# **Table of Grants Available – generally in the areas of economic development, tourism and training – by Mel Orecklin, MoCreebec Eeyoud**

| Program Name | **Reference** | ****Brief Description**** | ****Program Description**** | | |
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| 20/20 Catalyst | http://indigenouscleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/about-the-program/#program\_goals | 3 one-week training July through Sept. sessions for first nation energy programs | Through the Program, we aim to connect Catalysts with program mentors from across the country to help them acquire fundamental clean energy skills and know-how, which they can bring back to their communities. | | |
| Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program | <http://www.ofina.on.ca/algp/program/overview.htm> | Loan guarantees for building projects. | The $650 million Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program supports Aboriginal participation in renewable green energy infrastructure in Ontario including transmission projects and wind, solar and hydroelectric generation projects.  Provides a Provincial guarantee for a loan to an Aboriginal corporation to purchase up to 75 per cent of an Aboriginal corporation's equity in an eligible project, to a maximum of $50 million. | | |
| ASWCO  Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario  Power to Play | <http://aswco.ca/community-development/p2p/> | Community Equipment Grant – up to $5,000  Program Leadership Grant – up to $1,000  Grants Close Wednesday March 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. EST | Eligible applicants can include (but not limited to):  • Local sports clubs/as  • Associations  • Municipal parks and recrea1on departments  • Out of school programs  • Community centers  • Schools  • Post-secondary Institutions  • Groups that deliver community based sport/recreation/physical activity  • Aboriginal organiza1ons  • Early year programs | | |
| BDC  ABDF Aboriginal Business  Development Fund | http://www.bdc.ca/EN/i\_am/aboriginal\_entrepreneur/Pages/aboriginal\_fund.aspx | Provides tools for Aboriginal entrepreneurs who choose to start their own businesses through CFDCs. | Combine financing with management training and on–going mentorship. The entrepreneur commits by undertaking training to enhance management skills and agrees to ongoing mentorship. The loan is disbursed only after these conditions are met.  Loans are $5,000 to $20,000 and are fully repayable with terms varying from 2 to 3 years depending on the project's cash–flow expectations.  BDC will refund a portion of the interest paid on a loan to a community organization or charity chosen by the borrower. It will be calculated at the rate of 0.5% of the average loan balance with a minimum amount of $100 and paid annually after the first year of the loan. To qualify, the loan must be operating satisfactorily without any outstanding payments. | | |
| BDC  eSpirit | http://www.bdc.ca/en/i\_am/aboriginal\_entrepreneur/bdc\_initiatives/Pages/bdc\_initiative\_espirit.aspx | National Aboriginal youth business plan competition sponsored by BDC for Aboriginal youth in grades 10 to 12. Since 2001, E–Spirit has introduced over 5,000 students to entrepreneurship. | Teams complete a business plan using modules provided on the E–Spirit website. To qualify for the competition, each team needs to:   * Submit a complete business plan. * Submit a video promoting their business idea. | | |
| BDC  GCAB  Growth Capital for Aboriginal business | http://www.bdc.ca/EN/i\_am/aboriginal\_entrepreneur/Pages/growth\_capital\_financing.aspx | Financing to a maximum amount of $25,000 for start–ups and up to $100,000 for existing businesses. | Support is available through a special alliance with CESO Aboriginal Services. Includes ongoing mentoring and business management advice for the first 2 years following loan approval. | | |
| Canadian Co–operative Association CCA | [http://www.canada.coop/en/programs/co–op–development/first–nations–metis–and–inuit–co–operative–development–program](http://www.canada.coop/en/programs/co-op-development/first-nations-metis-and-inuit-co-operative-development-program) | The Canadian Co–operative Association (CCA) has created the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Co–operative Development Program to help Aboriginal communities explore the potential of co–operatives to meet their needs. | The five–year pilot program was developed in collaboration with national Aboriginal organizations. The program will fund between five and 10 projects a year with an average grant of $5,000 to $10,000 per project. | | |
| Canadian Heritage  Northern Aboriginal Broadcasting - Aboriginal Peoples’ Program | http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267292195109 | Supports Aboriginal broadcasting societies to produce and distribute radio and television programming in the north.  Deadline October 9, 2015 | to support the production of culturally-relevant Aboriginal programming;  to facilitate establishment and maintenance of production facilities;  to ensure availability of significant amount of radio and television programming;  to contribute to the protection and enhancement of Aboriginal languages and cultures; and  to provide venues to articulate issues of relevance to Aboriginal audiences and communities. | | |
| Canadian Worker Co–op Federation | [http://www.canadianworker.coop/tenacity–works/apply](http://www.canadianworker.coop/tenacity-works/apply) | This investment funds purpose is to create new and to expand existing worker–owned co–operatives in all regions of Canada. | Tenacity Works is owned and operated by the CWCF. As a revolving loan fund, Tenacity Works usually has funds available for making loans. Funds are used to invest in worker, multi–stakeholder and shareholder co–ops across Canada. Loans are available for amounts between $15,000 and $50,000. | | |
| CAPE Fund | [http://capefund.ca/en/about–capefund.html](http://capefund.ca/en/about-capefund.html) | CAPE Fund is a $50 million private–sector investment fund initiated by 21 of Canada’s leading companies, individuals and US based Foundations. | CAPE Fund will be focused on mid–market opportunities with a strong degree of Aboriginal involvement and connection to Aboriginal communities throughout Canada. Its mission will require that it act with the same rigour, discipline and best practices with regards to the application of its investment guidelines, processes, and corporate governance standards applied in the private sector.  *Investment program, not a grant.* | | |
| Celebrate Canada | http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1292265603193 | For Canada or Aboriginal Day celebrations.  Celebrate Canada is a four–day celebration that begins on June 21 with National Aboriginal Day, continues with Saint–Jean–Baptiste Day (June 24) and Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27), and comes to a spectacular finish on Canada Day (July 1).  Application deadline is November 16, 2015. The Application Form and Guide will be posted in October 2015. | Take advantage of Celebrate Canada activities to get together in your communities, to discover and appreciate the wealth and diversity of Canadian society, and show your love of Canada and your pride in being Canadian!  A wide range of groups are eligible to apply for funding to support community activities and events that celebrate Canada during the period of June 21 to July 1. Celebrate Canada is a Department of Canadian Heritage program that helps support community activities and events that celebrate Canada during the period of June 21 to July 1 (including National Aboriginal Day, Saint–Jean–Baptiste Day, Canadian Multiculturalism Day and Canada Day). Non–governmental community and charitable organizations, municipal governments, educational institutions and public and private corporations are eligible to apply. | | |
| Citizenship and Immigration Canada  Inter-Action | www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/funding/events.asp | Multiculturalism Grants and Contributions Program | Provides funding, normally in the form of grants, to community-based events that foster intercultural or interfaith understanding, civic memory and pride or respect for core democratic values. The primary intention is to create concrete opportunities for interaction among cultural and faith communities. Applications will be considered year-round. | | |
| Clean Energy Fund | [http://actionplan.gc.ca/en/initiative/clean–energy–fund](http://actionplan.gc.ca/en/initiative/clean-energy-fund) | No longer available. |  | | |
| CORDA  Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement | [http://www.anishinabek.ca/lands–and–resources–other.asp](http://www.anishinabek.ca/lands-and-resources-other.asp) | Funding of eligible resource and economic development initiatives in First Nation communities.  Deadline: Monday, October 3, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. | Projects that promote natural resource development, management, harvesting and conservation in Ontario.  Flexible focused on renewable and sustainable natural resource activities for First Nation communities and their membership.  Maximum funding is $35,000 and deadline is October 6, 2014. | | |
