Income Energy Efficiency Program
PO Box 815 STN MAIN
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 2P4

The applicant must (unless specifically waived by Manitoba Hydro in writing) be of a legal age of at least 18 years old as of the time of submission of application, be a Canadian citizen or Landed Immigrant in good standing, be the current lawful owner(s) of the residence and occupy it as his/her principal year-round residence, have an active Manitoba Hydro residential electricity and/or natural gas account, have a credit record acceptable to Manitoba Hydro, and have a total household income that falls within the limits defined by Manitoba Hydro for the City of Winnipeg

An income tax return and notice of assessment for the most recent tax year for all household residents aged 18 years and older are also required as proof of income

A statement of business/farming/rental activities is required if all or any of the reported income is from rental or self-employment

Organizations can help lower-income households participate in the program by providing assistance with their applications

The house must be a single detached, semi-detached, or modular/mobile home with permanent foundations and a permanent water supply

Program Name:

Water and Energy Saving Kits

Value of Incentive:

Contact Manitoba Hydro for details

Organization:

Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:

Contact Manitoba Hydro for details

Type:

Residential

Website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/lieep/index.shtml

Description:

Program designed to provide homeowners and landlords with water and energy saving devices

Participation:

Application is completed online via the website:

<https://www.ecofitt.ca/mbhydro/home.php>

Eligibility:

To be eligible you must not have ordered a Water and Energy Saving Kit in the past

The applicant is the homeowner or tenant

The residence is occupied year-round

The Kit must be sent to an address within the Province of Manitoba

Residential

Program Name:

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Homeowners (RRAP)

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$16,000 for properties in the City of Winnipeg

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Approval must be received in writing before commencing any work

Type:

Residential

Website:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/rrap_homeowner.html#tophtml

Description:

Program designed to provide fully forgivable loans to pay for essential repairs that will ensure that minimum health and safety levels are met, while also prolonging the life of the building

Participation:

An application can be picked up at 361 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, MB or a request can be made to have it mailed out

Eligibility:

Repairs must be mandatory and essential to ensuring minimum safety and health levels. Any repairs that are considered normal maintenance are not eligible

The repair project must be fully completed in order to receive the applicable loan

Any expenses over and above the approved loan amount must be covered by the homeowner

Eligible homes must be:

- Valued at less than \$175,000
- Be at least five years old
- Substandard and in need of repairs in at least one of five key areas - heating, structural, electrical, plumbing or fire safety

Homeowners may also qualify for the program if work is needed to reduce overcrowding

The homeowners must own and occupy the property as their principal residence on a year-round basis and have a household income below the Housing Income Limit

Program Name:

Secondary Suites Program

Value of Incentive:

Up to 50% of total construction/renovation costs, to a maximum amount of \$35,000 per suite

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Funding approval must be received in writing before commencing any work. Work must be completed within a period of six months after receiving approval

Type:

Residential

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/ssp.html#apply>

Description:

Program designed to provide fully forgivable loans to promote the construction of new affordable rental units in the form of secondary suites

Participation:

- The applicant must prepare preliminary design and associated drawings
- The project must fulfill Municipal regulations like zoning, building codes, and any other requirements
- Both dwellings must meet basic health and safety standards and the secondary suite should conform to modesty guidelines
- Applications must be sent to Manitoba Housing together with supporting documents including preliminary design work. A health and safety inspection will be performed and if satisfactory, pre-approval will be granted
- To obtain final approval two pricing quotes for the intended work must be submitted within 45 days of receiving pre-approval
- The homeowner must obtain building permits, any other necessary loans, identify suitable tenants and add them to a Tenant Declaration, and finally obtain an Occupancy Permit
- A Financial Assistance Agreement will be signed once Manitoba Housing obtains invoices and receipts for services, materials and applicable permit fees. Once a mortgage encumbrance is registered and the work is completed the approved funding will be paid

Eligibility:

The proposed secondary suite must be a private, self-contained residential unit added to the main dwelling

Applicants must own the property and live there year-round as their primary residence

The unit to be developed must be occupied by tenants with an annual household income below the applicable thresholds, who may or may not pay rent

Tenants must be 18 years or older

The annual rent increase cannot exceed what is specified under the Residential Tenancies Act

The secondary suites must be modest in size and amenities (see website for description of modest)

Residential

Program Name:

