

Privy Council Office
Attn: Impact and Innovation Unit
Room 1000
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Smart Cities Challenge Jury Panel,

The Nova Scotia Department of Energy supports The Town of Bridgewater's Energy Poverty Reduction proposal going forward to the Smart Cities Challenge through Infrastructure Canada. The Province is committed to improving affordability, and comfort through the reduction of energy poverty across Nova Scotia, and this Smart Cities Challenge proposal will help to meet these goals.

The Department of Energy has been a partner in the development of Bridgewater's Community Energy Investment Plan and are supportive of the implementation of the plan. The focus of the project on improving energy security for low-income community members is important as we transition towards low-carbon energy options. Also, under the federal Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change and the Department of Energy's current mandate, both levels of government are working to reduce greenhouse gases through innovative projects. We recognize the necessity of addressing GHG emissions and are specifically looking for opportunities to do so incorporating new technologies and energy data. Implementing the Energy Poverty Reduction project in Bridgewater will allow for successes to be shared with communities across Nova Scotia and nationally.

We are excited by the potential of the Energy Poverty Reduction project and look forward to seeing this valuable project move forward.

Sincerely,



Deputy Minister Simon d'Entremont
Department of Energy