| Employment and Social Development Canada | http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/funding/index.shtml | Programs accepting applications   |  |  | | --- | --- | | [Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Funding Stream - Designated Communities (Quebec)](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/communities/homelessness/funding/regional.shtml) | Application deadline is available at your local Centre intégré de Santé et de Services sociaux (CISSS) or Centre intégré universitaire de Santé et de Services sociaux (CIUSSS). | | [Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/of/index.shtml) | **Local and regional projects:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.  **National projects:** We are not accepting applications at this time. | | [Career Focus Program](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/career.shtml) | **Local and regional projects:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.  **National projects:** We are not accepting applications at this time. | | [Skills Link Program](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/skillslink.shtml) | **Local and regional projects:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.  **National projects:** We are not accepting applications at this time. | | [Apprenticeship Completion Grant](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/apprenticeship/completiongrant/program.shtml) | Ongoing | | [Apprenticeship Incentive Grant](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/apprenticeship/incentivegrant/program.shtml) | Ongoing | | [Foreign Credential Recognition Program](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/jobs/credential_recognition/foreign/index.shtml) | Ongoing | | [Interprovincial Labour Mobility Initiative](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/jobs/credential_recognition/labour_mobility/index.shtml#h2.3) | Ongoing | | [Work-Sharing Program](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/work_sharing/index.shtml) | Ongoing | | | | |
| Employment and Social Development Canada  ASETS  Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy | http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/jobs/aboriginal/asets/index.shtml | Using an integrated approach, ASETS will link your training needs to labour market demands, providing you with training or skills upgrading and with help finding a job. | ASETS is designed to help Aboriginal people prepare for and find high-demand jobs, as well as keep them in the long term. All Aboriginal people, regardless of status or location, may access its programs and services, which include:  skills development;  training for high-demand jobs;  job finding;  programs for youth;  programs for urban and Aboriginal people with disabilities; and  access to child care. | | |
| Employment and Social Development Canada  Skills and Partnership Fund | http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/jobs/aboriginal/partnership\_fund/index.shtml | Not accepting applications | The purpose of the SPF is to:  drive innovation in service delivery and systems through partnership (system improvement);  respond to economic partnership opportunities with targeted  labour force development initiatives (training-to-employment); and  address program delivery weaknesses and/or gaps in Canada's  network of Aboriginal organizations that provide labour market services (service delivery gaps). | | |
| Employment and Social Development Canada  Workplace Opportunities | http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/resources/funding/worbe.shtml | Not accepting applications |  | | |
| Environment Canada  EcoAction Community Funding Program | <http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/>1–800–661–7785 | Offers grants to eligible not–for–profit organizations for projects that have measurable, positive impacts on the environment.  Deadline: Dec. 12, 2016 | * Project should address: clean air, clean water, climate change, nature. Up to a maximum funding of $100,000 per project is available. The maximum duration of a project is 36 months.. | | |
| Environment Canada  Green Source Funding Database | http://www.ec.gc.ca/financement–funding/sv–gs/index\_e.cfm | Designed to help Canadian communities identify sources and resources to fund environmental projects that will benefit our natural environment. | Canadians may search for information on programs and organizations that provide assistance in the form of funding, labour cost contributions or in–kind donations to eligible organizations undertaking environmental projects.  113 programs under search terms National & Ontario  2016/08/17: Unfortunately access to the Greensource database has been temporarily suspended. We apologize for any inconvenience. | | |
| Federation of Canadian Municipalities  Green Municipal Fund | [http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/green–municipal–fund/about–the–program.htm](http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund/about-the-program.htm) | The Fund supports partnerships and leveraging of both public and private–sector funding to reach higher standards of air, water and soil quality, and climate protection.  Confirmed that an LSB is eligible. | Funding available is as follows: $45 million in loans and $5 million in grants for capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste, water sectors a minimum of $20 million in loans for capital projects in the brownfields sector $6 million in grants for plans, feasibility studies and field tests.  Funded Activities:  Sustainable community plans, including integrated sustainable community plans, as well as greenhouse gas reduction plans, sustainable neighborhood plans, and community brownfield action plans, feasibility studies and field tests that focus on virtually any subject in the brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water sectors capital projects in the brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water sectors.  Up to 50 per cent of eligible costs for plans, feasibility studies and pilot projects — to a maximum of $175,000 for plans and feasibility studies, and a maximum of $350,000 for pilot projects. | | |
| Federation of Canadian Municipalities  GFM  Green Municipal Fund  Brownfield | http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/green–municipal–fund/get–started–today/revitalize–your–brownfields.htm |  | infographic | | |
| Federation of Canadian Municipalities  CEDI  First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative | http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/community-economic-development-initiative.htm | Improve the economic prosperity of participating municipalities and adjacent First Nations through joint community economic development planning. CEDI is a joint initiative of FCM and Cando. | Includes a Toolbook.  Launched in January 2013, the program will run to March 2016.  No details on web site. | | |
| Federation of Canadian Municipalities  GFM  Green Municipal Fund  Energy Sector Funding | http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund/what-we-fund/projects/energy-funding.htm | **Plans** – Grants to develop plans  Studies – Grants to conduct feasibility studies and pilot projects  **Projects** – Low–interest loans, usually in combination with grants, to implement capital projects  Renewed offer in effect April 1, 2015 | Energy–efficient facilities   * New construction– projects involving municipally owned buildings or buildings is used for municipal purposes. * Retrofits of Municipal facilities – must demonstrate the potential to reduce energy consumption by at least 30 per cent compared to current performance * Community projects – potential to achieve a minimum 10 per cent reduction in residential energy use compared to the current baseline. It must also engage a significant proportion of the community and show that residents will seek maximum energy reductions at a reasonable cost. * Energy recovery or district energy – from residual or renewable sources, and reduce energy consumption by at least 40 per cent for one or more existing facilities, compared to baseline data, within three years of implementation. | | |
| FedNor  Support for youth internships | [http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor–fednor.nsf/eng/h\_fn03910.html#ic–subnav–4](http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn03910.html#ic-subnav-4) | For post–secondary grads  Projects related to innovation, digital economy or trade. | Through its Youth Internship Initiative, FedNor helps post–secondary graduates obtain crucial professional experience and, in turn, provides Northern Ontario businesses with access to educated and motivated young people to help support their goals.  Criteria: Be unemployed or underemployed youth (persons aged 30 and under); have graduated within the last three years with a degree, diploma or certificate from a recognized post–secondary institution;  FedNor will contribute up to 90 percent ($31,500 per year) for the eligible costs of salary and employee benefit expenses in a full–time position for the internship period.  Normally, youth internships are for a 12–month period. On an exceptional basis where conditions warrant and activities being undertaken build economic development capacity, the internship period for small municipalities and First Nation communities may be up to 24 months to match project work plans. | | |
| FedNor  NOA Northern Ontario Angels | <http://www.noeg.info/EN/> | Are you a new or growing business looking for investment capital? | Helps connect with the right investors and provide the resources needed to make it happen. | | |
