

May 20, 2026

Supports for Workers and Employers

Rural and Remote Employment Initiatives Fund – Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Funded by Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia

Accepting applications for the Business Advisory Supports Program, designed to off-set costs associated with obtaining third-party professional supports for small businesses, particularly, specific tariff-related impacts. *Applications reviewed on first-come, first-served basis until funds are fully allocated, or until December 31, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

StrongerBC Future Skills Grant (FSG) – Province of BC

The FSG is open to British Columbian residents aged 19 years or older, regardless of financial need. Covers up to \$3,500 in eligible short-term skills training at public post-secondary institutions.

[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.”

[Program Website](#)

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

Cost-sharing program funds small, medium and large enterprises to support skills training for their workforces, including prospective new hires. 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

Heritage Legacy Fund - Province of British Columbia / Vancouver Foundation / Heritage BC

Eligibility checks open until July 15, 2026. Applicants must complete an eligibility check before applying to the Heritage Legacy Fund to confirm program requirements are met. The four funding streams are: Heritage Conservation, Heritage Awareness, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Partnership. *Eligibility approval must be completed before application deadline on July 31, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

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

Funding to local groups for recurring festivals presenting the work of local artists, artisans, heritage performers and local First Nations. *Application Deadline: October 15, 2026, for festivals starting between July 1 and August 31, 2027.*

[Program Website](#)

2026 PlanH BC Healthy Communities Grants – Funded by the Ministry of Health, administered by BC Healthy Communities

The *Community Connectedness* funding stream offers grants of up to \$5,000 each for projects that foster relationship-building among community members and create long-lasting partnerships. The *Healthy Public Policy* stream provides grants of up to \$15,000 each for projects that develop new or amend existing policies to improve the health and well-being of community members. *Application Deadline: June 2, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

Cultural Practices Grant - Heritage – First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC)

Heritage funding available through FPCC's Cultural Practices Grant, providing between \$10,000-\$25,000 to support a wide variety of community-based cultural practices and events for B.C. First Nations. *Application Deadline: June 2, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

BC Hydro Community Grants

Supporting non-profit organizations working to strengthen communities across the province. Three focus areas are Safety Education & Training: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics), Trades Workforce Development and Sustainability & Environmental Initiatives. *Application Deadline: May 31, 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.

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| | Application Period: |
| *Sport - open | March 1 – May 31 |
| Public Safety | July 1 – August 31 |
| Environment | July 1 – August 31 |
| Human and Social Services | August 1 – November 30 |

***NOTE:** [2026 Capital Project Grants](#) application intake will be open from **July 17 to August 31, 2026**. Check for updated Guidelines in June.

[Program Website](#)

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Community Development Programs

NDIT offers community development and infrastructure funding programs suited to a diverse set of economic development priorities in the region. Programs include [Community Places](#), [Cultural Infrastructure](#), [Economic Infrastructure](#), [Recreation Infrastructure](#), [Marketing Initiatives](#), [Main Street Revitalization – Planning and Capital](#) and [Fabulous Festivals and Events](#).

***Last Application Deadline for 2026: July 31, 2026.**

[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 available through NRT.

[Program Website](#)

Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) – Province of BC

IAF delivers programs and services to support a thriving agriculture and food sector in British Columbia. Application close times vary by program. Visit the program webpage for details and check website often. Accepting applications for the following programs: [Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program \(AWP\) Stream 3: Assessments, Engineering Studies or Plan](#); all [Beneficial Management Practices Programs \(BMP\)](#); [Environmental Farm Plan \(EFP\)](#); [Food Safety Program \(FSP\)](#); [Livestock Waste Tissue Initiative \(LWTI\)](#) and [Student Summer Farm, Food and Fisheries Bursary Program \(SSB\)](#) until funds are fully committed.

[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](#)********