Minimum Home Repair Program

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$3,000 (program only available for Spence neighbourhood)

Organization:

City of Winnipeg

Deadline:

Open

Type:

Residential

Website:

http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/programs_MHRP.stm

Description:

Program designed to provide grants for emergency repairs

Participation:

Contact the Housing Development Division of Planning and Property and Development for further information at:

Eligibility:

Eligibility is determined by The City of Winnipeg personnel after they perform a site visit

940-3078

Housing Development Division
Planning and Property Development
City of Winnipeg

Homeowners are also encouraged to apply for other funding sources to cover all the expenses associated with emergency repairs

If approved to participate in the program a cheque is issued for the pre-approved amount upon completion of the work

Program Name:

Home Renovation Tax Assistance

Value of Incentive:

Up to a total of \$2,250, with a maximum annual tax credit of \$750

Organization:

City of Winnipeg

Deadline:

December 31, 2011, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first

Type:

Residential

Website:

http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/programs_hrta.stm

Description:

Program designed to encourage and facilitate the completion of renovations

Participation:

There are two streams for the program: Standard Renovations and Energy Efficient Renovations

Eligibility:

Funding is allocated on a “first come, first serve” basis

To apply for the program a building permit must be obtained before any renovations are performed

The house in question must be used solely as a residence

Homeowners are encouraged to obtain pricing quotes from contractors/retailers for the desired renovations

The residence must have been built before January 1, 1986

All renovations will be inspected by City of Winnipeg personnel to confirm compliance with city by-laws and all applicable regulations

The combined value of land and property must not exceed \$192,000 in 2011

Proof of payment for all expenses, itemized on the claim form, must be provided

Homeowners may include the following expenses on their claim form: Materials, contractor labour, retail sales tax and G.S.T. , drafting and architectural plans, permit fees, legal and inspection fees

Residential

Program Name:

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP)

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$16,000 for properties in the City of Winnipeg

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Approval must be received in writing before commencing any work

Type:

Residential

Website:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/rrap_pwd.html#top

Description:

Program designed to provide fully forgivable loans for homeowners and landlords to make modifications to accommodate the needs of occupants with disabilities

Participation:

An application can be picked up at 361 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, MB or a request can be made to have it mailed out

Eligibility:

Changes/modifications must relate to housing and be reasonably related to the occupant's disability

The repair project must be fully completed in order to receive the applicable loan

Any expenses over and above the approved loan amount must be covered by the homeowner

Most modifications aimed at making it possible for occupants with disabilities to live independently are eligible

You may be eligible if you are:

A landlord renting self-contained dwelling units or rooms in a rooming house to low income tenants at rents below the Median Market Rent for the area where the property is located

Homeowners whose home is valued at less than \$175,000 and whose total household income is below the Housing Income Limit

Program Name:

Home Adaptations for Seniors Independence Program (HASI)

Value of Incentive:

Maximum of \$3,500

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Open. Approval must be received in writing before commencing any work

Type:

Residential

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/hasi.html#top>

Description:

Program designed to provide fully forgivable loans for homeowners and landlords to perform home adaptations that help low-income seniors perform their daily activities more independently

Participation:

An application can be picked up at 361 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, MB or a request can be made to have it mailed out

Eligibility:

Homeowners and landlords may be eligible if the current occupant(s) is 65 years of age or older

The loan does not need to be repaid as long as the elderly occupant continues to live in the home for at least six (6) months following the completion of the project

The homeowner's total household income must be below the Housing Income Limit

All adaptations must be started 60 days after receiving written approval and completed within 90 days after receiving approval

For landlords, the tenant's total household income must be below the Housing Income Limit

Any expenses over and above the approved loan amount must be covered by the homeowner

At least one member of the household occupying the residence has age-related difficulties in performing daily activities

The property proposed for adaptations/modifications must be the elderly person's permanent residence

The adaptations may be permanent or temporary and are not intended to restore the property to meet minimum property repair standards

Residential

Program Name:

Neighbourhood Housing Assistance

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$10,000 per residence

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Open

Type:

Residential

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/neighbourhoods/programs/nha.html>

Description:

Program designed to support urban neighbourhoods identified as Major Improvement Areas by promoting home ownership and renovation initiatives

Participation:

Applicants are required to submit a detailed proposal demonstrating a business plan, strategic plan, community support and long-term sustainability for the project

Eligibility:

