

Annual Green Fund Report, 2023-24

1. Introduction

The Green Fund was established in 2019 through amendments to the *Environment Act* as the mechanism to receive and disburse proceeds generated from the Cap-and-Trade program in Nova Scotia.

This will be the last annual report for the Green Fund. With the Province ending its Cap-and-Trade program, the Green Fund closed and has been replaced with a new fund called the Nova Scotia Climate Change Fund. Government has transitioned to a new, effective carbon pricing system for large industry and the electricity sector called the Output-Based Pricing System. This new system better reduces greenhouse gas emissions and provides more benefits to Nova Scotians.

The *Environment Act* requires the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to table a report on the use of the Green Fund no later than July 31 of each year. This report fulfills this obligation.

Appendix A of this report directly addresses Recommendation 1.3 of the Nova Scotia Office of the Auditor General's 2023 Report on the Green Fund: Effectiveness Over First Two Years. The report recommended that the Department of Environment and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change) clearly report results against performance targets in its public annual report.

2. Green Fund Revenues, 2023-24

In 2023-24, total revenue in the Green Fund was \$36,070,931. All revenue was allocated as of March 31, 2024.

3. Green Fund Expenses, 2023-24

In 2023-24, Nova Scotia used the Green Fund to invest in operational expenses, salaries and benefits, and program grants.

3.1 Operational Expenses (\$788,681)

Environment and Climate Change delivered programs that received funding in 2023-24 for operational expenses. Operational expenses included, but are not limited to, communications, and professional services. The funded programs included CLIMAtlantic, the Climate Change Risk Assessment, the Climate Adaptation Leadership Program, and the Cap-and-Trade program.

3.2 Salaries and Benefits (\$2,089,086)

Funding was provided for staff resources within the Climate Change Division of Environment and Climate Change that delivered the Climate Adaptation Leadership Program, the Climate Change Action Plan, the Cap-and-Trade program (finalizing and wind-down), the Output-Based Pricing System, the administration of the Green Fund, and the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund.

3.3 Program Grants (\$33,193,164)

In 2023-24, the Green Fund spending included \$33.19 million for the following grants:

Funded initiative title	Funding recipient	Funding amount
African Nova Scotian Climate Justice Ambassadors Program	Make Way / ENRICH	\$1,511,500
Building to Zero Exchange - Training Support	Net Zero Atlantic	\$1,500,000
Clean Fuels Fund	Multiple	\$3,000,000
Clean Technology for Agriculture Program Extension	Multiple	\$1,243,160
Coastal Navigators	Clean Foundation	\$1,521,282
Community Climate Change Coordinators	Clean Foundation	\$1,600,000
Fisheries and Aquaculture Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund	Efficiency One	\$1,250,000
Flood Line Mapping Program	Multiple	\$5,231,749
Low Carbon Communities Fund	Multiple	\$1,800,000
Mi'kmaw Climate Capacity Project	Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq & the Unama'ki Institute of Research	\$1,511,500
Net-Zero Ready Affordable Rental Construction Pilot Program	Efficiency One	\$2,160,000
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Coastal Planning Coordinator	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities	\$476,345
Onsite Energy Manager Program	Efficiency One	\$1,200,000
Rural New Homes Evaluation Pilot Program	Efficiency One	\$600,000
SolarHomes	Efficiency One	\$700,000
Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities	\$7,224,000
Other small grants ¹	Multiple	\$663,628
Total Allocation		\$33,193,164

4. Updates and Results from 2020-23 Program Grants

Appendix A provides a detailed overview of the program grants from previous years, including performance targets and results.

¹ 1 Other small grants included, but are not limited to, funding for CLIMAtlantic and climate change education grants administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Appendix A – Performance targets and progress by program