| FedNor  PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise | <http://paro.ca/2013/> | Leading resource for women in Northern Ontario | To start a business, grow a business or build new networks across the region. peer lending funds or their other services. | | |
| FedNor  CIINO  Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario | <http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn04333.html> | Increase the number of community and/or regional economic development initiatives implemented (e.g., waterfront development, downtown diversification, etc.) leading to investment attraction, economic growth and sector development, and/or innovation; | Eligible Applicants   * Rural municipalities, First Nation communities in Northern Ontario; * Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) and Tribal Councils on behalf of several communities.   Applicants would need to meet the following criteria, stating that:   * They do not have a dedicated full-time economic development officer position. * They have either an existing economic plan or strategy with a concrete economic opportunity requiring support to implement or an identified economic opportunity to capitalize on, develop and implement * They can demonstrate administrative capacity to undertake the project, including establishing work objectives and monitoring project outcomes.   Eligible costs include all expenses directly related to the project and deemed reasonable and necessary for its execution.   * Salary and Benefits; * Travel (related to meeting the above activities); * Applicants are expected to cover all associated administrative costs.   FedNor will contribute up to 90% of eligible costs to a maximum of $100,000 annually for a period of up to three years.  A regional project may be eligible for increased funding up to $170,000 depending on the number of partner communities and geographic coverage. Contributions will be non-repayable. | | |
| FedNor  CEDP  Community Economic  Development Priority | http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn03440.html | FedNor supports communities' efforts to plan and mobilize their resources, enhance business growth, and exploit new opportunities for economic development and diversification. | Strategic and business planning, sector or industry analysis, feasibility, marketing and engineering studies, recovery plans, workforce attraction and retention strategies, community investment readiness plans, inventories of community assets and community profiles;  Strengthening communities' economic foundations, including industrial and commercial assets and industrial/business parks, downtown revitalization, and waterfront development;  Implementation of priority initiatives identified in economic development plans that demonstrate strong economic results; and  Other activities related to community economic development necessary to further an economic goal in Northern Ontario may be considered on a case-by-case basis.  Eligible costs include all expenses directly related to the project and deemed reasonable and necessary for its execution.  Non-capital costs may include:   * fees for professional and technical services, including project implementation, engineering services; * costs related to community engagement and planning, such as facilitation, rental of facility; * costs related to producing and disseminating results of studies/plans; * marketing costs, including design, promotional materials, advertising, product demonstrations and participation at trade shows; and * travel expenses and labour costs.   Capital costs may include:   * servicing of industrial lands; * waterfront development; * leasehold improvements; and * machinery, equipment and technology. | | |
| FedNor  Business Growth and Competitiveness Priority | http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn03442.html | FedNor is committed to fostering economic growth and increased competitiveness of Northern Ontario's businesses by working with community and industry stakeholders to invest in projects that improve productivity, reach new markets, facilitate access to capital, foster investment, encourage entrepreneurship and cultivate industry collaboration. | Goals   * enhanced productivity, competitiveness and business management capacity; * improved trade and export performance and supply chain integration in the short- to medium-term (up to five years); * enhanced level of investment from outside the region that increases the number of enterprises established and/or expanded in Northern Ontario; and * diversified traditional industries and emerging sectors producing more value-added and knowledge-based products and services. | | |
| Heritage Canada  Local Festivals | http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267800479703 | Supports local arts and heritage festivals, commemorations and legacy projects that encourage community engagement through the active involvement of volunteers, community partners, local artists, artisans, heritage specialists or performers and the local population at the event. | The deadlines for Local Festivals applications are January 31, April 30 and September 30.  If your festival starts between September 1 and December 31 the deadline for application is January 31 of that same calendar year.  If your festival starts between January 1 and June 30 the deadline for application is April 30 of the previous calendar year.  If your festival starts between July 1 and August 31 the deadline for application is September 30 of the previous calendar year. | | |
| Heritage Canada  Community Anniversaries | http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1286221768493/1278426394826 | Provides funding for non-recurring events (including capital projects up to $25,000). Successful applicants may receive up to 100 percent of eligible expenses to a maximum of $200,000 for events that: | * commemorate a significant local historical event or pay tribute to a significant local historical personality; * mark a 100th anniversary or greater, in increments of 25 years (e.g., 125th, 150th); * commemorate in 2014 and up to 2017, inclusively, the 75th anniversary of locally significant events directly related to the Canadian participation in World War II; * present the work of local artists, artisans, or performers of historical heritage; * actively involve members of the local community; * IEare intended for and accessible to the general public. | | |
| IESO  EPP  Energy Partnership Program  Partnership Stream | http://ieso.ca/Pages/Participate/Funding-Programs/Energy-Partnerships-Program/default.aspx [EPP@ieso.ca](mailto:EPP@ieso.ca)  416-969-6317. | Funding support to Indigenous communities, co-operatives, municipalities and public sector entities to develop energy projects.  80% up to $50,000 | Provides support to Indigenous communities in assessing and **developing partnerships** for the purpose of developing renewable energy projects under both the **FIT and LRP Programs**, as well as for Identified Transmission Projects. It also provides support to municipalities, co-ops and public sector entities for partnerships to develop FIT projects only.  Funding is provided for costs related to conducting legal, technical and financial due diligence activities with respect to project partnerships.  Costs eligible for funding: Legal, technical and financial due diligence costs involved in exploring Project Partnerships. | | |
| IESO  EPP  Energy Partnership Program  Project Development Stream |  | Funding associated with  developing renewable energy projects under the FIT Program.  $75,000 | Support Indigenous communities, co-operatives, municipalities and public sector in funding the soft costs associated with developing renewable energy projects under the FIT Program, including obtaining the requisite regulatory approvals.  Costs eligible for funding: Soft costs associated with developing a renewable energy project, such as obtaining the requisite regulatory approvals.  **Remote Project Development Sub-stream**  The IESO has been working with identified remote Indigenous communities to develop innovative solutions to reduce their reliance on diesel use, including the development of energy-based solutions. The Remote Project Development Sub-stream funding will help with soft-costs associated with the development of these solutions, such as business planning and assessments, environmental studies, and legal and translation services. | | |
| IESO  ECB  Education and Capacity Building Program | http://www.ieso.ca/Pages/Participate/Funding-Programs/Education-and-Capacity-Building-Program/default.aspx | Maximum funding allocation of $100,000 per initiative  October 24, 2016: the final ECB rules are posted to IESO website, commencing the Call for Proposals  December 21, 2016, at 12:00 PM EST: the Call for Proposals closes and IESO begins evaluation period  Q1 2017: IESO to start offering contracts (\*timing subject to change) | ECB 4.0  The ECB provides funding support for diverse initiatives that provide education, build capacity and develop skills of Indigenous communities, co-ops, municipalities and public sector entities to enhance their knowledge, awareness and participation in energy projects. These include workshops, conferences, e-learning tools, hands-on training and educational resources.  Purpose  1. Implementation of a Community Energy Plan  2. Skills and capacity development  3. Open Category (to support initiatives involving a unique or innovative idea, approach or delivery method that provide education, build capacity and develop the skills around energy projects) | | |
