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## **Receive 25% More in Energy Saving Home Renovation Grants**

It couldn't be easier to green your home and save your money thanks to new government incentives announced this week.

An extra \$300 million was committed for the next 2 years for the ecoENERGY homeowner grants as part of the government of Canada's Economic Action Plan. Home energy efficiency renovation grants have increased by 25%, and funding is available for 200,000 more homeowners to take part in the ecoENERGY program.

BC homeowners can combine the increased federal grants with the provincial LiveSmart BC grant program (with over \$5000 in grants), the federal Home Renovation Tax Credit (up to \$1350), PST exemptions on energy efficient products, and over \$1000 in incentives from Solar BC for solar hot water heating.

"Never before has there been this much money available to homeowners wanting to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. You can stack up the grants and rebates like pancakes" says Peter Sundberg, manager of City Green Solutions, the only non-profit provider of the ecoENERGY service in BC.

"These grants programs are also putting BC on the right track to stimulating the economy, achieving climate change goals through reducing energy use and supporting the development of new jobs in the residential energy efficiency sector" explains Sundberg. "With the phone ringing off the hook – we can confidently say that these programs are being well received across the province."

"Inefficient homes that are 25 years or older may be wasting up to 75% of their home heating and electrical costs," says Paula Steele, Director of Communications for City Green Solutions. "If you are thinking about upgrading your windows, doors, insulation, furnace, or hot water tank, or are interested in moving to solar hot water heating, now is a great time."

The ecoENERGY and LiveSmart BC grant programs require a home energy assessment with a Certified Energy Advisor who provides customized retrofit advice and completes the grant application on behalf of their clients after their choice of upgrades are completed. To book a home energy assessment with the only non-profit provider of the service in BC, contact City Green at 1-866-381-9995. See [www.citygreen.ca](http://www.citygreen.ca) for a complete list of eligible energy saving products.

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*City Green Solutions is the only non-profit provider of home energy efficiency assessments for the ecoENERGY and LiveSmart BC programs.*