

INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY CHALLENGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. How can I get funding for my project through this funding opportunity?

Project submissions will be accepted online **here** between Oct. 28 and Dec. 15 at 5:00 PM MST (UTC-7h). This is a highly competitive process and not all submissions will be selected for funding.

2. How can I find out if my project fits the criteria for this joint funding application?

Project requirements are outlined in the Guidance and Instructions document posted here.

It is important to review all of the PDF resources on the landing page before submitting an application.

3. How much money can I receive through this process?

The maximum amount provided to any project through this funding opportunity is \$5 million CAD, or up to 50% of eligible expenses. Further details are provided in the Guide and Instructions document.

4. How can I stay apprised of future ERA funding opportunities?

The best way to stay apprised of ERA funding opportunities is through subscribing to the ERA Update newsletter at **ERAIberta.ca/newsletter**.

5. If I have received funding in the past from CCEMC, am I eligible for this funding application?

Yes, as long as you have a new project for consideration. ERA will consider repeat applicants but it can't be for a project that is currently being funded or has previously been funded by either organization.

6. Will I receive feedback on my funding application if I am unsuccessful?

Yes, all non-accepted applications will be offered a debrief opportunity to discuss their submission.

7. How are projects selected?

Our evaluation committee, comprised of technical experts reviews all submissions and evaluates projects based on the criteria identified in the guidance and instructions document. Projects are shortlisted and invited to submit full project proposals.

8. What happens after projects are shortlisted?

At the Full Project Proposal stage, projects are assigned a knowledgeable Project advisors are available to provide guidance and feedback to applicants to assist them through the FPP process. The applicants are responsible to ensure that their submissions are complete and that all criteria are addressed.

Oral presentations provide applicants an opportunity to help the Evaluation Committee gain additional clarity on the merits of each proposal.

9. How are full proposals evaluated?

Each proposal is reviewed by a review team consisting of technical, financial, and commercial expertise. FPPs are assessed with the help of the ProGrid methodology, which uses an evaluation matrix containing assessment criteria used to determine how well each proposal aligns with ERA's overarching objectives. More information about the ProGrid methodology can be found on the ProGrid Evaluation Solutions website at http://www.progrid.info.

The ProGrid assessment helps to inform the selection of projects, but does not decide which projects are funded. Final funding decisions are made by ERA's Boards of Directors.

An independent Fairness Monitor focuses on consistent and unbiased decision-making processes and participated in all stages of the process. They provide findings to the Board of Directors before any final funding decisions are made.

10. Who makes final decisions?

Final funding decisions are made by the ERA Board of Directors.