

# Funding Programs (Continuous)

## **Ag For Life: Addressing the Agriculture Labour Task Force Grant Program**

Intake: Varies

Funding to increase public awareness of agricultural career opportunities and to provide human resources training to support worker retention.

## **Alberta Construction Association- Construction New Talent Grant Program**

Intake: Open

Wage subsidies of 50% (maximum subsidy \$5,000) are available to hire current post-secondary students and recent grads (up to 6 months) for temporary work experience placements at least 3 weeks in length which can take place at any time during the year. Placements can be engineers, technologists, accounting and finance, human resources, IT, logistics, procurement, safety, marketing, etc.

## **Alberta Food Processors Association - Food Futures**

Intake: Open

The Alberta Food Processors Association (AFPA) has received funding from the Alberta Government to support Work Integrated Learning placements in the food processing industry. This funding will support up to 90 student placements per year for the next 3 years. Wage subsidies of 50% (maximum subsidy \$5,000) are available to hire current post-secondary students and recent grads (within 6 months) for temporary work experience placements. For further information, visit <https://www.foodfutures.ca/about>.

## **Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation**

Intake: Ongoing

With up to \$1 billion in loan guarantees available, we enable access to capital, make financing more affordable and improve lending terms to create economic prosperity and social improvements in communities – not only for the short term but also for generations to come.

## **Alberta Innovates Funding Programs**

Intake: Varies

Alberta Innovates provides a number of funding programs to support research, the growth of business, and help the start-up community to build new technology and drive new ideas.

## **Alberta Municipalities – Clean Energy Improvement Program**

Intake: Varies

Alberta Municipalities has put the call out for municipal governments to consider participating in the Clean Energy Improvement Program for commercial businesses.

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## **Alberta Tourism Industry Dashboard**

This dashboard is a comprehensive summary of the most current visitation statistics, trends in the accommodation sector, status of tourism businesses, park attendance, consumer demand and resident sentiment. The [Alberta Tourism Industry Dashboard](#) will be updated regularly as data becomes available.

## **Canada Food Innovation Network**

Intake: Varies

CFIN is open to organizations across Canada's food ecosystem. Join more than 1500 members, including manufacturers, processors, distributors, retailers, funders, and innovators.

## **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Funding Programs**

Intake: Varies

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is Canada's national housing agency.

[\\*NEW: Housing Accelerator Fund](#) - provides incentive funding to local governments encouraging initiatives aimed at increasing housing supply. It also supports the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-resilient communities that are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse.

### **Canadian Apprenticeship Service**

Intake: Continuous

Support for hiring and training Level 1 apprentices - Employers with less than 500 paid employees are eligible for \$5,000 or \$10,000 grants to offset the costs of hiring and training first year apprentices in 39 Red Seal Trades.

### **CAREERS**

A non-profit organization that brings together industry, schools, government and communities to guide youth into successful career paths. CAREERS works with Alberta schools to connect students to employers for paid internships. The [Youth Internship Incentive Program](#) provides qualified employers with up to \$3600 per intern.

### **Eco Canada- Wage Funding Eco Employment Programs**

Intake: Varies

Employment programs that stimulate environmental career pathways, skill development, career growth, workforce support, and workforce advancement through wage and training funding.

### **Emissions Reduction Alberta- Technology Funding**

Intake: Call for Proposals Process

ERA is investing in a diverse portfolio of transformative, sustainable technologies that reduce GHG emissions and position Alberta for success in a lower emissions economy.

### **FIRST (First Industry Research Science Technology) Jobs Pilot Program (Technology Alberta)**

Intake: Continuous

Meaningful work experience for students or recent graduates of an Alberta post-secondary institution while supporting growth of Alberta's Tech Sector.

### **Fortis Alberta- Community Grants**

Intake: Open

Funding is provided to enhance or create a green initiative in your community. Some examples of past projects include: planting trees and shrubs in park areas, community gardens, install recycle bins and downtown beautification projects.

### **Indigenous Tourism Fund Micro and Small Business Stream**

Intake: Open

The Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) has announced a \$10 million investment from the Canadian Government through the Indigenous Tourism Fund. This funding, part of a broader \$20 million initiative, is aimed at aiding micro and small Indigenous tourism businesses in recovering from COVID-19 impacts and fostering long-term growth. For further information, or to apply, click [here](#).

