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# Oil to Heat Pump Affordability (OHPA) Program

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*Making home heating more affordable while fighting climate change*

- \$250M federal investment, announced November 21, 2022
- Aims to help accelerate the transition from oil heating to electric heat pumps, especially in Atlantic Canada
- Targets low- to median-income households
- OHPA is an additional stream of the *Canada Greener Homes Initiative*
  - Eligible homeowners will be able to combine OHPA Grant with Canada Greener Homes Grant funding without the requirement of an EnerGuide home evaluation
- Homeowners will also be able to combine OHPA Grant with other federal, provincial/territorial and utility program funding, where applicable
- Co-delivery confirmed with Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia (to date), other discussions underway





# OHPA PROGRAM DETAILS\*

## Budget per home

Up to **\$5,000 through OHPA**, which can be combined with up to **another \$5,000** from the Canada Greener Homes Grant. This funding can be combined with additional financial assistance from other federal, provincial and territorial utility programs as applicable.

## What is covered

OHPA covers costs for the **purchase and installation** of an eligible cold climate air source heat pump, plus:

- **electrical/mechanical upgrades** required for the new heat pump
- safe **removal** of the oil tank
- purchase and installation of electric **back-up heating system**
- **replacement of hot water tank** (if oil-fired)

## Program design

Grant money will be available **before** the installation of new heat pump. A home energy evaluation is **not required**.

## Eligibility criteria

- Households qualify as **median income and below**, after tax
- Primary resident and **owner** of home
- Homes heated by **oil** as of January 2023 (demonstrated with proof of oil usage from the last 12 months)

## Get ready to apply

**(TBC)**

\*Preliminary, subject to final approval



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## Process:

- **Pre-registration opens (TBC)** on the national portal: [Oil to Heat Pump Affordability Grant \(nrcan.gc.ca\)](https://nrcan.gc.ca)
  - Note: Customers from provinces offering co-delivery will be redirected to their applicable provincial portal, where processes and criteria may be slightly different
  - Pre-registration is intended to allow homeowners to get started on collecting the documentation necessary for the application process.
- Program staff will assess pre-registration applications and advise homeowners of any missing documentation.
- Once the program is fully operational, program staff will verify income information and confirm eligibility before issuing payments to homeowners.
- Homeowners will be subject to post-payment installation verification



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## Considerations:

- For eligible HOs who register after the program is fully operationalized (in a few months), the program will be issuing upfront grant payments to the customer through the national portal, before the heat pump is installed.
  - Processes will vary for co-delivery partners (i.e. some provincial programs issue direct payment to contractors)
- Industry may expect increased demand for cold climate air source heat pump systems (ccASHPs) and associated installation equipment
- Cold climate air source heat pumps must be appropriately sized for the home. Homeowners will rely on industry/contractors for the information (product codes) to ensure their equipment is correctly sized and eligible.



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## Next Steps:

- Please direct customers to the NRCan website for more details on the program and to pre-register: [Oil to Heat Pump Affordability Grant \(nrcan.gc.ca\)](https://nrcan.gc.ca)
- We will continue to work on co-delivery arrangements with provincial and territorial partners as applicable
- **NRCan Program staff are available to help answer questions; email us at: [ohpa-camt@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca](mailto:ohpa-camt@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca)**