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Advanced Homes	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 11, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23	\$12,000,000	Every year until the program ends EfficiencyOne will track and report on the: 1. Number of homes being built to advanced building codes. 2. GHG savings. 3. Projected annual energy bills (\$). 4. Regional analysis of projects (to ensure provincial scope).	As of March 31, 2024: No program data from 2023-24 to report on.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	The program is expected to launch in summer of 2024.
Affordable Housing Retrofits	Clean Foundation for the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing	March 22, 2022 - March 31, 2023	2021-22	\$2,000,000	By March 31, 2023: 1. 57 units will receive deep energy retrofits. 2. Report on the location of the units that received deep energy retrofits. 3. Report on energy savings (as compared to baseline). 4. Report on GHG savings (as compared to baseline).	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 54 units received deep energy retrofits. 2. All units were in Cape Breton Regional Municipality. 3. Average housing energy savings of 48%. 4. Average housing GHG saving of 69%.	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: 1. 57 units complete 2. All units were in Cape Breton Regional Municipality. 3. Average housing energy savings of 48%. 4. Average housing GHG saving of 69%.	
Affordable Multi-Family Housing	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 29, 2021 - March 31, 2026	2020-21	\$11,450,000	By March 31, 2026: 1. Have a combined first-year energy savings of 22,000 GJ. 2. Have a combined first year GHG savings of 1,206 tonnes.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 10,116 GJ of first-year energy savings ¹ achieved (46% of target). 2. 721 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (60% of target).	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: 1. 14,252 GJ of first-year energy savings ¹ achieved (65% of target). 2. 952 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (79% of target).	
Agri-Commodity Management Association	Agri-Commodity Management Association for Environment and Climate Change	March 28, 2023 - March 31, 2025	2022-23	\$400,000	By March 31, 2025: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator; b. Form implementation team; c. Form governance team; d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings. 3. Meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes, including: a. Coordinator hired in September 2023; b. Implementation team formed in October 2023 and 3 workshops held; c. Governance team formed in September 2023; d. First year work plan approved in March 2024; and e. Communication plan completed and approved in March 2024 . 2. Governance team formed in September 2023 and 3 meetings held. 3. Monthly meetings between Agri-Commodity Management Association coordinator and Environment and Climate Change held.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	A revised workplan for fiscal 2024-25 to be established with Environment and Climate Change.

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Cape Sable Historical Society	Cape Sable Historical Society for Environment and Climate Change	March 28, 2023 - March 31, 2025	2022-23	\$400,000	By March 31, 2025: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator; b. Form implementation team; c. Form governance team; d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance meetings. 3. Meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes, including: a. Coordinator hired July 2023; b. Governance team formed September 2023; c. Implementation team formed October 2023; d. First year workplan approved December 2023 and 10 activities initiated towards priority outcomes; and e. 9 sector communications activities completed. 2. 4 governance team meetings were held. 3. Monthly meetings between Cape Sable Historical Society coordinator and Environment and Climate Change held.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	A revised workplan for fiscal 2024-25 to be established with Environment and Climate Change.
Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia	Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia for Environment and Climate Change	March 28, 2023 - March 31, 2025	2022-23	\$400,000	By March 31, 2025: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator; b. Form implementation team; c. Form governance team; d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings. 3. Meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes, including: a. Coordinator hired in August 2023; b. Implementation team formed in October 2023 and 9 workshops held; c. Governance team formed in September 2023; d. First year work plan approved in January 2024 and 5 activities initiated toward strategy outcomes; and e. Communication plan completed and approved in January 2024. 2. Governance team formed in September 2023 and 3 meetings were held. 3. Monthly meetings between Christmas Tree Council Nova Scotia coordinator and Environment and Climate Change held.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	A revised workplan for fiscal 2024-25 to be established with Environment and Climate Change.

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Clean Energy Training	Clean Foundation for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2025	2021-22	\$2,000,000	By March 31, 2025: 1. Design and deliver the Energy Advisor Training program: a. Develop a 6-month energy advisor training program. b. Deliver energy advisor training program to a cohort of 10 racialized and Indigenous workers. c. Deliver training to cohorts of 10 people in the first two years of the program and deliver a third if there is still a market for new energy advisors. 2. Design and deliver a Custom Employment Support Training program: a. Support participants to access existing training programs that will help them break into the green energy economy. 3. Design and deliver a Wage Subsidy program: a. The Clean Foundation will provide trade partners with wage subsidies to hire training participants. 4. Identify barriers related to efficiency trades sector: a. Research and trade partner engagement to identify barriers to entering the efficiency trades workforce. b. A report identifying these barriers will be provided to the province.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. The Energy Advisor Training program continues to operate: a. 5 African Nova Scotians and 5 Indigenous Nova Scotians participated in the second cohort with 9 of the 10 participants completing the training. 2. The Custom Employment Support Training program is currently operating as of July 2023: a. 19 applications have been approved and funded. 3. The Wage Subsidy program was designed and started operating in April 2024. 4. Informed guided interviews, the Clean Foundation developed a report identifying barriers. The Clean Foundation continues to inform research and interventions through engagement and by partnerships with the Native Council of Nova Scotia and with African Nova Scotian communities.	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: 1. The Energy Advisor Training program was successfully designed and delivered. A total of 19 participants were trained during the 1 st and 2 nd cohorts. 2. The Custom Employment Support Training program was designed and started operating in July 2023. 19 applications have been approved and funded. 3. The Wage Subsidy program was designed and started operating in April 2024. 4. The Clean Foundation completed research and engaged trade partners in guided interviews, providing a report on results. The Clean Foundation continues to inform research and interventions through engagement and by partnerships with the Native Council of Nova Scotia and with African Nova Scotian communities.	
Clean Leadership Program	Clean Foundation for Environment and Climate Change	March 31, 2021 - March 31, 2026	2020-21	\$2,000,000	Every year until the program ends the Clean Foundation will track and report: 1. Number of Clean Leadership interns hired. 2. Number of Indigenous youth and African Nova Scotian youth hired.	As of March 31 st , 2024: 1. 150 Clean Leadership interns hired. 2. 28 interns self-identified as Indigenous and 22 interns self-identified as Black, African Nova Scotian, or a person of African descent.	2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 results combined: 1. 378 Clean Leadership interns hired 2. 82 interns self-identified as Indigenous and 44 interns self-identified as Black, African Nova Scotian, or a person of African descent.	
Community Climate Change Coordinators	Clean Foundation for Environment and Climate Change	March 27, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23 2023-24	\$6,600,000	Every year until the program ends the Clean Foundation will track and report: 1. The number of community leaders and subject matter experts hired. 2. The number of participating communities. 3. The number of funding applications supported. 4. The number of workshops held with communities.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Hired 5 community leaders and 3 Subject Matter Experts. 2. 19 participating communities. 3. Funding application support work not yet started. 4. Workshops not yet started.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	

