

# **First Nations Home EnergySave One-on-One Support Program**

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## **Final Report**

Snuneymuxw First Nation Gimme Shelter & Energy Workshops

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The foundation of the workshops held was to begin to change attitudes towards energy habits and prepare community members for either home rental or ownership.

The combined workshops provided a seven part program:

1. Introduction on historical impacts on First Nations housing
2. What constitutes a good tenant / home owner
3. Money smarts: basic budgeting / planning / approaches to reduce energy Consumption
4. Preparing to rent or own on First Nation lands
5. How to maintain your housing and reduce energy consumption
6. Prevalent attitudes towards energy consumption
7. Conflict resolution

As one can imagine, the above-mentioned seven (7) step program approach often deviated into dynamic discussions surrounding one or more of the topics. Having said this, the program attendees were asked to complete a series of survey questions at the end of the course and the majority of responses indicated that a positive future for individuals and families would be comprised of educational programs related to housing / energy use prior to renting or owning. In addition, the number of attendants increased from an average of four (4) to ten (10) per session.

## LESSONS LEARNED

What worked well for the project was combining the 'Gimme Shelter' housing curriculum into energy related discussion. It was a natural transition whereby each of the seven (7) parts of the program always segued into energy related dialogue. Energy use is a prominent topic of discussion for SFN members simply due to the fact that almost 50% of the band-owned rentals are resided in by SA recipients. Tenants on SA are home all day long versus someone that leaves the home to go to work each day; therefore energy consumption is significantly higher (lighting & appliances are higher than the National average).

The challenge for any project / program at SFN is consistent participation. We have found that when a program's funding spans over a fiscal year and there is financial room to hire a community communication liaison, the project has a better chance of "long-term" success. In other past projects where the hiring of the community communication liaison has been feasible (within the program's guidelines) this person has gone door to

door and sat with family members and extended family to essentially ‘market the program’.

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### *Revenue Description*

*Table: Actual Revenue for Reporting Period (cash and in-kind)*

Organization	2017/18		2018/19		Total
	Cash	In-kind	Cash	In-kind	
Fraser Basin Council	\$2,500		\$2,500		\$5,000
Other Organization:		2000		3500	
Other Organization:					
Other Organization:					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

- Rental (use of) Chief & Council Chambers for meetings
- Admin fees (processing of financials, program coordination via Jackie Good & Doug Muir & SFN Finance)
- Use of SFN equipment

### ***Expenses Description***

*Table: Actual Expenses for Reporting Period (cash and in-kind)*

<b>Project Costs</b>	<b>Expenses</b>		
	All Sources		
	Cash	<i>In-kind</i>	<i>Total</i>
Salaries and fees	3950		3950
Travel and accommodation			
Equipment and supplies	1575		1575
Catering	300		300
Communications and outreach	500		750
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>			<b>6325</b>

Salaries and Fees: Building Inspector / Consultant

SFN Employees; Wages for - Timara White, Anna Wyse and Bridget White (coordination of meetings, picking up office supplies, food and refreshments for meetings)

Equipment & Supplies: Gimme Shelter binders for participants; energy literature via Building Inspector / Consultant

Catering: Food / refreshments for meetings

Communications & outreach: SFN newsletter, SFN Facebook page, hand deliveries of workshop notices

## **ATTACHMENTS**