

July 21, 2026

Supports for Workers and Employers

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

This grant is a 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**. Visit website for eligibility requirements and program details.

[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: February 1, 2027, subject to funding availability.*

[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 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. 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

*** Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Community Development Programs**

Community development and infrastructure funding programs appropriate for 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. Next Application Deadline: January 31, 2027.***

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

[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 NOW OPEN! *Application Deadline: August 31, 2026.* Check updated 2026 Program [Grant Guidelines](#).

[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](#)

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