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Electric Vehicle Chargers for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2025	2021-22	\$1,000,000	Every year until funds are exhausted EfficiencyOne will provide and annually report on the following rebates to eligible entities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$175,000 in standalone EV charger rebates. \$88,000 in EV ready plan rebates. \$144,000 in EV ready charger rebates. \$407,000 rebates in total. 	As of March 31, 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$48,154 in standalone EV charger rebates (28% of target). \$29,212 in EV ready plan rebates (33% of target). \$0 in EV ready charger rebates (0% of target). \$77,366 rebates in total (19% of target). 	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date; no completed projects in 2022-23).	
Electric Vehicle Incentive Program	Clean Foundation for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	February 24, 2023 - until funds are exhausted	2022-23	\$15,000,000	Every year until the program ends the Clean Foundation will track and report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number of rebates issued for electric bicycles. The number of rebates issued for electric vehicles. 	As of March 31, 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2,089 rebates issued for electric bicycles. 1,813 rebates issued for electric vehicles. 	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Energy Benchmarking	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 22, 2023 - March 31, 2026	2022-23	\$690,000	By March 31, 2026: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EfficiencyOne will enter 225 buildings into Energy Star Portfolio Manager. 	As of March 31, 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 155 buildings entered into EnergyStar Portfolio Manager (69% of target). 	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Expanded Energy Management Services Program	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Agriculture	March 23, 2023 - January 31, 2026	2022-23	\$329,723	Every year until the program ends EfficiencyOne will track and report on the following metrics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Annual and total number of projects implemented. Annual and total GHG emissions reduced. Annual and total energy savings in kWh. 	As of March 31, 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 project implemented. 9.53 tonnes reduction in GHG emissions. 15,131 kWh of energy savings. 	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Halifax Climate Investment, Innovation and Impact Fund	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 24, 2023 - until funds are exhausted	2022-23	\$7,500,000	Every year until the program ends EfficiencyOne will track and report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The amount of funding provided for grants. The number of projects funded. The number of projects led or co-led by equity groups. 	As of March 31, 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$528,756 in grants. 16 projects funded. 5 grants led or co-led by equity groups. 	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Home Energy Assessment	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 29, 2021 - March 31, 2026	2021-22	\$8,000,000	By March 31, 2026: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have a combined first-year energy savings¹ of 126,776 GJ. Have a combined first-year GHG savings of 5,413 tonnes. 	As of March 31, 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 32,244 GJ of first-year energy savings¹ achieved (25% of target). 1,029 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (19% of target). 	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 118,762 GJ of first-year energy savings¹ achieved (94% of target). 6,323 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (117% of target). 	