### **Manufacturing Finance Program**

Intake: Open

The Manufacturing and Export Enhancement (MEE) Cluster has partnered with Servus Credit Union to explore opportunities to further our joint goals of helping businesses grow and increase productivity through process improvement and technology adoption. Servus is offering customized financing options to MEE Cluster clients. For further information, click [here](#).

MEE is also participating with [Invest Alberta](#), [Calgary Economic Development](#) and [Sturgeon County](#) to map Alberta's Aerospace and Defense Sector. You are invited to help these Alberta-based public agencies understand the companies involved in sectors by completing a short survey. By understanding the scope of work happening in this sector and the capabilities that exist within the province, these agencies are better able to connect potential investors with local opportunities. To participate, click [here](#).

## **Rupertsland Institute Apprenticeship Service Program**

Intake: Open

Small and medium-sized enterprises can apply for a financial incentive of up to \$10,000 to support the hiring of apprentices who identify as Métis, First Nations, and/or women (gender). To participate in the program as an apprentice, an individual must self-identify as Métis, First Nations, and/or as a woman (gender), as well as be ready to enter their first year of a trade in construction or manufacturing.

## **Rural Transit Solutions Fund (RTSF)**

Intake: Open

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund seeks to help Canadians living in rural and remote areas get around their communities more easily for their day-to-day activities, and connect with other communities nearby. The RTSF has two streams, the [Planning and Design Projects stream](#) and the [Capital Projects stream](#). Continuous intakes for the each stream are open. Updated Application Guides are available online, along with Step-by-Step Guides for completing applications for both streams. Registration is also open for applicant webinars. For more information, click [here](#).

## **Rural Women Entrepreneurs in STEM**

Dedicated to supporting self-identified women and non-binary entrepreneurs in rural Alberta who are in the process or have developed a tech enabled, scalable product or service that can demonstrate value and desirability in the marketplace.

- [Mentorship Programs](#)

## **TELUS Pollinator Fund**

Intake: Open

This \$100M fund focuses on social capitalism by investing in early stage, for-profit companies in health, education, agriculture, and the environment. For further information, visit <https://www.telus.com/en/pollinatorfund>.

# **Government of Alberta**

## **Aboriginal Business Investment Fund**

Intake: Open

The Aboriginal Business Investment Fund (ABIF) can partially or completely fund capital costs for Indigenous community-owned economic development projects. Projects like these improve social and economic outcomes for Indigenous Peoples and their communities.

## **Agri-processing Investment Tax Credit**

Intake: Open

The Agri-processing Investment Tax Credit (APITC) provides a 12% non-refundable tax credit against eligible capital expenditures for corporations investing \$10 million or more to build or expand agri-processing facilities in Alberta.

## **Alberta Agricultural Societies Program**

Intake: Open

Encourages improvement in agriculture and in the quality of life of persons living in an agricultural community. For program guideline and deadlines visit <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-agricultural-societies-program>.

## **Alberta Media Fund**

Intake: Varies

A variety of grants to help support the growth, sustainability, competitiveness and business attraction of our province's cultural industries.

## Grants, Funding and Supports for Non-Profits Portal

Funding, information and supports to help start, manage and build capacity in a non-profit or charitable organization, no matter what sector the organization serves. To access the portal, click [here](#).

### Canada-Alberta Job Grant

#### Child Care – Space Creation Grant

Intake: [Open](#)

The Alberta government is focused on building capacity in licensed non-profit and home-based childcare. The Space Creation Grant will help enable 42,500 total new non-profit licensed spaces to be created over the next 5 years. Applications for the grant funding are open to non-profit groups interested in creating new childcare spaces or starting new childcare programs. New and existing non-profit, facility-based childcare programs may apply. For information on eligibility and how to apply visit <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-space-creation-grant.aspx>.

#### Community Policing Grant applications

Intake: [Open](#)

[Policing grants | Alberta.ca](#)

Indigenous and municipal communities in Alberta can now apply for a one-time grant of up to \$30,000 to develop a business case for their own self-administered police service or regional equivalent.

#### Community Partnership

Intake: [Open](#)

This program helps municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives. In total, the 2023-24 ACP budget is \$15.4 million.

