

### THE PANDEMIC





# **RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### JUNE 2, 2020

### THE HOME RETROFIT INDUSTRY

BC's home energy retrofit industry is essential to meeting GHG reduction targets.

- 70 per cent of buildings standing today will still be in use as of 2050. [Pembina]
- 7 per cent of BC's GHG emissions come from our homes. [Provincial GHG Inventory]
- Every dollar we invest in energy efficiency generates up to four times its value in economic growth. [CleanBC]

This contracting industry is composed of thousands of small and medium sized businesses distributed across almost every community in the province of BC, so the potential of financial stimulus to benefit homeowner and businesses across the province is strong.

The Home Performance Stakeholder Council is a voice for this industry. Here is what our network is saying:

### STIMULUS PRIORITIES

- Home energy renovation tax credits
- New rebates
- Enhanced rebates
- Financing programs
- Consumer engagement

### ENABLING PRIORITIES

- COVID19 safety guidelines
- Safe residential retrofits consumer campaign

### **RECOVERY PRIORITIES**

- Expanding rebates for programs to mediumincome, low income, social housing, market rental housing
- Mass scale regional retrofit programs
- Better integrate energy evaluations into programs
- Mass scale long term national investments
- Training

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#### TRAINING

"Training without demand or framework to require it for specific industry is difficult for employers to justify/pay for."

Survey Participant - May 2020

"There is a big gap in knowledge with skilled sub trades and I do see this as something that should be an industry focus long term. Training does not help with the enormity of this problem short term."

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#### C O N S U M E R C O N F I D E N C E

"The most important thing right now is to create consumer confidence in the industry..."

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"If there aren't good, clear guidelines on how to work safely in occupied homes, any retrofit stimulus measures will be running uphill."

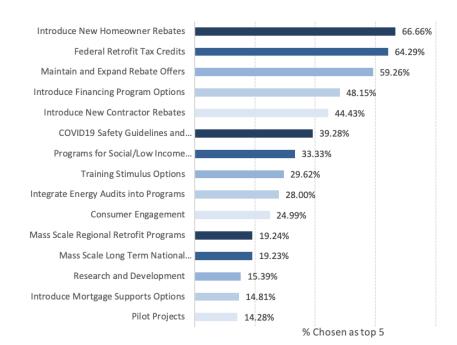
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#### WHAT KIND OF A RESPONSE DO CONTRACTORS WANT TO SEE?



#### NEW/ENHANCED REBATES

- Incentives for air sealing
- A \$200 Rebate for 1.0 U-Factor window
- Higher rebates for all retrofits, low-medium income homes and deep energy retrofits
- New and improved incentives for electrification
- Incentives for heat pump upgrades, replacing older, less efficient models with R22 refrigerant
- Insulation rebates increased for headers and crawlspace walls
- Rebates for quality installations

CONTACT THE HPSC FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW BEST TO SUPPORT BC'S HOME ENERGY RETROFIT INDUSTRY