

March 18, 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](#) 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 (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

2026 Public Art Grants – Downtown Williams Lake & City of Williams Lake

Williams Lake Public Art Committee is accepting applications from artists for public art grant funding. 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. *Application Deadline: April 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:

*Arts & Culture - open	February 1 – April 30
*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:** BC Community Gaming Grant Webinar: New Guidelines and Grant Information
Wednesday, March 25, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm PDT. Click [here](#) to register!

[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 - playgrounds, water parks, fitness areas, walkways and running tracks. *Application Deadline: March 31, 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 vulnerability 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 and Fabulous Festivals and Events. [Click here](#) to begin online application. *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. 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.

***NOTE:** The BC Agriculture HR Toolkit is a FREE online resource for agriculture and food-processing employers across BC - available [here](#). *Webinar on Wednesday, March 25th at 1:00 pm for a walkthrough of the platform. Explore the best way to utilize the HR Toolkit for your operation, ask questions and discover the benefits of this FREE resource.

[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 ambitions, assets, knowledge and economic opportunities to create prosperous and resilient communities. *Applications accepted on ongoing basis. Funding varies by project.*

[Program Website](#)

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

Four Community Funding Programs (1) Sponsorship Fund \$500, (2) Skills Development Fund \$1000, (3) Facilities & Equipment Fund \$2500 and (4) Business & Entrepreneurship Fund \$5000. Applications evaluated by Board of Directors based on the criteria of each Fund. *Applications reviewed on 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](#)

[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](#)