



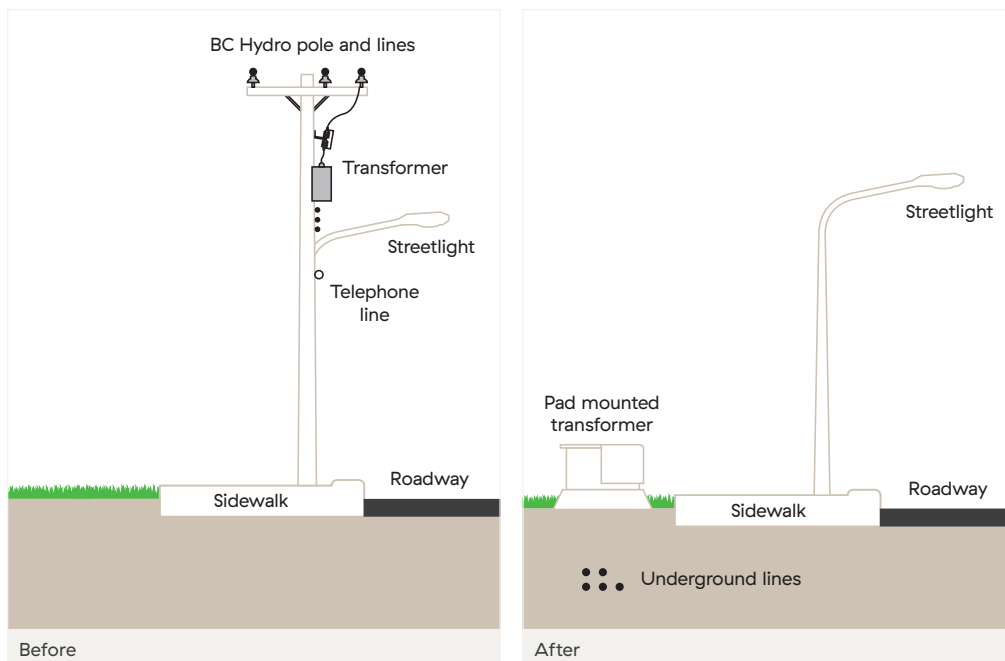
Beautification Fund

Our Beautification Fund provides financial assistance to municipal governments to relocate BC Hydro equipment on public property. We co-fund projects to move overhead lines and poles to underground duct banks as part of community redevelopment plans to enhance and improve the use of public spaces. Previous projects have included high traffic areas and community venues such as town centres, parks, commercial districts, civic facilities, and bike lanes.

Other utilities may be attached to our poles, such as telecom cables and streetlights, and these will also need to be relocated for the poles to be removed.

Overhead to underground service

A typical overhead electrical service can be moved underground. This example includes relocation of a transformer, streetlight, and telecommunication lines and removal of poles.



Purpose of the program

The beautification projects must align with the following objectives:

- to enhance the use of public spaces
- to improve visual aesthetics of public areas
- to support a community redevelopment project

Preference will be given to projects that:

- support community interests
- have municipal funding confirmed
- provide benefits to BC Hydro

Funding

The Beautification Fund contributes one-third of our estimated project cost with the remaining two-thirds to be arranged by the municipality. Cost sharing is based on the original project scope*, and generally limited to:

- work on equipment owned and maintained by BC Hydro on public roads or rights-of-way across private property
- construction of temporary overhead lines needed during the conversion
- restoration of roads, lawns, etc. to a similar condition as prior to the project

For undergrounding projects, payments must be made in advance before construction begins.

*Not included: costs for work on private property and work to relocate other utility attachments such as telecom cables.

Municipal responsibilities

- payment for estimated project costs upfront
- coordination of work and costs for relocating other utilities (telephone, gas, cable, streetlights)
- property right-of-way costs (if required)
- costs to convert existing customers from overhead to underground service
- completion of civil work on public and private property
- restoration of roads, sidewalks and lawns