| IESO  microFIT  <10 KW | http://microfit.powerauthority.on.ca/about-microfit | Under this program, energy producers will be paid a guaranteed price over a 20-year term (40 years for waterpower projects) for all the electricity you produce and deliver to the province’s electricity grid. | PRICE SCHEDULE as of June 21, 2016  Solar (PV) Rooftop FIT/microFIT  ≤ 6 kW 31.3 ¢/kWhr > 6 kW ≤ 10 kW 29.4; > 10 kW ≤ 100 kW 24.2; > 100 kW ≤ 500 kW 22.5  Solar (PV) Non-rooftop  ≤ 10 kW 21.4; > 10 kW ≤ 500 kW 22.5  Other prices for On-shore Wind, Water Power, Renewable Biomass, On-farm Biogas; Biogas; Landfill Gas | | |
| IESO  FIT 5 |  |  |  | | |
| IESO  ACEP  Aboriginal Community Energy Planning | http://aboriginalenergy.ca/aboriginal–community–energy–plans | Develop a community energy plan. | Funding to develop an Aboriginal Community Energy Plan: up to $90,000  Funding to update an existing plan: up to $25,000  **DONE** | | |
| IESO  LEAP  Low Energy Assistance Plan | http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Consumers/Consumer+Protection/Help+for+Low–Income+Energy+Consumers | Help for Low–Income Consumers | Low–income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) – Emergency financial assistance  Low–income customers can get up to $500 in emergency assistance for your electricity bills ($600 if your home is heated electrically) and $500 for gas bills. The assistance is only available if you are behind on your bill – or in arrears. It is for emergency situations only and is not meant to provide you with ongoing help to pay your bills.  Special rules for qualified low–income customers   * You can ask to have your security deposit waived. * If the electricity utility made a mistake and overcharged you, they will refund that money by cheque immediately. * If undercharged, you will have to pay that money back. As a qualified low–income customer, you can pay the company back over a longer period of time than other customers. * As a low–income customer, you have the right to request equalized billing without paying by automatic withdrawal. * Eligible low–income customers are allowed more time to pay outstanding balances to their electricity utilities. | | |
| IESO  ECBP  Education and Capacity Building Program | http://www.ieso.ca/Pages/Participate/Funding–Programs/Education–and–Capacity–Building–Program/default.aspx | Creates opportunities for communities and organizations to participate in the energy sector by equipping them with knowledge and training.  2015 guidelines and deadline to be released.  May be another call in April 2016 with deadline of June 2016 – TIMING TO BE CONFIRMED. | Projects such as awareness campaigns, material and course development, workshops and education programs are helping to meet needs of communities and organizations while contributing to the ongoing development of Ontario’s diverse resource capabilities.  The ECB Program is accepting funding proposals from First Nation and Métis communities and organizations, co–ops, municipalities, public sector entities, registered charities and not–for–profit organizations. The target dollar amount available for the 2015 Call for Proposals is $1,000,000.   * Education and safety training for First Responders for emergencies related to renewable energy facilities. * ​Building skills and developing capabilities of staff or community members. * ​Reducing diesel in remote Ontario First Nation communities. * ​An open category for unique and innovative initiatives that fill a gap in the sector. | | |
| IESO  HESOP  Hydroelectric Standard Offer Program | <http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/hesop> | **Municipal Stream:** for new–build waterpower projects larger than 500 kilowatts (kW)  **Expansion Stream**: for incremental hydroelectric capacity at currently contracted non–utility generation (NUG) facilities |  | | |
| IESO  LRP Large Renewable Projects | [http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/large–renewable–procurement](http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/large-renewable-procurement) | Competitive process for procuring large renewable energy projects (generally greater than 500 kW). | The first stage of the LRP is the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) stage wherein the OPA will seek to qualify applicants based on their ability to meet a set of mandatory requirements focused on past development experience and financial capability. This has been done through the LRP I RFQ.  The LRP I RFQ has now concluded and the OPA has determined the final list of Qualified Applicants. These entities will be eligible to submit proposals under the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage. | | |
| IESO  OESP  Ontario Electricity Support Program, | http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb/\_Documents/EB–2014–0227/OESP\_Backgrounder\_20150326.pdf | Proposed implementation Jan 1, 2016 | A monthly credit would be applied to eligible customer bills. The average credit is estimated to be $27, but will change depending on the number of residents and annual income per household.  A second funding level is also being considered for customers with special electricity requirements, such as electric heat, medical devices requiring electricity and First Nations and Métis consumers. | | |
| INAC  CECP  First Nation and Inuit Cultural Education Centres Program | https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033700/1100100033701 | Supports First Nation and Inuit communities in expressing, preserving, developing, revitalizing and promoting their culture, language and heritage, through the creation and operation of First Nation and Inuit cultural education centres.  Deadline is May 7, 2016. | The program funds about 100 First Nation and 8-10 Inuit centres on a yearly basis.  The goal of the program is to:   * revive traditional cultural skills among First Nations and Inuit people * develop current cultural skills among First Nations and Inuit people * develop knowledge and use of traditional languages among First Nations and Inuit people * promote cross-cultural awareness between aboriginal and non-aboriginal educational programs and institutions | | |
| INAC  LEDSP  Lands and Economic Development Services Program  - Core | https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426/1100100033427 | Provides support t to assist with enhancing the economic development, land and environmental capacity of communities and to support the establishment of the conditions for economic development to occur, increasing their participation in the economy. LEDSP has four components:  (con’t – Targeted) | * Funding allocations to First Nation and Inuit communities and organizations they mandate to deliver economic development services on their behalf. Allocations are intended to enable recipients to carry out community economic development planning and capacity development initiatives, develop proposals and lever financial resources, and carry out economic development activities. * Funding allocations to First Nations to support communities' desire to take on a broad scope of land and environmental responsibilities, including land use planning, environmental management and compliance, on behalf of the Minister and under the Indian Act. | | |
| INAC  LEDSP  Lands and Economic Development Services Program  - Targeted | <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426/1100100033427> and  <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1386549231377/1386549271233> | To delivery economic development services on their behalf. Allocations are intended to enable recipients to carry out community economic development planning and capacity development initiatives, develop proposals and lever financial resources, and carry out economic development activities.  To support communities' desire to take on a broad scope of land and environmental responsibilities, including land use planning, environmental management and compliance, on behalf of the Minister and under the Indian Act.  Funding allocations to signatories of the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management, and are on the schedule for the First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA)  Targeted funding that provides lands, environmental and economic development support services to assist in achieving LEDSP's objectives. | * Initiatives that support First Nations and Inuit communities to undertake economic development activities including, but not limited to, capacity development, community economic development planning, the development of proposals to lever financial resources; * Initiatives that support the development of land and resources under community control and access to opportunities from lands and resources not under community control; * Initiatives that support compliance with the statutory provisions of the Indian Act and the processing of land management instruments such as leases and permits; * Initiatives that support the activities of the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Committee. * Program management services in relation to community economic development; * Initiatives that support First Nations participating in the Regional Lands Administration program performing land management activities; * Initiatives that support Aboriginal environmental pollution prevention and improve environmental awareness and compliance; and * Initiatives that support the activities of LABRC in supporting First Nations interested in going through the FNLM process.. | | |