- [Alberta Community Partnership](#)
- [Regional Collaboration Program](#)

#### Community Revitalization Levy

Intake: [Open](#)

Allows municipalities to borrow against future property tax revenues to help pay for infrastructure development required in a specific area. The levy is typically in place for 20 years, and no longer than 40 years.

- [Community Revitalization Levy Program fact sheet](#)

#### Culture Grants

Intake: [Varies](#)

Funding opportunities for projects in the areas of arts, culture, community, heritage, recreation, sport, and diversity and inclusion.

#### Driving Back to work Grant Program

Intake: [Open until filled](#)

Supports unemployed Albertans pursuing careers in the trucking industry.

#### Economic Development Funding and Grants

Intake: [Varies](#)

Tax credits, grants and other funding programs to stimulate regional economic development.

#### Export and Expansion Program

Intake: [Open](#)

Funding to help export-ready companies and non-profit organizations enhance access to international markets and attract global buyers.

## Film and Television Tax Credit

Intake: [Open](#)

The Film and Television Tax Credit (FTTC) offers a refundable Alberta tax credit certificate on eligible Alberta production and labour costs to corporations that produce films, television series and other eligible screen-based productions in the province. Applicants may apply for either a 22% or 30% tax credit rate..

## Indigenous Employment Training Partnerships Program

Intake: [Open](#)

Indigenous Employment Training Partnerships provides grant funding to Indigenous communities and organizations to deliver group-training projects designed in partnership with employers and other partners. These partnerships will assist unemployed or under-employed Indigenous individuals to gain the necessary skills training and work experience to obtain and maintain long-term employment.

## Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative

Intake: [Open](#)

The Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative provides funding up to \$100,000 for cultural or economic projects through two streams.

## Innovation Employment Grant

Intake: [Open](#)

Companies can receive a grant of up to 20% toward qualifying research and development expenditures.

## Rural Entrepreneur Stream (RES)

Intake: [Open](#)

The Rural Entrepreneur Stream allows Alberta communities to nominate qualified and capable entrepreneurs who want to start a new or buy an existing business in a rural community.

## Rural Renewal Stream (RRS)

Intake: [Open](#)

The Rural Renewal Stream supports the attraction of newcomers to rural Alberta through a community-driven approach that supports local economic development needs and contributes to the growth of the community.

## Sign Up Alberta: Tourism Highway Signage

Intake: [Open](#)

Sign Up Alberta provides informative and efficient highway signage to guide road users to essential services, attractions and community entrances. All Sign Up Alberta signs are manufactured and placed in accordance with Alberta Transportation's Highway Construction Specifications. Under this program, applicants do not have to worry about design, fabrication, installation and regular maintenance of the sign. These details are looked after as part of the province's highway sign maintenance program. For further information, or to apply, click [here](#).

## Workforce Partnership Grants

Intake: [Open](#)

Labour Market Partnership Projects enhance workplace development and labour market adjustment strategies through community partnerships. Eligible: institutions, municipalities, employer partnerships, and community organizations.

- Regional projects: Contact Workforce Consultant at [wfc@gov.ab.ca](mailto:wfc@gov.ab.ca) for
- Industry and sector provincewide projects: Contact Industry Workforce Partnerships Specialist at [iwp@gov.ab.ca](mailto:iwp@gov.ab.ca)

## Workforce Strategies Grants

Intake: [Closed for 2023](#)

Workforce Strategies Grants support organizations with innovative solutions that will help Albertans develop new skills and assist employers and industry to grow their workforce.

## **Workplace Training Program (WTP)**

Intake: Open

The WTP offers eligible Albertans work-site training and paid work experience. Participating employers provide on-the-job training and/or work experience with government funding contributions, with the expectation that participants maintain employment after completion of the program.

## **Government of Canada**

### **Agriculture and Agrifood Canada: AgriScience Program**

Intake: Open

The AgriScience Program, under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), aims to accelerate innovation by providing funding and support for pre-commercial science activities and research that benefits the agriculture and agri-food sector and Canadians. Applications will be accepted until funding has been fully committed or until otherwise announced here. For further information on criteria and the application process, visit <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriscience-projects>. The program ends March 31, 2028.