BC Hydro responsibilities

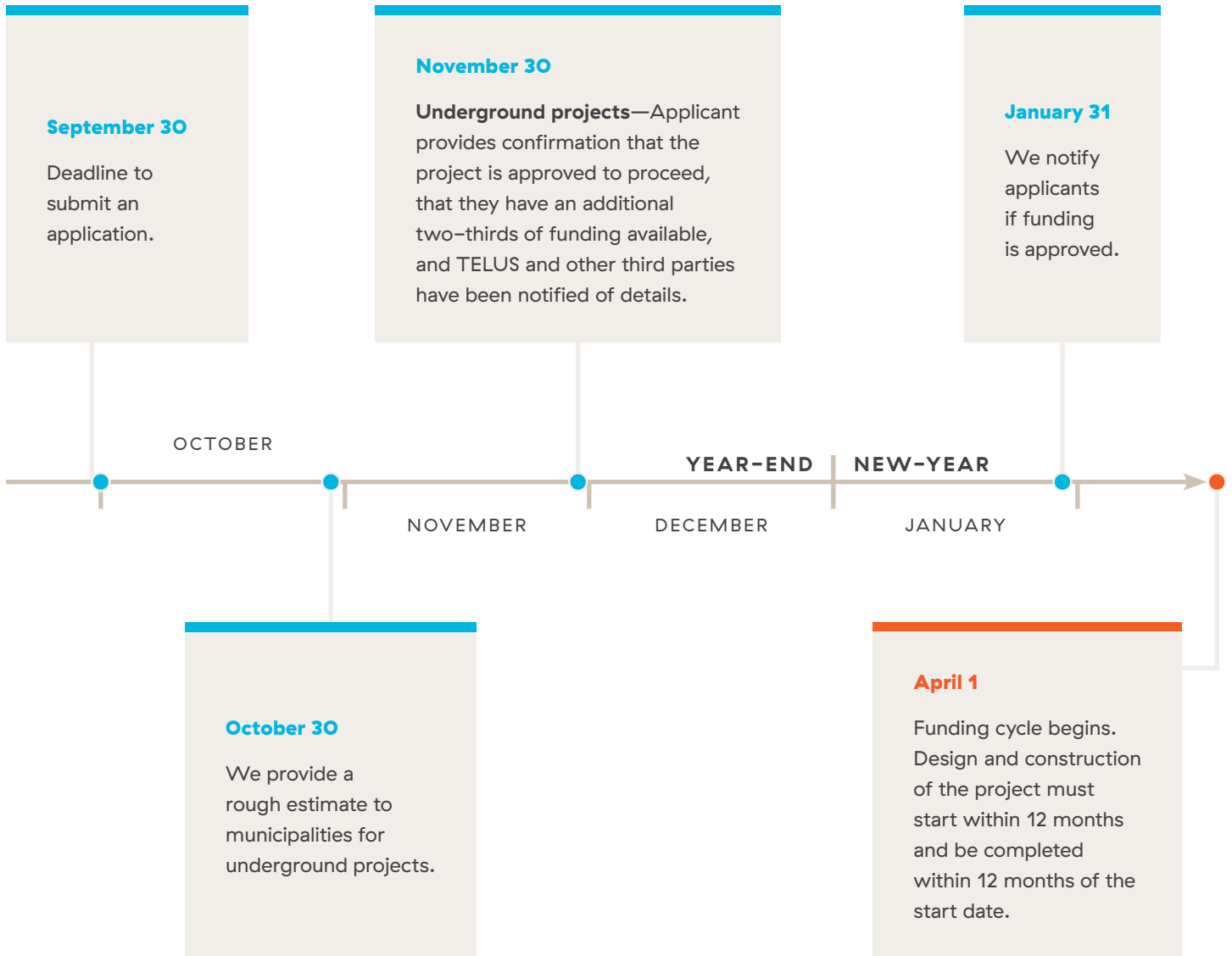
- prepare the utility relocation design
- remove the overhead facilities and services
- install the new electrical equipment (underground cables and transformers)
- reconnect all the services

When to apply

The application closing date for each fiscal year is September 30. Funding begins the following April. If applications exceed our budget for the upcoming fiscal year, projects that aren't approved may submit their application for the following year.

Beautification projects must be paid for within the funding year (prior to March 31).

Application timeline



How to apply

COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION.

Submit application and supporting documents by September 30 (for funding in following fiscal year) to beautification@bchydro.com.



Beautification Fund application

Step 1: Project overview

Name of municipality or city:			
Reason for project:			
Municipal funding (two-thirds) of project cost approved:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Project details:			
# of poles:			
Address:			
Scope of work:			

Step 2: Photos and documents

We require photos of all equipment that are part of your project. This includes photos of all poles equipment attached to the poles, and a site plan or drawing of the area to underground.

Have you included the following?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Site plan	
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos (poles, equipment, and ID tags)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of community plan or council resolution	

Step 3: Contact information

Name and title of person responsible for completing this application.

Name:		Title:	
Phone #:		Email:	
Date:		Signature	

Step 4: Submit your application

Submit your application, including all photos and documents by September 30 to beautification@bchydro.com. Applications cannot be processed until all materials are received.