Program available to community and neighbourhood development and renewal corporations, non-profit housing corporations and continuing housing co-operatives. Owners of residential rental properties may be eligible for assistance in support of a community supported project

For detailed information contact:

Manitoba Housing
Main Floor - 280 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 0R8
Phone: (204)-945-5566
Email: housing@gov.mb.ca

Rental Residential

Program Name:

Rental Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Rental RRAP)

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$24,000 per self-contained unit

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Open. Approval must be received in writing before commencing any work

Type:

Rental Residential

Website:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/rrap_rental.html#top

Description:

Program designed to provide fully forgivable loans for landlords of affordable housing, to pay for eligible repairs of self-contained units used by low-income occupants

Participation:

An application can be picked up at 361 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, MB or a request can be made to have it mailed out

Eligibility:

Eligible repairs must be aimed at restoring the home to minimum levels of health and safety. The repairs should extend the building's usable life for at least an additional 15 years

The repair project must be fully completed in order to receive the applicable loan

Any expenses over and above the approved loan amount must be covered by the homeowner

The total gross household income of tenants must be at, or below, the established Housing Income Limit

The project must have pre-rental RRAP and after-rental RRAP at, or below, the Median Market Rents

The repairs must ensure the provision of basic facilities or the major required repairs should be in one or more of the key areas (structural, electrical, plumbing, heating or fire safety)

Tenants must not be relatives of the property owner

Rental Residential

Program Name:

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Rooming Housing

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$16,000 per bed unit

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Open. Approval must be received in writing before commencing any work

Type:

Rental Residential

Website:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/rrap_roominghouse.html#top

Description:

Program designed to provide owners of rooming houses with fully forgivable loans to pay for eligible repairs

Participation:

An application can be requested to be mailed or pick up at 361 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, MB

Eligibility:

Eligible repairs must be aimed at restoring the home to minimum levels of health and safety, prolonging the usable life of the rooming house

The repair project must be fully completed in order to receive the applicable loan

Any cost over the loan amount must be covered by the homeowner

Eligible owners must: place a limit on rents charged after repairs are completed, limit rent increases during the term of the agreement, agree to limit occupancy to tenants at or below the Income Limit, be willing to cover any expenses that might be over the maximum loan amount

The rooming house must have over three (3) bed units used as permanent residences by occupants

Rents must be at, or below, Median Market Rents

The major repairs to be performed must be in one or more of the key areas (structural, electrical, plumbing, heating or fire safety)

Tenants must not be relatives of property owner

Community Development

Program Name:
Community Places Program

Value of Incentive:
Up to 50% of projects totaling \$15,000, or 33% of projects over that amount. Maximum grant is \$50,000

Organization:
Province of Manitoba

Deadline:
December 15, 2011

Type:
Community Development

Website:
http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/cpp/pdf/cpp_application_2010.pdf

Description:
Program designed to provide funding for facility construction, upgrading, expansion or aquisition projects. Open to the general public

Participation:
An application must be completed and submitted with all supporting documents

Eligibility:
Applications available every year in September

Submitted projects must consider the program's extensive evaluation criteria (see website for further details)

Approvals are announced the following year in spring

Assistance in the completion of applications is provided by regional Community Places offices

New developments or major renovations must be consistent with Manitoba's Green Building Policy

If accepted, the grant will be paid once all work has been completed and a Financial/Activity Report is submitted

Not-for-profit community organizations are eligible, with the exception of public schools, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, businesses, commercial co-ops, and federal, provincial and City of Winnipeg departments and agencies

Projects involving housing, spaces of worship, cemeteries, portable tools, equipment, furniture, municipal works or operating and maintenance cost are not eligible

Community Development

Program Name:

Urban Art Centres

Value of Incentive:

A maximum of \$40,000, phased over a 4-year period in increments of \$10,000/year

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

See website for further information

Type:

Community Development

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/neighbourhoods/programs/uac.html>

Description:

Program designed to provide financial assistance for the delivery of art and cultural programming

Participation:

Proposals are only accepted following a process of consultation with the Arts Branch staff

Eligibility:

Applicants must have a constitution, by-laws, operate with an elected Board of Directors, provide services to a significant urban and regional population, and must also have provided service for at least 2 years prior

For details regarding application procedures contact:

Arts Branch Culture
Heritage and Tourism
6th Floor - 213 Notre Dame Ave
Email: artsbranch@gov.mb.ca

The applicant should be able to demonstrate support from the Municipality as evidenced by letters of financial commitment

The programming must be diverse in nature ,including performing arts events, exhibitions, lectures, etc.