### **Agricultural Clean Technology Program: Research and Innovation Stream**

Intake: Open

The new Agricultural Clean Technology (ACT) Program aims to create an enabling environment for the development and adoption of clean technology that will help drive the changes required to achieve a low-carbon economy and promote sustainable growth in Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. The Research and Innovation Stream will support pre-market innovation, including research, development, demonstration and commercialization activities, to develop transformative clean technologies and enable the expansion of current technologies, in 3 priority areas:

- Green energy and energy efficiency
- Precision agriculture
- Bioeconomy

For further information and application details, visit <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricultural-clean-technology-research-innovation-stream>.

### **Airports Capital Assistance Program**

Intake: Open

The Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) funds rehabilitation projects for local and regional airports and aerodromes. To receive funding, applicants must show that their project is needed to meet the required level of safety.

### **Apprenticeship Service**

Intake: Ongoing

Supports employers to hire new first-year apprentices in 39 Red Seal trades. Small and medium-sized employers can get funding to hire first year apprentices.

### **Business Development Canada (BDC)**

Intake: Ongoing

The BDC is the Business Development Bank of Canada and the financial institution devoted to Canadian entrepreneurs. They help create and develop strong Canadian businesses through financing, advisory services and capital, with a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises.

### **Business Scale-up and Productivity**

Intake: Ongoing (Expression of Interest)

It supports high-growth businesses that are seeking to improve productivity, scale-up and commercialize technology. It offers interest-free, repayable funding to incorporated businesses.

## **Canada Cultural Spaces Fund**

Intake: Ongoing

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture and creative innovation. The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces.

## **Canada Small Business Financing Program**

Intake: Continuous

The Canada Small Business Financing Program provides lenders and small businesses with additional financing products, new class of loans, increased loan amounts and terms, improved loan conditions and decreased administrative burden. For more information, click [here](#).

## **CanExport Innovation**

Intake: Open year-round

Innovators from Canadian organizations may access up to \$75,000 in funding to assist with research and development (R&D) for a single technology. We cover up to 75% of costs to pursue and sign collaborative R&D agreements with international partners.

## **Empowering Futures for Apprentices**

Intake: Continuous

Student work placement program for the electricity industry that provides subsidies to organizations who create these opportunities.

## **Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships**

Intake: Continuous

Natural Resources Canada is now accepting applications for the renewed and expanded Indigenous Natural Resources Partnership Program, which aims to increase the economic participation of Indigenous communities and organizations in natural resource sectors across Canada.

## **Jobs and Growth Fund**

Intake: Continuous

The Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF) provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs, and position Canada's economy for an inclusive recovery and long-term growth.

## **PrairiesCan Funding Programs**

Intake: Varies

Funding for businesses and not-for-profit organizations with projects that advance economic growth and diversity in the Prairie provinces: Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

## **Rural Transit Solutions Fund**

Intake: Continuous

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund seeks to help Canadians living in rural and remote areas get around their communities more easily for their day-to-day activities, and connect with other communities nearby.

## **Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Tax Incentives**

Intake: Ongoing

The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) tax incentives are intended to encourage businesses to conduct research and development in Canada. Corporations, individuals, trusts, and partnerships that conduct eligible work may be able to claim SR&ED tax incentives for the year.

## **Strategic Innovation Fund**

Intake: Ongoing

Making sure that Canada is a top destination for businesses to invest, grow and create jobs and prosperity for Canadians is one of the Government's top priorities. The Strategic Innovation Fund's (SIF) objective is to spur innovation for a better Canada by providing funding for large projects and national innovation ecosystems.

## **Student Work Placement Program**

Intake: Ongoing

Gives post-secondary students paid work experience related to their field of study. Employers are eligible for up to \$5,000 for every student hired and up to \$7,000 for first year students or students from an under-represented group (women in STEM, persons with disabilities, newcomers, Indigenous students, visible minorities).

## **Trucking HR Canada- Career ExpressWay**

Intake: Varies

Trucking HR Canada's Career ExpressWay Program supports employers with recruitment efforts, helping them take advantage of industry specific financial incentives while connecting them with career seekers.

## **Wage subsidies and assistance programs**

Intake: Varies

Information on federal programs to help you hire the right employees for your business.

## **WCB Training on the Job program**

Intake: Varies

This program offers a subsidy to employers to hire and train someone who is unable to return to their regular job due to a workplace injury. The worker develops skills and gains work experience while the employer receives financial support from WCB during the employee's training period.