| INAC  COR  Community Opportunity Readiness Program | http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033414/1100100033415 | Increase economic development by providing proposal based financial support to Aboriginal communities to assist in their pursuit of, and participation in, economic opportunities. | * support to pursue economic opportunities and attract private sector funding, such as feasibility studies, marketing, advertising and promotion, planning, negotiations, legal, land surveys, and appraisals * support for community-owned businesses where there is an equity gap, such as for business advisory services and training, commercial development, and market development * community economic infrastructure development related to business development (but not related to a specific eligible business) | | |
| INAC  SPI  Strategic Partnerships Initiative |  | To increase Aboriginal participation in complex economic opportunities, particularly in the natural resource sectors, by coordinating the efforts and investments of multiple federal partners. | Enables partnering federal departments and agencies to work together in order to coordinate the efforts and investments required to effectively support Aboriginal participation in complex economic development opportunities.  Funded activities are largely focused on the early stages of economic development opportunities where studies and research activities are needed, skills assessments are undertaken, when negotiation and engagement expertise are required and when local business and skills inventories are created. The Initiative also supports a number of activities related to community awareness and knowledge building, as well as administrative and technical capacity. | | |
| INAC  AEP  Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program |  | Increase the number of viable businesses in Canada owned and controlled by Aboriginal Canadians and to provide a supportive business environment for Aboriginal Canadians in all areas of Canada;  cultivate a culture of entrepreneurship in the Aboriginal community and to improve access to business opportunities;  establish, expand and diversify the network of Aboriginal-owned and controlled financial institutions providing developmental capital in Canada, which are functionally complementary to the mainstream financial sector;  enhance access to capital for Aboriginal businesses in Canada that have difficulty in obtaining conventional commercial financing;  enhance the capacity of Aboriginal financial and business development organizations to provide financial services, business information, and developmental support services;  increase Aboriginal participation in economic benefits from major resource development and energy investments; and  increase the participation of Aboriginal people in the economy through economic and employment opportunities. | * Establish or expand private equity instruments that foster the early and late stages of project development and help facilitate increased Aboriginal participation in major resource development and energy projects; * Support loan-loss mechanisms aimed at attracting more private sector financing for First Nation businesses; * Supporting the establishment and operations of one National Association to coordinate the activities of Aboriginal Financial Intuitions; * Establishing, expanding or diversifying the operation of an Aboriginal Financial Institution that provides developmental loans, loan guarantees, and other related financial services to Aboriginal businesses; * Supporting the operations of eligible business development organizations and associations providing business and financial services to AFIs, including the ongoing monitoring of AFIs; * Providing an interest rate buy-down on loans obtained by AFIs from senior lenders for the purpose of developmental lending; * Institutional development, including training and development and business supports to AFIs and other business development organizations; * Studies for feasibility, business planning, market assessments and related marketing activities, negotiation, information gathering, and diagnostic studies, consultations and other requirements with respect to establishing, expanding or diversifying the operation of an Aboriginal Financial Institution; * Business Advisory Services and Training; * Commercial ventures;, including business innovation/growth; * Market development; and * Business development and advocacy activities, including advocacy activities to educate and inform employers about the advantages of hiring Aboriginal people; and activities to support partnerships with various stakeholders to increase the capacity of employers to recruit, promote, and retain Aboriginal employers. | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  ABFP  Aboriginal Business Funding Program | http://www.nadf.org/article/contribution–financing–235.asp | Replaces the Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) program that was previously administered by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).  Max individuals $100,000  Max communities $250,000 | Equity program for Aboriginal entrepreneurs and businesses operating in northern Ontario.  Generally non–repayable.  Funding to assist with a wide range of activities, including:   * Business planning * Establishment (capital) costs * Business acquisitions * Business expansions * Marketing initiatives that are local, domestic, or export oriented * New product or process development * Adding technology to improve operations and competitiveness * Operating costs in association with capital costs * Financial services, business support, business–related training, and mentoring services   With significant funding through our partnership with FedNor, we are able to fulfil our mandate of supporting community and regional development initiatives. To be more specific, we:  Provide advisory services on mining, infrastructure and energy prospects to First Nation communities including research, best practices and other information as required  Develop and implement capacity building workshops to be delivered to communities (through videoconferencing and other mediums)  Facilitate development initiatives at both the community and regional levels  Develop and distribute resources such as mining tool kits and other information tools to our communities | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Community Initiative Grant | http://www.nadf.org/article/grants-235.asp | A maximum of $10,000 can be approved for each applicant and the grant is non-repayable.  Accepting applications until **July 22, 2016.** | The purpose is to increase economic development opportunities, to respond to challenges faced by Aboriginal people, and to advance projects supported by the local or regional community. | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Equity Assistance Grant | http://www.nadf.org/article/grants-235.asp | A maximum of $10,000 can be approved for each applicant and the grant is non-repayable.  Accepting applications until July 22, 2016. | The purpose is to increase and support the number of Aboriginal-owned and controlled businesses in northern Ontario, with assistance in equity dollars, which will be non-repayable. | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Appraisal Services | http://www.nadf.org/article/appraisal–services–208.asp | Provides appraisal services for ALL types of personal property. | ADF's in–house property appraisal expert is here to help you determine your property's real worth.  Appraisals are available for:   * Cars & Trucks * Heavy Machinery * Office Equipment (Computers, Desks, Printers, Telephones, etc) * Furniture * Kitchen Equipment (Ovens, Dishwashers, etc.) * Motorcycles, Boats, RVs, and so much more! | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Business Support Services | http://www.nadf.org/article/business–support–services–126.asp |  | A member of our NADF team will meet with you to confidentially discuss your business idea, offer feedback and guidance through the business planning process, provide you with research assistance and access to other resources, and help you identify solutions to improve your business' management and performance.  Depending on the solution, our Business Support Team will either assist you in implementation (i.e. establish a bookkeeping system) or identify other resources, financial or human, to assist with implementation (i.e. operational review). | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Loans | http://www.nadf.org/article/business–financing–233.asp | Our financial products include:  Youth Loans (18–35 years)  Term Loans  Bridge Loans  Leasing  Micro Loans | To apply for a loan, applicants require:   * A viable business idea. * A business plan. * Proof of equity   Minimum 10% Equity requirement for applicants between 18–35 years, or  Minimum 15% equity requirement for all other applicants (36 years and over) | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Microlending for Women | http://www.nadf.org/article/microlending–for–women–1275.asp | Supports low–income Aboriginal women who are seeking to start their own micro–business by providing financial literacy training, entrepreneurial mentoring and skills development and life skills support. |  | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Resource Development Initiatives | http://www.nadf.org/article/resource–development–initiatives–128.asp | Focus on projects involving (but not limited to) Energy, Mining, Forestry and Infrastructure (Winter Roads). | Provide advisory services on mining, infrastructure and energy prospects to First Nation communities including research, best practices and other information as required  Develop and implement capacity building workshops to be delivered to communities (through videoconferencing and other mediums)  Facilitate development initiatives at both the community and regional levels  Develop and distribute resources such as mining tool kits and other information tools to our communities | | |