Membership should be open to the general public and programs must be open and accessible to the public at no cost

Sound management and fiscal accountability must be demonstrated

Community Development

Program Name:
Co-operative Housing Program

Value of Incentive:
Not specified. See website for further details

Organization:
Province of Manitoba

Deadline:
Open. See website for further details

Type:
Community Development

Website:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/coophousing.html#top>

Description:
Program designed to support the operation of not-for-profit co-operatives that were developed for the provision of affordable housing for low to moderate income households

Participation:
To participate a pre-screening survey must be completed and an application be requested by contacting:

Eligibility:
Eligibility is determined based on the applicable programs and an operating agreement with Manitoba Housing

Portfolio Administration Branch
Manitoba Family Services and Housing
Main Floor - 280 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 0R8
Phone: (204)-945-4661
Email: housing@gov.mb.ca

Community Development

Program Name:

Index-linked Mortgage Co-operative Housing Program

Value of Incentive:

Not specified. See website for further details

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Open. See website for further details

Type:

Community Development

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/ilmcoophousing.html#top>

Description:

Program designed to support the operation of not-for-profit housing co-operatives aimed at moderate income households

Participation:

To participate, a pre-screening survey must be completed and an application be requested by contacting:

Eligibility:

Applicants will be selected based on the terms of the approved operating agreements

Portfolio Administration Branch
Manitoba Family Services and Housing
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Phone: (204)-945-4661
Email: housing@gov.mb.ca

A specified portion of the program's beneficiaries will be eligible to receive assistance under the Rent Supplement Program or Complementary Assistance Program. This measure is aimed at people of lower income households

Community Development

Program Name:
Rental and Co-operative Housing Program

Value of Incentive:
Not specified. Contact Housing Programs Branch for further details

Organization:
Province of Manitoba

Deadline:
Open. See website for further details

Type:
Community Development

Website:
http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/hw_rental_coop.html

Description:
Program designed to facilitate access to capital funding for the creation of new affordable rental housing

Participation:
Contact the Housing Programs branch for further application details at:

Eligibility:
Non-for-profit organizations and co-operatives might contact the Housing Programs branch to analyze available options to access capital funding for the development of new affordable rental units

Manitoba Housing - Housing Programs
Main Floor - 280 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 0R8
Phone: (204)-945-5566
Email: housing@gov.mb.ca

Community Development

Program Name:

Proposal Development Funding (PDF)

Value of Incentive:

Loans up to \$60,000

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Open. See website for further details

Type:

Community Development

Website:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/hw_pdf.html

Description:

Program designed to provide loans to help private not-for-profit housing organization or co-operatives develop detailed funding applications for new low-income housing units

Participation:

Information is available in the PDF Application and Program Guidelines document. Please contact the Housing Program branch for further details at:

Eligibility:

Loan might be used to cover expenses related to, but not limited to, business planning, soil and environmental testing, architectural design and specifications, legal and financing fees, marketing, detailed feasibility and market analyses

Manitoba Housing - Housing Programs
Main Floor - 280 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 0R8
Phone: (204)-945-5566
Email: housing@gov.mb.ca

The loans are available to groups who are willing to become incorporated as a private not-for-profit organization

Consultants, governments, developers, and public agencies are not eligible

The target population must be low to moderate income households, persons with disabilities and/or seniors

The loan is not available to cover the initial project need assessment, acquisition price of land, and activities undertaken before the proposal development loan was approved

Program Name:
Religious Buildings Initiative

Value of Incentive:
Variable. See website for further details

Organization:
Manitoba Hydro

Deadline:
Open. Pre-approval must be received in writing before commencing any work

Type:
Community Development

Website:
http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_business/religious_buildings/index.shtml

Description:
Program designed to provide low interest loans for the implementation of energy efficient measures at religious facilities

Participation:
Loan must be obtained before any purchases are made or work commences

Eligibility:
The applicant must be a Manitoba Hydro customer and own the religious building

Applicable permits must be obtained from adequate government authorities

The program does not apply to buildings already under construction or unoccupied

All approved work must be completed within six months of signing the agreement

The building must be detached, semi-detached, or a mobile/modular structure on a permanent foundation with a permanent water supply