## **Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP)**

Funding for agriculture employers hiring youth and youth facing barriers.

# Funding Programs (Non-Continuous)

## **Agriculture for Life- Addressing the Agriculture Labour Task Force Grant Program**

Intake: Ends March 31, 2024

To support producers and processors, Alberta, in partnership with the federal government, is providing \$2.5 million to Agriculture for Life to help companies recruit, hire, and retain workers in the agriculture and agri-food industry. The funding will provide eligible companies with grants to increase public awareness of agricultural career opportunities, as well as human resources training to support worker retention.

## **Business Link - Canada Digital Adoption Program**

Intake: Open until March 31, 2025

As part of the Canadian Digital Adoption Program, the Government of Canada ISED has partnered with Business Link and Digital Main Street. Eligible businesses can access e-commerce advisors and receive up to \$2,400 to help with e-commerce opportunities.

- Two streams: [Grow Your Business Online](#) or [Boost your Business Technology](#)



## Co-op Community Spaces Fund

Intake: now closed - view [2023 Recipients](#).

The Co-op Community Spaces Program was established to improve community health and well-being by building places for Western Canadians to come together, build social connections and enable community development. Projects can apply for between \$25,000 and \$150,000 in CAPITAL funding in three categories: recreation, environmental conservation, or urban agriculture.

## Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program

Intake: Continuous (project end date must be prior to March 31, 2024)

The Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program (CASPP) supports the Canadian agricultural sector's participation in the Government of Canada's growth and policy objectives, by investing in the sector's design, development and implementation of tools and strategies to respond to and seize opportunities created by these objectives.

## Government of Alberta - Alberta Broadband Fund

[Alberta Broadband Fund | Alberta.ca](#)

The Alberta Broadband Fund (ABF) will expand access to financial support for rural broadband to ensure that no community is left behind.

## Government of Alberta - Driving Back to work Grant Program

Intake: Open until filled

Supports unemployed Albertans pursuing careers in the trucking industry.

## Government of Alberta - Northern & Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program

Intake Deadline Intake 2, December 20, 2023

This funding is available for projects that support economic development and diversification. Eligible applicants include municipalities, Indigenous communities, and incorporated non-profits with a mandate of economic development. Criteria subject to change.

## Government of Canada (Local Festivals) - Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage

Intake Open October 15, 2023 for festivals summer 2024

Up to \$200,000 for local non-profit organizations or groups; band council, local tribal council or other local Aboriginal government organization (First Nations, Inuit or Métis).

## Municipal Sustainability Initiative

Intake: Open

Helps support local infrastructure priorities and build strong, safe and resilient communities.

## Technology Alberta FIRST Jobs Scale Up Grant Program

Intake: Open

FIRST Jobs: Scale-Up is a new program offered by Technology Alberta that continues the momentum of FIRST Jobs to support more companies in a scaled-up way. Scale-Up will support multiple work placements from 2023-2024. Eligible technology scale-ups will be supported to hire an Albertan post-secondary student or recent graduate for a 500-hour work term, which Technology Alberta provides 75% subsidized. For further information, visit [https://technologyalberta.com/?page\\_id=1440](https://technologyalberta.com/?page_id=1440).

## Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program – Delivery Organizations

Intake: Open until December 31, 2024

Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) for delivery organizations (also known as, Initial Recipients) further distribute ZEVIP funds to "Ultimate Recipients" to install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in public places, on-street, in multi-unit residential buildings, at workplaces, or for on-road vehicle fleets. The third-party

delivery approach allows Initial Recipients to redistribute a portion of the ZEVIP funding to Ultimate Recipients for smaller, more localised EV infrastructure projects (less than \$100,000) where Canadians live, work and play.

## **Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program Funding**

Intake: Open until March 31, 2026

The Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) is a \$680 million program that was launched in 2019. The program aims to address the lack of charging infrastructure and hydrogen refuelling stations in Canada, one of the key barriers to zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption, by increasing the availability of localized charging and hydrogen refuelling opportunities where Canadians live, work, and play.

- [For owner / operators of ZEV infrastructure](#) (applications to open in Fall 2023)
- [For delivery organizations](#)
- [For Indigenous organizations](#)