

Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program

The Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) is a conditional grant program that typically provides funding to local governments that have signed the B.C. Climate Action Charter equal to 100 percent of the carbon taxes they pay directly to support local government operations. The program encourages investment in climate action.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the grant, local governments must have signed the [B.C. Climate Action Charter](#) and by doing so, committed to take action and develop strategies to achieve the following three goals:

- Work toward becoming carbon neutral in their local government corporate operations
- Measure and report on their community GHG emissions profile (reporting requirements waived for 2020 reporting year)
- Create complete, compact, energy-efficient communities

Termination

On May 11, 2021 the Province informed CAOs that CARIP would be wrapping up in the 2021/22 fiscal year. Reporting requirements for the 2020 reporting year are due August 6, 2021.

Ministry staff advised that the end of the CARIP program should not be interpreted as the Province pulling back from the productive relationship the Province has with local governments.

This program provided financial capacity for local governments to develop and implement strategies to achieve goals from the Climate Action Charter. Terminating the program could mean the cancellation of strategies under development. It appears that the termination has been done in the absence of understanding the impacts on the numerous local governments that have come to rely on this funding. The AVICC Executive encourages the Province to reconsider their decision and undertake appropriate consultation with local governments prior to any further consideration of CARIP program termination.