

June 23, 2026

## Supports for Workers and Employers

### **\*NEW – Community Workforce Response Grant (CWRG) – Province of BC**

The CWRG funds cohort-based skills training that helps people get the skills they need to find and keep a job, contributing to a strong local economy. Eligible organizations include industry, sector and employer associations, Indigenous governments and local non-profit organizations. See website for Key Dates.

[Program Website](#)

### **\*NEW – 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 may be eligible for the credit.

[Program Website](#)

### **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 continuous 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](mailto: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. 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 – BC Conservation Fund – Province BC/BC Parks Foundation**

This Fund empowers British Columbians to protect and restore priority land and freshwater areas, supporting projects that strengthen biodiversity, climate resilience and community-led conservation across three funding streams. **Stream 1: Area-Based Conservation Initiatives; Stream 2: Innovation and Stream 3: Education & Working Together.** Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Stream 1 are accepted on a continuous basis, with two intakes per year. Applicants with successful EOIs will be asked to submit a complete funding application. *Next EOI deadline: July 10, 2026. Full application deadline: October 9, 2026.*

[Project Website](#)

#### **\*NEW – 2026 Community Grant Program (CGP) – Open Road Foundation**

The CGP operates twice/year and is open to registered Canadian charities across British Columbia that align with one or more of the Foundation's focus areas: **Community Well-Being, Youth & Education and Environment & Sustainability.** The fall cycle initial grant application deadline is *July 15, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

#### **\*NEW – New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) – Community-Based Projects – Government of Canada**

The NHSP community-based stream supports projects that are designed by seniors for seniors in their communities. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities through social inclusion and contribute to improving their health and well-being. *Application deadline: July 14, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

**\*NEW – First Nations Equity Financing Program (FNEFP)– Province BC**

This program provides 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; Screening Applications and Due Diligence Review**. *Accepting proposals on continuous basis until the available loan guarantee is fully allocated.*

**\*NOTE:** Information Session will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>. [Register here.](#)

[Program Website](#)

**\*NEW – Transforming Systems Grants (TSG) – Vancouver Foundation**

TSG grants support organizations addressing root causes of inequality and allow those most affected by unfair systems to shape their own futures. The 2026 program includes two funding streams: **Explore** and **Influence**, supporting organizations at different stages of changing systems: those beginning to explore root causes and those ready to test, deepen, or expand their influence. *Application Deadline for Stage 1: July 6, 2026.* [Register](#) to attend June 25 online information session or watch a recorded session.

[Program Website](#)

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

\*Applicants must complete an eligibility check before applying to confirm all program requirements are met. *July 15 Eligibility checks close; July 31 Application period closes.* Four funding streams: **Heritage Conservation, Heritage Awareness, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Partnership.**

[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](#)

**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:**

Public Safety	July 1 – August 31
Environment	July 1 – August 31
Human and Social Services	August 1 – November 30

[2026 Capital Project Grants](#) application intake open from **July 17 to August 31, 2026**. Check the updated 2026 Program [Grant Guidelines](#).

[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. Visit the [program webpage](#) for application intake periods and deadlines. Check website often.

#### **[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**