

## **Unique opportunity for Hamilton/Halton community stakeholders to participate in Federal Government Initiative**

### **NRCan's "Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program"**

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The Climate Action Consultancy (CAC) is pleased to reach out to you for a very exciting project to help demonstrate “capacity building” in the local community of Hamilton/Halton to reach renewable energy goals, while prioritizing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in the sustainability space.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), under the “Capacity Building Stream” of the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways (SREPs) Program, has launched an RFP to be filed by October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Under this stream the project should meet one or more of the following four objectives:

#### **Program Objectives:**

- 1. Enhance equity, diversity and inclusion in the electricity and renewable energy sector in Canada;*
- 2. Increase Indigenous Peoples' leadership and participation in, ownership of, and benefits from renewable energy projects;*
- 3. Generate economic and social benefits related to the electricity and renewable energy sector for underrepresented groups or communities;*
- 4. Lead to more renewable energy projects, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and increased electricity system reliability.*

We believe stakeholders such as the McMaster Academic Sustainability Programs Office, Municipality of Hamilton and Halton Regions, Indigenous leaders, and Skills Training Institutions will benefit from joining our initiative and help showcase how we can all become an example for the rest of Canada.

Further confidential project details and our approach are available on request.

*More information on the SREP program can be found [here](#).*

## About Us

CAC has partnered with Fare Vostro Energy Solutions Inc. (FVES) and Luta application to apply for funding from NRCan and deliver this project.

[Climate Action Consultancy \(CAC\)](#): The CAC is a student-led non-profit organization which provides free sustainability consulting to local residents and businesses, as well as information-sharing campaigns surrounding equity in the sustainability sector. The organization is composed of over 30 McMaster undergraduate students and faculty arranged into interdisciplinary consulting groups. The CAC has increased community capacity to implement renewables via personalized consultation, educational campaigns, and collaboration with a variety of sustainability-oriented businesses and charities. The organization's network has been developed to represent marginalized communities and will be used as a scaffold for the rapid implementation of the project objectives via community-level consultation work.

[Fare Vostro Energy Solutions \(FVES\) Inc.](#): FVES is an Ontario-based company providing innovative energy management solutions to large users of energy in diverse industries ranging from national food retail chains to steel plants. The FVES team consists of senior industry leaders who have several decades of experience and expertise in development, financing, construction, management and operation of energy assets ranging in size from several 100 kW to over 225 MW.

[Luta application](#): FVES has developed a free and simple mobile app for homeowners and businesses to conduct quick analysis on opportunities to reduce their energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. The app provides a platform for community discussions about renewables and tracking of emissions. Luta will also be leveraged to connect installers from BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities with skills development and renewable energy installation project opportunities.