

February 17, 2026

Supports for Workers and Employers

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

This program is designed to off-set costs associated with obtaining third-party professional supports for small businesses. The intent is for applicants to be able to access supports for addressing specific tariff-related impacts and for sustaining and/or creating employment opportunities. NDIT provides a rebate to eligible applicants up to \$30,000 to maximum of 85% of the eligible project budget. Applications reviewed on first-come, first-served basis until funds are fully allocated, or until December 31, 2026.

[Program Website](#)

Work Experience Opportunities Grant (WEOG) 2026-2027 Open Grant Call – Funded by Government of Canada / Province of BC, delivered by United Way BC

Part of *StrongerBC: BC's Economic Recovery Plan*, supports both individuals and communities to enhance employability and work readiness skills. Funding to help deliver programs and services by providing work experience placements for up to 10 people on income or disability assistance and Indigenous people receiving equivalent federal assistance, who may face significant barriers to employment. *Application Deadline: February 24, 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.

Visit the [Program Website](#) for further information.

2025-2026 Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) – Province of BC

CEP funds projects to increase training and work experience for job seekers in BC. Four funding streams are: [Project-Based Labour Market Training](#); [Job Creation Partnerships](#) and [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. ***NOTE:** 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 – Province of BC

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. *Continuous application intake.*

[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

NDIT offers business development programs. Applications accepted on a continuous basis until the annual budget is committed.

[Program Website](#)

Community Grants

***NEW – 2026 Public Art Grants – Williams Lake Public Art Committee funded by Downtown Williams Lake & City of Williams Lake**

Opportunity for local artists to create murals, sculptures, carvings and paintings. The Williams Lake Public Art Committee is accepting applications for 2026 Public Art Grant Funding. Two grants are available: Up to \$5,000 offered by the City of Williams Lake for a public art project within the Williams Lake city limits and up to \$5,000 offered by Downtown Williams Lake for a public art project within the Downtown Williams Lake BIA boundaries. Grants awarded together or separately, per the judgement of the Williams Lake Public Art Committee. *Application Deadline: April 15, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

***NEW- (BC-Wide) Funding to Collaborate – United Way BC Healthy Aging**

Fund available to Healthy Aging Community Collaboratives that require financial support to enhance seniors-focused collaboration within their region, including meeting costs, venue rentals, food for partner meetings and facilitator fees. Between \$1,000 - \$5,000 available per Healthy Aging Community Collaborative. *Applications received on rolling basis and priority given to groups who have not already received funding.*

[Program Website](#)

***NEW - 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. **NOTE: Webinar: February 25th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.*

Application Period:

Arts & Culture	February 1 – April 30
Sport	March 1 – May 31
Public Safety	July 1 – August 31
Environment	July 1 – August 31
Human and Social Services	August 1 – November 30

[Program Website](#)

***NEW -Braided Knowledge Grant – Heritage – First Peoples’ Cultural Council (FFCC)**

Supports projects that reflect the connected and holistic nature of BC First Nations arts, languages, cultures and heritage. *Application Deadline: March 13, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

Braided Infrastructure Program – Heritage - First Peoples’ Cultural Council (FFCC)

Up to \$70,000 in funding available for BC First Nations infrastructure projects that conserve, repair or develop BC First Nations’ cultural heritage, arts and infrastructure. *Application Deadline: February 24, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

BC-Wide 2026 Age-Friendly Communities Grants - Province of BC / BC Healthy Communities (BCHC)

Helping BC seniors lead independent, active lives, through the Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) Program. Grant intake supports two funding streams: Stream 1 – Up to \$25,000 for age-friendly assessments and action plans; Stream 2 – Up to \$15,000 for age-friendly projects promoting health, safety and engagement of older adults. *Application Deadline: March 12, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC) Community Grant Program

This program provides support to communities across British Columbia for projects that use BC recycled tire products (e.g. rubber tile surfacing, pour in-place surfacing) to enhance public spaces, promote sustainability and improve accessibility. Projects must be made in BC from BC recycled tires and must be fully public and wheelchair accessible. Projects include playgrounds, water parks, fitness areas, walkways and running tracks. *Application Deadline: March 31, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

Quesnel Community Foundation (QCF) Grants Program - North Cariboo Region Only

The QCF funds projects in the following categories: *Arts, Education, Environment, Health and Recreation/Social Programs* to support projects that benefit local area residents, provide a community service, or take a new or innovative approach to respond to a need/concern within the Quesnel, Lhtako Dene and North Cariboo regions. Four Field of Interest Grants available. *Application Deadline: February 27, 2026.*

[Program Website](#)

FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (FCNRP)

The FCNRP was developed by FireSmart Canada to officially recognize neighbourhoods that have taken critical steps to reduce their vulnerabilities to wildfire.

[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, Fabulous Festivals and Events. [Click here](#) to begin your online application. *2026 Deadlines: April 30 & 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! Currently accepting applications for the following programs: [Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program \(AWP\) Stream 3: Assessments, Engineering Studies or Plan](#); [Beneficial Management Practices Program \(BMP\) Extreme Weather: Plans & Engineered Designs](#); [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](#)

***NOTE:** February 27th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Community Futures Cariboo Chilcotin, Williams Lake is helping Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) Program applicants with their application. Bring your laptop/tablet and required documents to apply online. Participants must contact Lauren Bedford in advance at lauren@cfdccariboo.com or call 250-392-3626 to participate.

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](#)

Agricultural Clean Technology (ACT) Program – Government of Canada

The ACT Program aims to create an environment for the development and adoption of clean technology. Three priority areas: green energy and energy efficiency; precision agriculture and bioeconomy.

[Program Website](#)

Community Economic Development & Diversification (CEDD) – Government of Canada / PacifiCan
The CEDD program creates economic benefits, investing in projects that harness local ambitions, assets, knowledge and economic opportunities to create prosperous and resilient communities. *Accepting applications on ongoing basis. Funding varies by project.*

[Program Website](#)

Community Support Funding Programs – Community Futures North Cariboo (CFNC)

Funding programs include: Sponsorship Fund \$500, Skills Development Fund \$1000, Facilities & Equipment Fund \$2500 and Business & Entrepreneurship Fund \$5000. Applications evaluated by Board of Directors based on the criteria of each Fund. *Applications reviewed on a monthly basis.*

[Program Website](#)

Ryan Government Funding Directory (formerly Mentor Works)

Canadian and British Columbia government funding programs support small businesses, large corporations and not-for-profit organizations.

[Program Website](#)

***Additional Resources:**

[Agriculture & Agrifood Government of Canada](#)

[Province of British Columbia](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

[Climate Ready BC](#)

[United Way British Columbia](#) – 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](#) and the [Mastercard Foundation](#) – Heritage Funding