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Horticulture Nova Scotia	Horticulture Nova Scotia for Environment and Climate Change	March 28, 2023 - March 31, 2025	2022-23	\$400,000	By March 31, 2025: 1. Make progress towards strategy priority adaptation outcomes, including: a. Hire coordinator; b. Form governance team; c. Form implementation team; d. Initiate contractual activities to achieve strategy outcomes; and e. Communicate with sector stakeholders. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings. 3. Meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Progress was made towards strategy outcomes, including: a. Coordinator hired in August 2023; b. Implementation team formed in October 2023 and 4 workshops held; c. Governance team formed in September 2023; d. First year work plan approved in January 2024 and 14 activities initiated toward strategy outcomes; and e. 11 sectors communications activities completed. 2. Governance team formed in September 2023- and 3 meetings held. 3. Monthly meetings between Horticulture Nova Scotia coordinator and Environment and Climate Change held.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	A revised workplan for fiscal 2024-25 to be established with Environment and Climate Change.
Industrial Energy Managers	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2026	2021-22	\$1,500,000	By March 31, 2026: 1. EfficiencyOne will establish 5 industrial energy manager pilot participants that are committed to undertaking program goals.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 16 industrial energy manager pilot participants (320% of target) were engaged in a service agreement and are located in the following counties: Annapolis, Cape Breton, Colchester, Cumberland, Halifax, Hants, Kings, Lunenburg, Pictou, and Richmond.	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: 2. 4 industrial energy manager pilot participants were engaged in 2022-23 with 12 added in 2023-24 (as identified in column 7) reaching a total of 16 participants (320% of target).	
Lunenburg County Wheels	Lunenburg County Wheels for the Department of Public Works	2022-2024	2022-23	\$290,400	Lunenburg County Wheels will: 1. Provide pre-booked door to door service in Lunenburg County. 2. Purchase 4 vehicles.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Lunenburg County Wheels began serving parts of Lunenburg County in 2023 and has now expanded to serving all of western Lunenburg County, which includes the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Towns of Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Mahone Bay. 2. All 4 vehicles were purchased and are in use.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	

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Making Room for Wetlands: Coastal Carbon Edition	TransCoastal Adaptations at Saint Mary's University with partners	March 30, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23	\$1,938,000	By March 31, 2027: 3. Implement climate resilience solutions for dykeland locations along the Bay of Fundy.	As of March 31, 2024: 4. Community engagement has been conducted and is ongoing. Baseline data collection and initial assessments have been completed to inform project planning.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Net-Zero Atlantic Emerging Concepts and Technologies Research	Net-Zero Atlantic for Environment and Climate Change	March 21, 2023 - March 31, 2026	2022-23	\$2,882,000	Every year until the program ends Net-Zero Atlantic will track and report: 1. Annual and total number of applications received. 2. Annual and total number of projects funded.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 79 applications received. 2. 20 projects funded.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Next Ride -Electric Vehicle Engagement Campaign	Clean Foundation for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 15, 2022 - June 30, 2027	2021-22 2022-23	\$2,500,000	Every year until the program ends the Clean Foundation will track and report: 1. Annual and total number of events. 2. Annual and total number of test drives. 3. Annual and total number of in-person engagements. 4. Annual and total number of media engagements. 5. Annual and total number of website views.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Held or attended 130 events. 2. 2,089 Nova Scotians completed test drives. 3. 4,978 Nova Scotians were engaged. 4. The campaign conducted 7 news and television media interviews. 5. Over 100,000 unique visitors to EVassist.ca and NextRideNS.com websites.	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: 1. Held or attended 259 events. 2. 3,897 Nova Scotians completed test drives. 3. 10,357 Nova Scotians were engaged. 4. The campaign conducted 24 news and television media interviews. 5. Over 186,000 unique visitors to EVassist.ca and NextRideNS.com websites.	
Off Oil Pilot/Heating Research Pilot (re-marketed as the Heating Research Pilot)	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2025	2021-22	\$1,500,000	By March 31, 2025, EfficiencyOne will: 1. Enroll a minimum of 90 participants in the pilot.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 17 participants (19% of target) were enrolled in the pilot.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date; no completed projects in 2022-23).	
Perennia	Perennia Food and Agriculture Corporation for Environment and Climate Change	Mar 28, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23	\$1,200,000	By March 31, 2027: 1. Progress on strategy development including: a. Hire coordinator; b. Identify up to 3 new sectors; c. Form scan teams; d. Develop up to 3 new sector strategies; and e. Form implementation teams. 2. Hold quarterly governance team meetings. 3. Meet monthly with Environment and Climate Change.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Progress on strategy development: a. Coordinator hired in September 2023; b. 2 new sectors identified; c. Scan team formed for 2 sectors; and d. 2 workshops held (1 per sector). 2. Governance team formed in September 2023 and 3 meetings held. 3. Monthly meetings between Perennia coordinator and Environment and Climate Change held.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Pictou County Transit	Pictou County Transit for the Department of Public Works	March 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025	2022-23	\$103,863	By March 31, 2025: 1. Pictou County Transit will purchase 2 buses.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Both buses have been purchased and are in service.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	

