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Supports for Workers and Employers

***NEW - 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 the following programs: [Business Diversification and Sustainability](#); [First Nation Business Development Capacity](#) and [Business Advisory Supports](#). *Eligibility requirements and application deadlines vary. Check website for details.*

*Download slides from the [Business Diversification and Sustainability Program](#) webinar

[Program Website](#)

Canada-B.C. Workforce Tariff Response Forestry Grant: Forestry Training Fund – Delivered through Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)

Federal-provincial initiative launched to support forestry workers, independent contractors and forest-sector employers dealing with economic disruptions caused by tariffs and global market shifts. Core areas of funding are **Upskilling and Training**, **Workforce Stability** and **Community Resilience**. *Application deadline for Intake 2: October 23, 2026.*

[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. See website for key dates and program priorities. *Application Deadline for Intake 3: October 23, 2026. Application intake #4 TBD.*

[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. Application intake open for 2026/27. 24 public post-secondary schools will offer more than 250 grant-eligible programs.

[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](#). Review the Applicant Guide and 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.” *Applications accepted on continuous basis, subject to available funding.*

[Program Website](#)

B.C. Employer Training Grant (ETG) – Province of BC

Cost-sharing program. Access skills and training required to adapt to the labour market’s changing job requirements. Employers can apply as often as they need and receive 80% of the cost of training up to \$10,000 per employee, with a 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 – Community Climate Action Events Funding – Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions @ University of Victoria**

Funding program supports community events that aim to advance climate action that have tangible impacts, offering \$2,500 to \$5,000 for eligible events. Applications accepted from registered non-profit and Indigenous organizations/First Nations. *Application Deadline: October 16, 2026.*

Other funding and collaboration opportunities available.

[Program Website](#)

***NEW – 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](#)

Local Festivals – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage – Government of Canada

Funding for recurring festivals presenting local artists, artisans, heritage performers and local First Nations. *Application Deadline: October 15, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

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 Period:

Human and Social Services

August 1 – November 30

[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. Visit the program webpage for application intake periods and deadlines.

[Program Website](#)

***Human Resources for BC's Agriculture Employers.** Consultants are available to assist agriculture employers through the full HR cycle, including Recruitment, Onboarding, Retention and Departure.

[Program Website](#)

Local Festivals: [Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program](#) – Government of Canada

Funding provided to local groups for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans, heritage performers and local First Nations. *Application deadlines vary.*

[Program Website](#)

Indigenous Climate and Environmental Funding – Government of Canada

Supports Indigenous climate action for a safer and cleaner environment for future generations.

[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 and 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