

eco roof

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Grants for Cool and Green
Roofs on Toronto's
Industrial, Commercial and
Institutional Buildings



Designed to help Toronto's business community reduce energy use and the emissions that contribute to climate change, the Eco-Roof Incentive Program provides grants for the installation of green or cool roofs on Toronto's industrial, commercial and institutional buildings.

Green Roof Grants

\$50 / m² to a maximum of \$100,000

Grants are available for green roofs on:

- existing industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) buildings;
- new ICI buildings with a gross floor area of less than 2,000 m²;
- new and existing Toronto Public and Separate School Board buildings of any size.



A green roof supports the growth of vegetation that retains water and reduces a building's energy use.

Cool Roof Grants

**\$2 / m² for a coating over an existing roof or
\$5 / m² for a new roof membrane, to a maximum of
\$50,000**

Grants are available for cool roofs on existing industrial, commercial and institutional buildings.



A cool roof reflects the sun's thermal energy and reduces the amount of heat transferred to a building.

Case Studies

Read the case studies featuring green and cool roofs installed by Eco-Roof Incentive Program grant recipients at toronto.ca/livegreen/ecoroofs



Key Benefits of Eco-Roofs

Reduce energy use. Cool and green roofs reduce energy use, emissions and heating/cooling costs. They also help attract environmentally-conscious tenants, businesses and consumers.

Cool the air. Green and cool roofs reduce ambient air temperature, help cool our city and reduce the impacts of climate change. Conventional roofs, which absorb and retain the sun's energy, increase urban heat and contribute to making our city an estimated 2 - 3 °C warmer than rural areas.

Increase habitat and biodiversity. Green roofs help beautify buildings, provide habitat for birds and pollinators, and create new space for a variety of uses including urban food production.

Manage stormwater. Green roofs retain rain water, which reduces pressure on our water infrastructure and helps improve water quality. In older areas of Toronto where storm sewers and sanitary sewers are combined, overflows during large rainfalls can contaminate our beaches.

Learn more

Eco-Roof Incentive Program

toronto.ca/livegreen/ecoroofs

Eco-Roof Case Studies

toronto.ca/livegreen/ecoroofs

Toronto Green Standard

toronto.ca/greendevlopment

Green Roof Bylaw

toronto.ca/greenroofs

Better Buildings Partnership

toronto.ca/bbp

The City of Toronto's Eco-Roof Incentive Program is administered by the Toronto Environment Office.

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