

Call for Energy Storage Innovation FAQs

What is the Call for Energy Storage Innovation?

The Call for Energy Storage Innovation is a collaboration between CICE and BC Hydro to accelerate the commercialization and scaling of energy storage technologies in British Columbia and support B.C.'s decarbonization and electrification efforts.

CICE is providing up to \$3 million in non-dilutive funding for project proposals aimed at developing commercial clean grid technologies in British Columbia.

Who can apply for the Call for Energy Storage Innovation?

The Call for Energy Storage Innovation is open to innovators who are focused on developing commercial pathways for scalable grid solutions. This includes, but is not limited to, energy storage solutions (stationary or mobile); microgrids, distributed energy resources, and hybrid systems; flexible generation, load, and grid management; and power electronics, integrated energy systems, and sensing technologies. See application guideline for more details.

How can I apply for the Call for Energy Storage Innovation?

We will be accepting applications from November 26th -February 28rd, 2025. The apply now link [link once live] on the call page will bring you to the application form. The first phase involves detailing your project through short answer questions, and a 5-minute video discussing your project. See application guideline for more details.

How much funding is available through this call for innovation?

CICE will award up to \$3 million in non-dilutive investments across all funding recipients.

What are the minimum and maximum total amounts that can be requested?

CICE will fund up to 50% of the total project cost. CICE intends to invest in several projects of different sizes with a total up to \$3M

What will the funding cover? E.g. prototyping of new equipment, R&D, employee salaries?

Project funds can be used to pay salaries, consultants, and reasonable direct costs related to the project proposed in the application. Funds can also be used to secure demonstration sites (including the operating costs of demonstrations but NOT land or lease costs), build prototypes, integrate system components, demonstrate pilot production or scale up manufacturing.

Project funds cannot be used to enhance normal business operational capabilities, purchase capital equipment, perform capital or leasehold improvements or purchase furniture or other equipment to be used in the routine course of business. Project funds cannot be used for advertising or other forms of business promotion. Human resource costs cannot be 'marked up' to include blanket overheads.

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Energy Storage Solutions (Stationary or Mobile),
- Microgrids, Distributed Energy Resources, and Hybrid Systems,
- Flexible Generation, Load, and Grid management, and
- Power Electronics, Integrated Energy systems, and Sensing Technologies.

There are other requirements and details in the application guide. Please review before applying.

How should applicants estimate and report the impact of their projects, particularly in terms of GHG emissions reductions?

The application should include a lifecycle analysis of the innovation, along with estimates of GHG emissions reductions, both at the project level and at scale. Assumptions and calculations should follow industry-standard methodologies, and supporting references or studies must be available upon request. In cases where it is more appropriate, such as in load displacement applications, proposals may use proxies for GHG emissions (e.g., energy consumption metrics) for the calculations.

Are projects/technologies currently in development eligible?

Yes, project activities may include, but are not limited to, demonstrations and pilot projects, innovative implementation solutions, novel linkage of system components, mitigation or monitoring technologies, and business model innovations. See application guideline for more details.

My company is based outside of B.C., but we have a project in the province. Are we eligible?

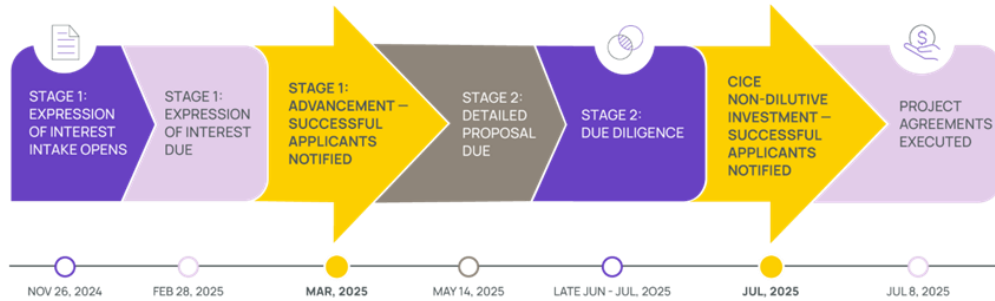
For this call CICE will only consider applications from Canadian-based businesses with project within the province of British Columbia

My company is based in B.C., but our project is outside of the province. Are we eligible?

Companies who are based in B.C. will be considered for this call, even if their project is out of the province.

What is the expected timeline for the Call for Energy Storage Innovation?

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What is the expected timeline for investment dispersal?

Once the successful projects are notified, we will collaborate with the companies to develop a milestone plan. As each project milestone is achieved, the corresponding portion of the investment will be dispersed. On average, it is a two-year cycle to receive the funding.

Can partnerships or consortia of companies apply? Can larger enterprises support and partner with start-ups for this funding opportunity?

Consortia of companies working together to complete a project are acceptable and welcomed. In such cases, it is recommended that a single lead company should become the applicant.

I've received funding from previous CICE calls for innovation. Can I still apply?

Yes! We'd be happy to hear about your new projects or follow-on funding opportunities.

What types of projects and/or companies have you funded through previous calls for innovation?

We fund companies with innovative clean energy and climate solutions that focus on decarbonization and commercialization. Visit our website to learn more about CICE's funded projects: <https://cice.ca/projects/>

I don't fit the criteria for this Call for Energy Storage Innovation, but we meet the criteria for other funding calls. Can I speak to someone about other funding opportunities?

Sign up for email updates and follow CICE on social media to stay up to date on what calls are being offered! CICE launches a variety of directed calls, as well as open calls to see what innovation is in the market, with a focus on our four focus areas: battery and energy storage, carbon management, low carbon fuels, and low carbon hydrogen. [Check out the current funding opportunities here.](#)

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact us with any questions at energystoragecall@cice.ca.