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Supports for Workers and Employers

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.

****2027 Application Intake To Be Announced***

[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) will be 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 provide 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 – 2026-2027 First Nations Winter Wellness Grants – First Nations Health Authority**

First Nations communities and First Nation-run health and social organizations providing wellness services to First Nations people are eligible for up to \$3000 to conduct their own Winter Wellness Initiative, such as **Healthy Eating, Being Active, Nurturing Spirit or Respecting Tobacco**. *Application Deadline: October 28, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – 2026 Four Rivers Co-operative Community Support Fund**

Capital funding support for registered charities, non-profit organizations and community groups to build/improve their physical assets, enhancing their ability to serve their community. Funding is shared across multiple projects and organizations, ensuring a wide range of community initiatives may benefit from the program. Focuses on enhancing quality of life by improving community-identified needs such as **Activity, Health, Security, Recreation and Connection, helping create vibrant and healthy communities**. Capital funding streams include **Building Construction/ Renovation, Equipment Purchases or Major Upgrades**. Projects must have long-term impact and contribute to the organization's ability to deliver its services more effectively. *Application Deadline: November 15, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – Central Cariboo Arts and Culture Society (CCACS) Grant Program – City of Williams Lake / Cariboo Regional District (Central Cariboo Arts & Culture function)**

Four grant streams available for non-profit organizations or community groups in **Williams Lake and Central Cariboo Areas D, E and F**, to support and develop arts and culture initiatives within this region, subject to availability of funds. Funding streams are: [Co-Create Grant](#), [Bright Ideas Grant](#), [Amplify Grant](#), [Elevate Grant](#) and the [CCACS Special Program: Create/Space Arts & Culture Initiative](#). *Application Deadline: November 15, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – Community Granting – Williams Lake Community Forest (WLCF)**

Applicants must be living and/or working in the WLCF "local area" defined as the **City of Williams Lake and CRD Electoral Areas D, E, and F**. Eligible applicants include registered charities, non-profit and/or

community organizations. Three parts to the application: (1) Background Information to determine eligibility, (2) Application Form and (3) Budget. *Application Deadline: November 19, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – Language Vitality Program – First Peoples’ Cultural Council (FPCC)**

The Language Vitality Program supports the revitalization of BC First Nations languages by providing advocacy, funding, training and resources for community-led projects focused on creating new fluent speakers. Four funding categories are available: **Rise, Roots, Grow and Flourish**. *Application Deadline: November 19, 2026.* Visit the [Language Vitality Program](#) page for more information.

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) – Province of British Columbia, administered by the Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth (JEG)**

REDIP supports rural economic development projects that demonstrate strong alignment with the ‘Look West Economic Strategy’ and/or ‘BCs Major Projects’, create immediate employment and support communities impacted by tariff-related sector downturns. The program has been updated to focus on key provincial priority sectors and support the most critical, shovel-ready infrastructure development opportunities in rural communities. The three funding categories are: **Development, Implementation and Community Transition**. To better represent the diversity of rural communities in BC, eligibility for REDIP will be guided by the Province’s Eligibility Matrix. Confirm your community’s eligibility based using the [Eligibility Lookup Tool](#). *Application Deadline: November 20, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – Heritage Vitality Program – First Peoples’ Cultural Council (FPCC)**

The Heritage Vitality Program supports First Nations communities and BC-based First Nations-led organization whose mandate includes the revitalization of First Nations heritage. **Cultural Practices, Heritage Stewardship and Braided Infrastructure** are the funding streams. *Application Deadline: November 25, 2026.* Visit the [Heritage Vitality Program](#) page for more information.

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – 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. *Applications received on rolling bases.*

[Program Website](#)

Climate Internship Program – Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS)

This program offers up to \$15,000 to eligible organizations to hire a student from a PICS university (UBC, SFU, UNBC, UVic) to assist with a climate action project in your organization/community. Program open to non-profits, NGOs, First Nations/Indigenous Organizations, Local Governments, Provincial Government, crown corporations, Cooperatives & social enterprises and private companies. *Application Deadline: November 20, 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 includes **Pre-Screen Intake** includes a self-assessment questionnaire; **Screening Application** and **Due Diligence Review**.
Accepting proposals on continuous basis until financing is fully allocated.

[Program Website](#)

BC Community Gaming Grants - Province of British Columbia

Not-for-profit organizations providing programs or services of direct benefit to the broader community. Local organizations: up to \$125,000 per year and Regional/Provincial organizations: up to \$250,000 per year. *Application Deadline: November 30th - Human and Social Services Sector*

* [Community Gaming Grant Webinar](#) – Human & Social Services Sector - November 4, 2026

* Community Gaming Grant Q&A – November 12, 19 & 25, 2026

[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. Currently accepting applications: **Agriculture Water Infrastructure Stream 2: Community Project; Enhanced Replant Stream 3: Berry Replant; Beneficial Management Practices: Extreme Weather: Plans & Designs; Environmental Farm Plan** and **Livestock Waste Tissue Initiative EOI**.

[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