November 19, 2026

Supports for Workers and Employers

***NEW – 2026 BC Wildfires - Support to Small Businesses and Not-for-Profits Program – Canadian Red Cross**
Supporting people and communities impacted by the 2026 British Columbia Wildfires. Support thanks to donations to the 2026 British Columbia Wildfires Appeal. This program does not fund loss of revenue or income. See website for requirements. *Application Deadline: February 26, 2027.*

Program Website

Rural and Remote Employment Initiatives Fund – Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Funded by Government of Canada, Province of British Columbia and Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Programs designed to address current economic gaps and potential economic impacts created by tariffs. Funding currently available through two programs: Business Advisory Supports *(Application Deadline: December 31, 2026)* ***and*** First Nation Business Development Capacity *(Application Deadline: June 30, 2027), or until program funding is fully allocated.*

Program Website

Community Workforce Response Grant (CWRG) – Province of BC
The CWRG funds short-term skills training for local in-demand jobs. Eligible organizations include industry, sector and employer associations, Indigenous governments and local non-profit organizations. Applications accepted on continuous, year-round basis.

Program Website

BC Manufacturing & Processing Investment Tax Credit – Province of BC
Refundable tax credit program supporting manufacturing and processing industries in BC. Expenditures incurred after March 31, 2026 and before April 1, 2036, to acquire new buildings, machinery and equipment primarily used for manufacturing and processing operations in BC.

Program Website

StrongerBC Future Skills Grant (FSG) – Province of BC
If you live in BC and are 19 or older, you may be eligible for up to $3,500 for eligible short-term training.

Program Website

2026 Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) – Province of BC
Four funding streams are: **Project-Based Labour Market Training**; **Job Creation Partnerships; Labour Market Partnerships** and **Research and Innovation.** Email the CEP team to discuss your project idea at CEPTEAM@gov.bc.ca. Projects that respond to labour market impacts in communities or people affected by tariffs (forestry, agriculture, manufacturing sectors) prioritized and expedited. Contact the CEP Team via email with subject “Tariff Response.”

Program Website

B.C. Employer Training Grant (ETG) – Province of BC
Cost-sharing program that funds small, medium and large enterprises to support skills training for their workforces, including prospective new hires. Employers can apply as often as they need and receive 80% of the cost of training up to $10,000 per employee, maximum annual amount per employer of $300,000.

Program Website

2026 Business Façade Improvement Program – Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)
NDIT works with communities and regional districts to providing funding to improve business facades. Business may be reimbursed up to $5,000 in matching funding through this program. For more information and to apply follow the community links below:
Cariboo Regional District
City of Quesnel
City of Williams Lake
District of 100 Mile House

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Business Development Programs
Program Website

Community Grants

***NEW – Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) – Government of Canada**
Not-for-profit employers can receive funding for up to 100% of the provincial minimum wage. Public and private sector employers are eligible to receive funding for up to 50%, for 50 or less full-time employees. CSJ provides wage subsidies to create summer work experiences for youth aged 15 to 30. Employment must take place between April 19 and August 28, 2027. *Application Deadline: December 3, 2026.*

Program Website

***NEW – Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC – Outdoor Recreation Council of BC (ORCBC)**
Supporting community-based outdoor recreation projects across BC, with individual grants ranging from $2,000 to $10,000. Incorporated non-profit organizations, registered charities and Indigenous governments can apply for trail and outdoor infrastructure improvements; education, stewardship, restoration and clean-up initiatives and inclusive outdoor programs/activities that expand access. *Application Deadline: January 20, 2027.*

Program Website

Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) – Local Impact Stream in British Columbia – Government of Canada / delivered by Pacifican
Supporting community infrastructure projects for public benefit that strengthen communities and advance regional economic development. Priority given to shovel-ready projects. Applications are assessed as they are received and funding decisions are made on an ongoing basis.

Program Website

Healthy Aging Core Funding to Collaborate – Healthy Aging Core BC
Fund available to Healthy Aging Community Collaboratives that require financial support to enhance seniors-focused collaboration within their region. This includes costs for **meetings, venue rentals, food for partner meetings and facilitator fees.** Between $1000 and $5000 available per Healthy Aging Community Collaborative. *Application Deadline: November 30, 2026.*

Program Website

First Nations Equity Financing Program (FNEFP)– Province of BC
Provincial loan guarantees that support First Nations to secure equity ownership in new and incremental revenue-generating projects, creating long-term economic benefits for First Nations and supporting economic growth in British Columbia. Three-stage application process include**s** Pre-Screen Intake includes self-assessment questionnaire, Screening Application and Due Diligence Review.
Accepting proposals on continuous basis until financing is fully allocated.

Program Website

*** Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Community Development Grant Programs**
Funding streams: **Community Places, Cultural Infrastructure, Economic Infrastructure, Fabulous Festivals and Events, Recreation Infrastructure, Main Street Revitalization – Planning and Capital.**
Application Deadline: January 31, 2027.

Program Website

New Relationship Trust (NRT)
Partnering with First Nations across BC to build capacity and advance sustainable growth, educational success and cultural revitalization. Various funding initiatives including First Nation Funding Grants, Economic Development Grants and Clean Energy Grants are available through NRT.

Program Website

Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) – Province of BC
Programs and services to support a thriving agriculture and food sector in British Columbia. Check website often for open application intake and upcoming opportunities.

Program Website

Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) - Human Resources for BC's Agriculture Employers
Consultants available to assist agriculture employers through the full HR cycle, including Recruitment, Onboarding, Retention and Departure.

Program Website

Community Economic Development & Diversification (CEDD) – Government of Canada / PacifiCan
The CEDD program creates economic benefits, investing in projects that utilize local assets, knowledge and economic opportunities. *Applications accepted on ongoing basis. Funding varies by project.*

Program Website

Community Support Funding Programs – Community Futures North Cariboo (CFNC)
Sponsorship, Skills Development, Facilities & Equipment Fund and Business & Entrepreneurship Funds. Applications evaluated by Board based on the criteria of each Fund. *Applications reviewed monthly.*

Program Website

*Additional Resources

Agriculture & Agrifood Government of Canada
Province of British Columbia
British Columbia Arts Council – grant calendar
Government of Canada
Climate Ready BC
United Way British Columbia – Focus Areas: Emergency Response; Food Security; Seniors; Children & Youth; Capacity Building; Indigenous Priorities and Communities
Innovate BC – Growth. Talent. Tech Adoption.
Community Action Initiative – Community-Based Mental Health
Heritage BC, **Department of Canadian Heritage**, **Vancouver Foundation**, **Telus Foundation**; **Mastercard Foundation**
First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) – Language, Arts & Heritage Programs
Climate Health Action Program (CHAP) – First Nations Health Authority – Supporting First Nations leadership in reducing climate change impacts on health