| NADF  Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund  Winter Road Financing | http://www.nadf.org/article/winter–road–financing–112.asp | Financing to cashflow purchases on the winter roads |  | | |
| NEOnet STAMP  Small Business Assessment Monitoring and Planning | http://www.neonet.on.ca/press–releases/stamp/ | ICT assessment for SME | Businesses have an opportunity to have their ICT assessed by a qualified consultant. STAMP provides a framework to help business owners define their ICT objectives and ensure that the right technology, in relation to their business, is implemented to achieve the desired outcomes. The program provides 75% of the cost of the STAMP assessment on the first $5,000, and 50% above the $5,000 to a maximum of $6,250. The consultant selected by the business will review all aspects of the business’ ICT operations and provide a report that outlines strengths and weaknesses and identifies opportunities to improve ICT efficiencies. | | |
| NEOnet BEAM  Broadband for e–Business and Marketing | http://www.neonet.on.ca/projects/current–projects/broadband–for–e–business–and–marketing/ | Web site development up to $5,000 to SMEs. Not open to non–profit organizations. | The BEAM program will now be divided into three components :  Basic website design: site architecture and layout, technical back–end coding, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), mobile optimization/responsive browsing ($1,500 maximum funding)  Enhanced business operations: E–commerce functionality, customer relationship management, project management, enhanced analytics ($2,500 maximum funding)  Content and presentation: content writing and production, graphic design, photography services, Social Media Optimization, language translation services ($1,000 maximum funding) | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation | <http://nohfc.ca/en/programs> | See the program for Who is Eligible, What is Eligible and What is Not Eligible. | The NOHFC offers five programs: the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program, the Northern Community Capacity Building Program, the Northern Innovation Program, the Northern Business Opportunity Program and the Northern Ontario Internship Program.  Generally NOHFC grants will not exceed 50% of eligible project costs.  On–going intake of applications | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Business Opportunity Program  NBOP  Business Expansion Projects | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-business-opportunity-program-business-expansion-projects |  | Supports the vision of the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario by encouraging business productivity and expansion, and global investment in northern communities.  Eligible project costs include but are not limited to:   * capital construction * leasehold improvements * new or used equipment * training costs incurred with third parties * land servicing costs * information & communications technology investments including, but not limited to, software | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Business Opportunity Program  NBOP  Film & Television Industry Projects | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-business-opportunity-program-film-television-industry-projects |  | The production company must be a Canadian corporation which is Canadian controlled.  The production company must own all of the rights necessary to exploit and produce the production.  Projects with a total budget of less than $1 million must be produced by an Ontario resident. | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Business Opportunity Program  NBOP  New Investment Projects | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-business-opportunity-program-new-investment-projects | Competitive businesses that currently do not have a presence in Ontario that will expand operations to Northern Ontario and create jobs. | Encouraging business productivity and expansion, and global investment in northern communities.  Preference is given to those projects that demonstrate the following:  creation of new jobs  ability to become a new anchor for investments and/or support regional cluster development  alignment with the priority sectors identified in the Growth Plan For Northern Ontario, 2011 | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Business Opportunity Program  NBOP  Small Business Start–up Projects | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-business-opportunity-program-small-business-start-projects | New businesses in Northern Ontario that intend to commence operations in the following sectors |  | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Community Capacity Building Program  NCCBP  Community Capacity Building Initiatives | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-community-capacity-building-program-community-capacity-building-initiatives | Helps northern communities develop the capacity to promote, attract, and support economic growth in the existing and emerging priority economic sectors identified in the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario. | Capacity-building allows northern communities to respond to their economic opportunities and challenges according to their individual priorities, and to pursue regional collaboration to advance common goals in order to strengthen Northern Ontario’s competitive advantages. | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Community Capacity Building Program  NCCBP  Event Partnership | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-community-capacity-building-program-event-partnership | Helps northern communities develop the capacity to promote, attract, and support economic growth in the existing and emerging priority economic sectors identified in the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario.  Max $15,000 | The NOHFC will consider partnering with organizations that are staging events that promote economic development in Northern Ontario. Applications must demonstrate that the event will facilitate: job creation and retention, investment attraction, tourism and/or research and development / innovation conducive to productivity improvement within an eligible sector.  Events with a core purpose related to economic development, tourism, job creation and retention, and/or capacity-building and that align with the [Growth Plan](http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/northern-development/growth-plan-northern-ontario/policies-11-priority-sectors). | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Innovation Program  NIP  Applied Research & Technology Development Projects | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-innovation-program-applied-research-technology-development-projects | Supports the development and commercialization of new technologies | Eligible projects must involve research and development or commercialization activities for new technologies | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Innovation Program  NIP  Industrial Research Chairs | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-innovation-program-industrial-research-chairs | The purpose of this program stream is to establish and enhance research capacity at Northern Ontario universities, colleges, and research institutes. | Eligible projects must involve research and development or commercialization activities for new technologies in the targeted sectors | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Innovation Program  NIP  Opportunity Assessment Projects | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-innovation-program-opportunity-assessment-projects | Supports the development and commercialization of new technologies | Eligible projects must involve research and development or commercialization activities for new technologies.  Identifies opportunities for new technology development projects and to provide them with vital decision-making information on the overall feasibility of the proposed project to justify additional investments of time and money. | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Innovation Program  NIP  Pilot Demonstration & Commercialization Projects | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern-innovation-program-pilot-demonstration-commercialization-projects | Help Northern Ontario businesses with reducing the technical and financial risks associated with scaling-up and demonstrating their new and innovative technologies. It is also intended to support them as they ramp-up for commercial production. | Supporting the development and commercialization of new technologies | | |
