



## Frequently Asked Questions

Have questions? Check out our FAQs to learn more about the project, consult the project's [Submission Guidelines](#), or email us at [climateready@canurb.org](mailto:climateready@canurb.org)

### What is the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS)?

The CRIS is a national initiative connecting participants with top climate experts to support the integration of low-carbon resilience into local housing and infrastructure projects. It's part of the Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure, a suite of resources supporting infrastructure owners and decision-makers in developing projects that build resilience and contribute to Canada's path to net-zero emissions.

### What is the Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure?

The Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure (CTHI) is a set of three resources designed to support municipalities in developing climate-resilient infrastructure. These resources include the Help Desk by Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada, the Climate Insight Tool from ICLEI, and the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service from the Canadian Urban Institute. Combined, they facilitate knowledge sharing and capacity building, broadening access to climate expertise across the country.

### Who manages the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service?

The CRIS is managed by the [Canadian Urban Institute](#) (CUI), a leading organization that promotes urban solutions in partnership with city builders, researchers, and community leaders across Canada.

### Who funds the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service?

The CRIS is funded by the Government of Canada.

### Why do climate-based infrastructure projects matter?

Climate-based projects enhance resilience against disasters, reduce long-term costs, and protect environmental resources. They also improve city attractiveness and livability, provide access to funding opportunities, and support reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples through sustainable stewardship of the land.

What is the Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts?

The Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts is a curated list of experts sourced through the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service to be made available for infrastructure projects.

What role do experts play in the program and what benefits do they provide?

Experts provide essential technical advice and guidance to CRIS participants, helping them integrate low-carbon and climate resilience considerations into their infrastructure projects. By participating in the program, experts contribute to meaningful climate action, enhance their professional visibility, and have the opportunity to apply their knowledge to real-world challenges, ultimately supporting the achievement of Canada's climate goals. Experts produce Options Reports that are unique and tailored to the participating community. These can include:

1. Technical design options
2. Energy use assessment (ASHRAE Level 1 or 2, Decarbonization Pathways)
3. Climate hazard identification and analysis
4. Cost estimates (Class D, Order of Magnitude, Project Dependent)
5. Overview of how this project will fit into your policies and practices

How are matches made?

The matching process for municipalities will focus on key areas of expertise, roster standing, and consideration for comparable projects completed in the region or a similar region. The matching process is designed to support cross-pollination, capacity building, and provide the best quality of expertise to local governments. Rates are considered in the matching process in addition to expertise, geography, and previous performance.

Is there a cost to participate in the program?

There is no cost to participate in the program. Participation in the program, including access to experts through the Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts, is offered as an in-kind service to eligible participants. No direct funding or financial support is provided through this program.