

# Extension Fee Assistance for Homes and Farms

## Overview

We provide limited financial assistance toward the cost of connecting homes or farm irrigation service to our electrical distribution system where infrastructure does not currently exist.

The Uneconomic Extension (UEA) fund – which draws from a maximum annual budget – covers new overhead electric service extensions that require a transformer and more than one span of line along a maintained road with public access. Through an application process, funding is allocated on a lowest-cost-per-customer basis, and funding preference will be given to areas where future facilities may be required to support economic development in B.C.

## Who is eligible

Through the UEA fund, we provide financial assistance toward construction costs of a single-phase overhead electric service for a principal residence, a principal residence on a productive farm<sup>1</sup>, farm irrigation or for a three-phase overhead service for farm irrigation.

Funding only applies to the portion of the line built along a public, maintained road where infrastructure (power lines, poles and transformers) does not currently exist. With the exception of farm irrigation, funding is restricted to one allowance per parcel of land.

The building should be substantially complete and ready for connection. Once your project receives UEA funding, you won't be eligible for any additional or future refunds.

## Funding breakdown

We'll cover a portion of the full extension cost, based on eligibility criteria. You will be responsible for all additional costs.

### PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE

- Funding covers 90 percent of the cost up to 800 meters beyond the first span of line for a single-phase extension.

### PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE ON A FARM<sup>1</sup>

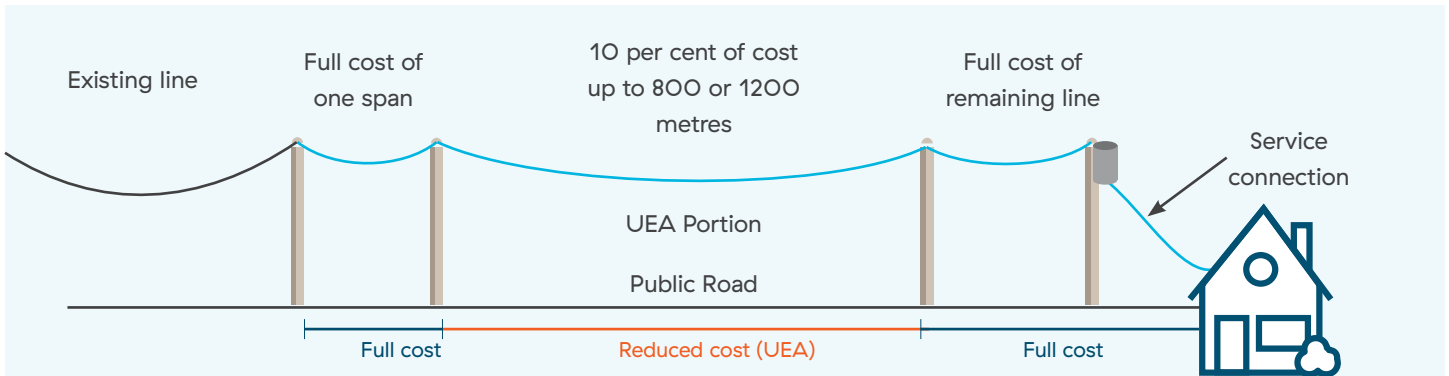
- Funding covers 90 percent of the cost up to 1,200 meters beyond the first span of line for a single-phase extension.

### FARM IRRIGATION

- Funding covers costs of a single or three-phase extension – equivalent to the estimated annual revenue of electric service for farm irrigation over six years.

Note 1: For information on qualifying for farm status, contact BC Assessment.

Cost Sharing	Principal Residence	Principal Residence on a Productive Farm	Productive Farm Irrigation Loads
<b>Customer Contribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 span of line (incl. anchor, pole)</li> <li>○ 1 transformer</li> <li>○ 10 per cent of costs for up to 800m of line</li> <li>○ Balance of the extension costs</li> <li>○ Service connection fee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 span of line (incl. anchor, pole)</li> <li>○ 1 transformer</li> <li>○ 10 per cent of costs for up to 1200 m of line</li> <li>○ Balance of the extension costs</li> <li>○ Service connection fee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Full construction cost of the extension less the UEA contribution as determined by BC Hydro</li> <li>○ Service connection fee</li> </ul>
<b>BC Hydro UEA Contribution</b>	90 percent of costs for 800m of line on public property.	90 percent of costs for 1200m of line on public property.	Up to 6 times the estimated annual revenue.



**How it works: funding example (costs shown are for illustrative purposes only):**

You live in a principal residence and want to connect to BC Hydro to receive a 200 amp electric service. The nearest line is 1.2 km away and an extension must be built along the road to the property. If you qualify for funding, here is the breakdown of costs to you:

\$ 7,500:	Full cost for the first span of line (approx. 75 metres) and one pole
3,000:	Full cost of one transformer
8,000:	10% of the cost of the next 800 metres of line and poles
32,500:	Full cost of the remaining 325 metres of line and poles
838:	Service connection fee
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\$ 51,838	Your cost

## Exclusions

UEA funding is not available for subdivisions, recreational and seasonal properties, extensions on private property or along unmaintained roads, underground or submarine cables, right-of-way clearing on private property, and commercial enterprises.

## How to apply

Contact us at 1 877 520 1355 or visit [bchydro.com/extensions](http://bchydro.com/extensions) to complete a new service connection application and receive a construction cost quote.

UEA funding applications are processed in March and September each year.

For regulatory information about the Uneconomic Extension Fund, visit **Electric Tariff section 8.8** at [bchydro.com](http://bchydro.com).