

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What's happening in 2019-20?

- Inside Education is delighted to enter our second school year with *A+ for Energy* as one of its major program areas. We will be managing all aspects of the program going forward. BP Canada, as founding partner of A+ for Energy, will once again providing the majority of the grant funds for the coming school year.

2. Applying for a Grant

- The maximum amount of A+ for Energy Grants for 2019-20 will once again be **\$5000**.
- All questions related to the grant should be addressed to Inside Education @ aplusforenergy@insideeducation.ca
- The firm application deadline is Wednesday, May 1 @ 4:30 pm; successful recipients will be informed by May 29.

3. Focus areas

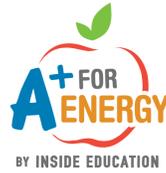
- A+ for Energy is, and always has been, about energy. This year a particular focus will be on projects with broad reach within your school and community as well as those that will feature measurable energy efficiency/conservation and greenhouse gas emission reductions.
- Please note that projects focusing on *gardens, living walls* and/or growing plants will not be considered under the A+ for Energy project. There are many other grant opportunities for school gardens - including from Inside Education - A+ for Energy is not one of them.
- Cross-curricular approaches must be addressed in the application.
- Extending and building upon existing A+ for Energy programs will be allowed this year, though you will need to specifically identify what need the additional funds will meet.
- Teachers of K-4 schools who are slated to field test the new Program of Studies at this level should include connections to the new curriculum.

4. Project Reporting

- There will be a requirement for 'check in' reports through the school year. These will be simple, tracking-based reporting and will coincide with receiving *portions* of the grant funding.
- The final report for the project will be due by the end of June, 2020. In addition to a summary of expenses, a *video report* will be required to be developed and submitted to Inside Education. *Failure to provide a final report can result in a one year 'hiatus' from the ability to apply for an A+ for Energy grant.**

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5. Teacher's Conference

- Successful teachers are expected to attend a two-day Inside Education teacher professional program tentatively scheduled for August 2019 in Calgary. In addition to the 'lead' teacher, a second/colleague teacher will be invited to participate at no cost.
- This conference be all-expenses paid - accommodations in Calgary will be double-occupancy, and families are not invited to attend.
- Included in the August Teacher's Conference will be a celebration dinner for A+ for Energy recipients and project supporters.

6. Funding Allocation

- Inside Education and the A+ Judges reserve the right to award funding other than the amount for which the application identifies.
- Cheques will be provided by Inside Education with the following allocation:
 - September 2019: 70% of the funding allocation provided
 - December 15 - 30% upon completion of mid-year summary

** Teachers who received a 2018-19 grant, and who are successful in a 2019-20 grant application will have their '19-20 A+ for Energy grant rescinded should they fail to provide final report for this school year.*



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