When the work is completed the original receipts and Completion Agreement must be submitted to Manitoba Hydro for review

Manitoba Hydro reserves the right to inspect the facilities at any reasonable time until 24 months have passed after the installation

Community Development

Program Name:

Shelter Enhancement Program

Value of Incentive:

Not specified. See website for further details

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Open. See website for further details

Type:

Community Development

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/sep.html#top>

Description:

Program designed for the repair, rehabilitation or improvement of existing shelters and to promote the construction and acquisition of new ones

Participation:

An application can be requested to be mailed or pick up at 361 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, MB

Eligibility:

There are two streams:

a) Renovations Program

Provide assistance to achieve acceptable levels of health, safety and security for occupants. The dwelling must be substandard or deficient and require major repairs or be lacking in basic facilities. All mandatory repairs, necessary to bring components up to a minimum level of health and safety, must be completed without exception. Sponsor must be able to demonstrate that the repaired property will be financially available

The repair project must be fully completed in order to receive the applicable loan

Any cost over the loan amount must be covered by the applicant

b) New Projects

Stream for any proposed project that creates additional shelter spaces or second stage housing accommodations. Any building form that can be produced at costs acceptable to Family Services and Housing will be considered. Eligible costs are the lesser of actual cost and appraisal estimate cost and include: land acquisition, municipal servicing, landscaping, construction, acquisition, or conversion, hard furnishing, soft costs and appropriate building security provisions

Program Name:

First Sports

Value of Incentive:

Up to \$10,000

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

See website for further details

Type:

Community Development

Website:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/cpp/pdf/first_sport_application_mar10.pdf

Description:

Program designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, especially among youth, by promoting investment in recreational and sports amenities

Participation:

An application must be completed and submitted with supporting documentation such as:

Eligibility:

Available to not-for-profit recreation and sports organizations and associations for the purchase of non-personal sporting equipment or small capital projects to improve or upgrade facilities

- Proof of support from the community and of usage of the facility by youth
- Proof of additional resources required to complete the project, if the costs exceed \$10,000
- Two quotes from contractors or suppliers

Priority is given to projects primarily involving youth or aimed at extending the usable life of existing facilities

Application must also include copy of incorporation as a not-for-profit recreation and sports organization or association and the latest Annual Return of Information report

The grant is paid once the project has been completed and all invoices have been paid and submitted

Community Revitalization

Program Name:

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund

Value of Incentive:

Contact Manitoba Housing and Community Development for details

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Fall Intake: October 1, 2011
Spring Intake: April 15, 2012

Type:

Community Revitalization

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/neighbourhoods/programs/nrf.html>

Description:

Program designed to assist communities with implementing activities to fulfill the particular needs of a community and overcome social, environmental or economic challenges

Participation:

There are four (4) categories of eligible initiatives:

- Neighbourhood Capacity Building
- Neighbourhood Stability
- Neighbourhood Economic Development
- Neighbourhood Wellbeing

Eligibility:

Program available to not-for-profit organizations in the Spence, St. Matthews and Daniel McIntyre neighbourhoods

Application to these initiatives is done online. The process involves two steps:

- 1) Provide general information about the project
- 2) Provide more detailed information explaining the project budget and submit supporting documentation

The proposed initiatives must:

Benefit the local community, support the goals of the Neighbourhood Plan, involve the neighbourhood residents in the planning and implementation, have support from the Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation, and take the diverse needs, priorities and circumstances of the population into account

Community Revitalization

Program Name:

Community Initiatives Program

Value of Incentive:

Variable, depending on the scope and anticipated results of the project

Organization:

Province of Manitoba

Deadline:

Fall Intake: October 1, 2011
Spring Intake: April 15, 2012

Type:

Community Revitalization

Website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/neighbourhoods/programs/ci.html#two>

Description:

Program designed to promote community wide improvements in social, economic, and environmental areas

Participation:

Application to these initiatives is done online. The process involves two steps:
1) Provide general information about the project
2) Provide more detailed information explaining the project budget and submit supporting documentation

Eligibility:

Initiatives under this program must involve more than one inner-city neighbourhood in Winnipeg and can include inner-city neighbourhoods not currently designated by the Neighbourhoods Alive! initiative

Applicants should be an incorporated not-for-profit organization whose overall purpose is to improve the quality of life in Winnipeg's inner city