| NOHFC  Northern Ontario Internship Program | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/northern–ontario–internship–program | The program provides recent graduates who are interested in launching and building their careers in Northern Ontario access to internships. | Private sector, public sector, and not–for–profit organizations located in Northern Ontario are eligible.  University and college graduates who have graduated within the last three years from an accredited college or university. Candidates must be graduates of post–secondary degree or diploma programs.  The position must provide the intern with first time employment in their field of study; only eligible to participate in the internship program one time and candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada.  Up to 90 percent of a recent graduate’s salary to a maximum contribution of $31,500 for not–for–profit and public sector organizations. | | |
| NOHFC  Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program  SEIP | http://nohfc.ca/en/programs/strategic-economic-infrastructure-program | This program helps a region or community advance economic development opportunities and support investment through strategic infrastructure. | Strategic infrastructure projects that have a direct and demonstrable net economic impact in Northern Ontario, with a focus on job creation. | | |
| Ontario  Productivity & Innovation Centre  PIC |  | Up to $9,000 to have your operations assessed by a qualified business consultant to determine opportunities for productivity improvements and innovation. |  | | |
| Ontario  Grants Ontario | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantsHome/index.htm> | Portal for Ontario Provincial grants. | Source for grants provided by the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade; Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport; and, the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario; and selected grants from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.   * Aboriginal Economic Development Fund – Economic Diversification Grant * Aboriginal Economic Development Fund – Regional Partnership Grant * Age–Friendly Community Planning Grant * Building Aboriginal Women’s Leadership * Celebrate Ontario * Community Museum Operating and Pay Equity Grants * Culture Development Fund * EnAbling Change Program * Heritage Organization Development Grants * IGNITE Ontario * Language Interpreter Services * Microlending for Women in Ontario * Municipal Immigration Information Online Program * Newcomer Settlement Program * New Relationship Fund * Ontario 400th Celebrations Program * Ontario Bridge Training Programs * Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund * Partnership Grant Program * Phase Two: Draw–the–Line / Traçons–les–limites * Provincial Heritage Organization Grants * Provincial/Multi–Sport Organizations – Base Funding * Provincial/Multi Sport Organizations – Sport Priority Funding * Public Library Operating, Pay Equity, and First Nation Salary Supplement Grants * Remote Electrification Readiness Program * Six Nations Fund * Summer Experience Program * Support for Algonquin Negotiation Fund * Support for Community Negotiations Fund * Torch Relay Community Grant Program * Tourism Development Fund * Tourism Event Marketing Program * Tourism Industry Partners Program * Training on Sexual Violence * Women In Skilled Trades and Information Technology Training | | |
| Ontario  ACCGP  The Aboriginal Community Capital Grants Program | http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR015641.html | Funds community Capital Projects that provide a delivery point for community services and business activity. The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) administers the program. | The program supports construction or renovation/retrofitting Projects of community, learning, and/or business facilities by providing funding for three Project Stages in the facility development process:  Feasibility study completion;  Design completion; and  Construction/ Renovation/Retrofitting.  One application per Project Stage per year. Eligible applicants may receive funding in each Project Stage once over a five-year period. | | |
| Ontario  COJG  Ontario Job Grant | Contact the Employment Ontario Contact Centre 1–800–387–5656  [EmploymentHotlineInquiries@ontario.ca](mailto:EmploymentHotlineInquiries@ontario.ca)  Application <https://www.eoss.tcu.gov.on.ca/COJG_Online/home.htm?lang=en>. | The Job Grant will provide direct financial support to individual employers who wish to purchase training for their employees. It will be available to small, medium and large businesses with a plan to deliver short–term training to existing and new employees. | Criteria:   * The Government provides up to $10,000 per person for training costs. * Employers must contribute 1/3 of the total costs. * Training must be less than 1 year, and be delivered by an eligible, third party trainer.   There will be additional flexibility for small businesses to provide an in–kind contribution towards their share of the costs.  Require training to be delivered by an eligible, third–party trainer. Employers with 50 or fewer employees are required to contribute a minimum one–third towards the training costs of each individual participating in training funded through the grant. | | |
| Ontario  COJG  Ontario Job Grant  UpSkill. |  | Provide employers in identified sectors with high quality, cost–effective training tailored to industry needs. | Will support new approaches to sector–specific essential and technical skills training to meet the shared workforce development needs of employers. Employees will benefit from opportunities to enhance their work–related skills and progress in careers in their chosen fields. | | |
| Ontario  COJG  Ontario Job Grant  Skills Training Pilot Program  Customized Training |  | Meet the employer’s unique needs, when the employer does not have the capacity to develop the training. | Will assist in the development and delivery of firm–specific training solutions that meet employers’ workforce development needs. | | |
| Ontario  Infrastructure Ontario  Infrastructure Lending | http://www.infrastructureontario.ca/Templates/Loan.aspx?id=50&langtype=1033 | Provides long-term financing to eligible public sector clients to help renew infrastructure and deliver value to customers and residents. | •Affordable rates  •Access to capital market financing without any fees or commissions  •Longer terms designed to match the life of the asset  •No need to refinance over the life of the loan  •May be used for any depreciable capital expenditure  •Application and forms available online  •Access to dedicated and experienced staff | | |
| Ontario  Jobs and Prosperity Fund  New Economy Stream | https://www.ontario.ca/page/jobs-and-prosperity-fund-new-economy-stream | >$10M projects | funding for private sector organizations to:  build innovation capacity  improve productivity, performance and competitiveness  increase access to global markets  This stream is available for projects with at least $10 million in eligible project costs. It is aimed at projects in Ontario’s key sectors, including advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and information and communications technologies. | | |
| Ontario  Jobs and Prosperity Fund  Food and Beverage Growth Fund | https://www.ontario.ca/page/jobs-and-prosperity-fund-food-and-beverage-growth-fund | Funding for strategic investments in the food and beverage processing, and bioproduct sectors. | The Food and Beverage Growth Fund provides funding for strategic investments that:  help create sustainable jobs  enhance innovation, productivity and market access  strengthen supply chains in the food, beverage and bioproduct processing sectors  This fund is available for food, beverage and bioproduct processing projects across the province with more than $5 million in eligible costs. | | |
| Ontario  Jobs and Prosperity Fund  Strategic Partnerships Stream | https://www.ontario.ca/page/jobs-and-prosperity-fund-strategic-partnerships-stream | Funding to develop productivity-enhancing technologies for priority sectors like advanced manufacturing, information technology, life sciences and financial services. | The Strategic Partnership stream provides funding for industry partners that develop enabling technologies for Ontario’s priority sectors.  This stream is available for partnerships with at least $10 million in eligible costs. It focuses on technologies with the potential to transform multiple industries across Ontario. | | |
| Ontario  Jobs and Prosperity Fund  Forestry Growth Fund | https://www.ontario.ca/page/jobs-and-prosperity-fund-forestry-growth-fund | Funding for manufacturers and processors of wood products across Ontario. |  | | |
| Ontario  AEDF  Aboriginal Economic Development Fund  Stream 1  Business and Community Fund | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR012765> | Apply through Nishnawabe–Aski Development Fund | Enhance community–level economic development through grants for economic capacity–building. It also provides financing to ensure promising projects and businesses are viable when other available funding sources have been reasonably exhausted. This stream also enhances the ability of Aboriginal communities and businesses to leverage other funding and financing sources for economic development projects.  It is permitted to use as capital for financing products such as loans or other investments. | | |
