

Eligibility Criteria for LiveSmart BC: Small Business Program

*Please note: If a business has more than one location (i.e. is part of a chain) and its utility bills are paid by the chain, it is not eligible. If a business is a franchise (part of a chain), that pays its own utility bills and its electricity bill falls within the LiveSmart program threshold, the business is eligible. If you are unsure about which BC Hydro programs the business is eligible for, you can visit the BC Hydro website:

https://www.bchydro.com/program_eligibility/AccountLookupPage.do

General Program Criteria:

- The business has a location in B.C. at which the Project will be implemented
- The business is a registered business
- The business is privately owned and operated*
- The business has a commercial electrical account

Specific Program Criteria (these are in addition to the general criteria listed above):

Business Energy Advisor Service

- The business spends less than \$50,000 annually on electricity*
- At least 50 per cent of the building in which the business operates is used for business purposes
- The business has not participated in nor is eligible for the LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program for homes (i.e. in the case of a home based business)

BC Hydro Product Incentive Program with 10% Addition from LiveSmart

- The business spends less than \$200,000 annually on electricity*
- The business is a BC Hydro commercial customer
- The business does not have a Key Account Manager
- The project meets the minimum criteria of \$50 total financial incentives per application
- The project uses only approved products identified in BC Hydro's [e.Catalog](#)
- The products are installed by qualified installers
http://www.bchydro.com/rebates_savings/product_incentive_program/how_it_works.html
- The installations are **not** part of a new construction project

Fortis Gas Efficient Boiler program, Light Commercial Energy Star® Boiler program and/or Efficient Commercial Water Heater

- The Business is privately owned and operated;
- The Business is registered to operate in the Province of BC;
- The Business has 50 employees or less;
- The Business has a Small Commercial gas account with FortisBC;
- The energy efficiency measures that the Business is applying for FortisBC and LiveSmart incentives will be implemented in the Business' B.C. location;
- The Business has not participated in, nor is eligible for the LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program (energy efficiency incentives for residential buildings).

Fortis BC/LiveSmart BC Lighting Installation Program (FLIP) (available only in select areas of BC-specified below)

- The business spends less than \$20,000 annually on electricity*
- The business is FortisBC commercial customer
- The business is located in one of the following service areas:
 - Fortis BC electricity service area
 - Municipal utility service areas of Kelowna, Penticton, Grand Forks, District of Summerland and Nelson
 - BC Hydro electricity service areas of West Kelowna, Winfield, Peachland, Cranbrook, Invermere or Kimberly

- The service areas indicated by the following forward sortation areas: (V0H, V0G, V0B, V1A, V1C, V1L, V1N, V1R, V1Z and V4T)

LiveSmart Champion Program

- Have submitted a Letter of Interest and received an invitation to apply to the Champion Program.
- The business spends less than \$50,000 annually on electricity*
- The business has less than 50 employees
- Have been in operation in the location where the proposed project will be implemented for a minimum of two years**
- The LiveSmartBC: Small Business Champion Program will award a maximum of 75% of the Project's total value as submitted (or \$25,000, whichever is less). Applicants must demonstrate funding available to finance the remainder of the proposed overall project cost.

** LiveSmartBC has expanded the 2 year eligibility criteria in order to allow the following businesses to apply:

1. Businesses that have changed ownership within the past two years. In this instance the following will apply:
 - The business must have been in existence, in the same location, for at least two year;
 - Businesses must provide an argument to justify the business' financial stability. This could include a statement of cash flow, income statement or a statement justifying the business' financial stability;
 - The business must be able to produce electrical utility billing data for either the past two years, or in the case of a business that was closed for a period of time while changing ownership, the preceding consecutive two year period before closure.
2. Businesses that have been in operation for less than two years. In this instance the following will apply:
 - The business must have been in operation for a minimum of one year and must be able to provide 1 year's worth of electrical utility data;
 - Businesses must provide an argument to justify the business' financial stability. This could include a statement of cash flow, income statement or a statement justifying the business' financial stability.

(Please note, businesses that have been in operation for less than two years will receive a 5 point deduction in the overall score, as noted in Step 3 of the evaluation process on page 13 of the 2012 Champion Call for Applications.)