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Resilient Homes Pilot Program	Clean Foundation for Environment and Climate Change	March 21, 2023 - December 31, 2024	2022-23	\$331,000	By December 31, 2024: 1. Hire and train 2 staff to undertake the work of the project. 2. Provide training to at least 9 staff on flood protection assessments. 3. Develop promotional materials for the program and, in collaboration with the two participant municipalities (Halifax Regional Municipality and the Town of New Glasgow). 4. Identify at-risk areas to recruit at least 10 participant households per municipality for a total of at least 20 participating households. 5. Complete no-cost home resilience assessments, home energy assessments, and identified resiliency retrofit projects on all 20 participating homes. 6. Develop educational materials targeted to homeowners on flood risks, prevention strategies, retrofit maintenance, and home insurance literacy and share resources in public forums (website, social media, Home Shows, events, etc.) targeting an audience reach of at least 2,500 people over the course of the project.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. Complete. 2. In progress. Three staff have completed the training and nine are expected to complete in 2024. 3. Complete. 4. Complete. 5. In progress. 6. Ongoing.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Solar for Non-Profit Organizations	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 28, 2022 - March 31, 2024	2021-22	\$1,500,000	By March 31, 2024: 1. Have a combined first-year energy savings ⁱ of 8,316 GJ. 2. Have a combined first-year GHG savings of 1,409 tonnes.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 3,440 GJ of first-year energy savings ⁱ achieved (41% of target). 2. 527 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (37% of target).	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: 1. 4,410 GJ of first-year energy savings ⁱ achieved (53% of target). 2. 678 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (48% of target).	
SolarHomes	EfficiencyOne for the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	March 29, 2021 - March 31, 2026	2020-21 2021-22 2023-24	\$14,200,000	By March 31, 2026: 1. Have a combined first-year energy savings ⁱ of 114,520 GJ. 2. Have a combined first-year GHG savings of 18,667 tonnes.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 15,864 GJ of first-year energy savings ⁱ achieved (14% of target). 2. 2,432 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (13% of target).	Combined results from 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24: 1. 66,288 GJ of first-year energy savings ⁱ achieved (58% of target). 2. 10,262 tonnes of first-year GHG savings achieved (55% of target).	
Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund	Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for Environment and Climate Change	April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2028	2021-22 2023-24	\$22,224,000	Every year until the program ends the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will track and report: 1. The number applications received. 2. The number of projects funded. 3. The number of projects funded for First Nations and African Nova Scotian communities.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 105 Applications received in 2023-2024 fiscal year. 2. 26 Projects were funded. 3. 6 of the 26 funded projects are led by Indigenous and/or African Nova Scotian.	Combined results from 2022-23 and 2023-24: 1. 207 applications received. 2. 26 projects funded, of which 6 were led by Indigenous and/or African Nova Scotian communities. 3. 6 of the 26 funded projects are led by Indigenous and/or African Nova Scotian.	The fund launched its second call for projects on October 17th, 2023. Projects will be announced later in 2024-25.

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Transit Association of Guysborough	Transit Association of Guysborough for the Department of Public Works	July 21, 2021 - June 30, 2025	2022-23	\$95,000	Every year until the program ends the Transit Association of Guysborough will: 1. Provide pre-booked door-to-door service in the Municipality of Guysborough and the Town of Mulgrave.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. The Transit Association of Guysborough is providing a pre-booked door to door accessible service in the Municipality of Guysborough and the Town of Mulgrave.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	
Youth Climate Council	Clean Foundation for Environment and Climate Change	March 27, 2023 - March 31, 2027	2022-23	\$800,000	By March 31, 2027: 1. Recruit and maintain 12-15 council members. 2. Hold 10 council meetings annually. 3. Hold 2-4 training opportunities to council members annually. 4. Hold 2-5 summit webinars delivered in May 2025 in lieu of in person summit. 5. Hold 1-6 youth-led public webinars annually. 6. Hold one in-person summit in May bi-annually with up to 50 youth in attendance. 7. Distribute \$30k in micro-grants annually to at least five applicants. 8. Award four bursaries valued at \$2,500, annually.	As of March 31, 2024: 1. 13 members were recruited for the September 2023 to June 2024 cohort of the YCC. 2. 10 council meetings took place. 3. 3 training sessions were held. 4. To be delivered 2025. 5. The Council hosted an in-person 'Youth Climate Gathering' in HRM with more than 20 youth climate leaders. 6. A two day in person summit took place in May. 50 youth from across the province participated. 7. The microgrant program is in development and will be launched in Fall 2024. 8. Four bursaries were awarded.	See column 7 (results in 2023-24 only, to-date).	

ⁱFirst-year savings means the first full year of energy or peak demand savings generated by an energy efficiency measure.