| Ontario  AEDF  Aboriginal Economic Development Fund  Stream 2  Economic Diversification Grant | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR012765> | Up to $100,000 per project, per year. Up to $250,000 per year is available for joint projects between communities.  EDO & CED is funded through this program.  Next open **January 2017**  *Possible for MRHHA* | Designed to promote economic activity in multiple new and emerging sectors. The Grant promotes the development of economic diversification strategies to help communities broaden their economic base and identify new or emerging areas of economic opportunity. Grants also facilitate the implementation of economic strategies by supporting forward–looking planning that identifies high–potential economic opportunities within a wide range of sectors. Grants also support feasibility studies and project funding for initiatives that contribute to economic diversification as well as employment, business and/or training opportunities. | | |
| Ontario  AEDF  Aboriginal Economic Development Fund  Stream 3  Regional Partnership Grant | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR012781> | Designed to support regional and province–wide projects that improve access to financing, employment and training.  Maximum of $250,000 per year, per project. | Focus on improving skills training opportunities (particularly on–reserve) and facilitating access to financing for promising projects. In order to be eligible, projects must provide or contribute to significant economic benefits to Aboriginal people and communities (e.g., employment, training and/or business opportunities) at a regional or province–wide level. Grants support new projects as well as the ‘scaling up’ of existing projects that have showed promise at a local level and have the potential for success at a regional or province–wide level.  Deadlines for proposals will be on the last Friday of February, May, August and November.  It is permitted to use as capital for financing products such as loans or other investments.  These grants support projects that provide jobs, training and/or business opportunities to Aboriginal people.  Regional Partnership Grants can also help smaller projects with potential expand to multiple communities or go province wide.  Grants support up to 50% of eligible project operating costs. You can receive a maximum of $250,000 per year, per project.  Skills training initiatives (e.g., sector–specific or on–reserve business mentorship, internships, or Apprenticeship initiatives that result in provincially recognized qualifications)  Regional or sector–specific business incubators or accelerator programs. | | |
| Ontario  MNDM  NCIRI  Northern Communities Investment Readiness Initiative | http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/northern-development/community-support/northern-communities-investment-readiness-initiative#simple-table-of-contents-2 | Assists northern communities to develop the tools and capability to attract, receive and successfully explore investment opportunities. | NCIR provides conditional contributions to northern communities, First Nations, and economic development corporations for activities that improve a community's or region's investment readiness; or for activities that have the potential to result in an investment being made in a community or region. | | |
| Ontario  Infrastructure Ontario | http://infrastructureontario.ca/home.aspx | Infrastructure Ontario procures and delivers:  **Major Infrastructure Projects** using an alternative financing and procurement delivery model – a public–private partnership  **Special Projects** using other delivery models | Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program provides long–term financing to eligible public sector clients to help renew infrastructure and deliver value to customers and residents. LSB are eligible. | | |
| Ontario  Infrastructure Ontario  Infrastructure Lending for LSBs | http://www.infrastructureontario.ca/Templates/Loan2.aspx?id=2147492019&langtype=1033 | Help provide access to affordable financing for capital investments. Access to capital markets that would otherwise not be available | Local Services Boards in Ontario may apply for an IO Loans for:  Water supply  Fire protection  Garbage collection  Sewage  Street or area lighting  Recreation  Roads  Public library service  Emergency telecommunications | Eligible Projects  Water, wastewater and sewage infrastructure  Roads and bridges  Structures and buildings  Ambulances, fire trucks, snow ploughs, garbage trucks and other rolling stock  Culture, tourism, administration and recreation infrastructure  Ferries and docks  Street/area lighting  Energy efficiency projects  Local fire stations | |
| Ontario  Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) | http://omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/edr/bre/index.html |  | Structured action–oriented, community–based approach to business and economic development. It promotes job growth by helping communities learn about issues as well as opportunities for local businesses and sets priorities for initiatives to address their needs.  The BR+E program uses trained volunteers to visit businesses and conduct confidential interviews with the senior level management, owners or managers. Data analysis and action planning is then undertaken to address issues and opportunities. | | |
| Ontario  Green Light on a Better Environment | Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC)[http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/incentives–program–for–home/](http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/incentives-program-for-home/)1–877–822–1260 | For Social Housing | Green Light On a Better Environment (GLOBE) offers tenants and service providers in the social housing sector assistance and tools to help improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and operations. GLOBE offers: workshops and training; assistance with energy audits, including a template and web based auditing tool; support services, regarding project management, program evaluation, standards and legislation; education primers; and case studies, tips and links to relevant organizations and legislation.  Access grant funding and learn from your peers  As part of LAMP, participating municipalities can access GMF grants of up to $175,000 to strengthen organizational adoption of asset management and better integrate environmental and sustainability considerations in these priority areas: | | |
| Ontario  Partnership Grant Program | http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005155 | Building capacity of the Not-For-Profit NFP sector in three priority areas   * Program Evaluation; * Inclusive Leadership; and * Volunteer Management   Deadline October 5th, 2016 at  5:00 p.m. EST | Projects that demonstrate:   * Capacity to develop and deliver tools to address one of the three identified priority areas, including learning/training modules, best practices, information, mentorship and resources for organizations in the NFP sector; * Subject matter expertise in one of the three priority areas identified; * Existing relationships with, and influence over, a broad number of NFP organizations that will benefit from the tools developed, such as a membership base or network; * Established mechanisms for working cooperatively with these organizations; * An ability to leverage funding from a corporate partner   100% of project costs, however, applications that demonstrate an ability to leverage funding from a corporate partner will be given priority. | | |
| Ontario  OCAF  Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund | <http://www.ocaf.on.ca/> | This support will help arts and cultural organizations develop, promote and present unique events and exhibitions that bring visitors to communities across the province. | On–line brochure not available. | | |
| Ontario  OCIF  Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund  And  Federal Small Communities Fund | https://www.ontario.ca/page/infrastructure–funding–small–communities | Provides $100 million per year to help small, rural and northern communities build and repair Roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure.  Deadline for Expression of Interest: September 11, 2015 | Split equally into 2 streams:   * $50 million is distributed among municipalities that have been identified through a formula developed by the Government of Ontario (min $25K/yr) * $50 million is reserved for municipalities that successfully apply for funding   Already allocated $50 million per year to 426 communities across the province. Identified municipalities are guaranteed to receive a minimum of $25,000 annually as predictable and stable funding.  Eligible communities who can apply for funding include:   * municipalities that have a population of less than 100,000 * municipalities that are located in rural and Northern Ontario * local services boards with water or wastewater systems   Program guidelines: [https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario–community–infrastructure–fund–and–small–communities–fund–program–guidelines](https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-community-infrastructure-fund-and-small-communities-fund-program-guidelines) | |
| Ontario  OCIF  Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund | https://www.ontario.ca/page/infrastructure-funding-small-communities | provides steady, long-term funding for small, rural and northern communities to develop their infrastructure. | Formula based-funding [Read the guidelines](https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-receive-ontario-community-infrastructure-fund-formula)  Top-up application funding [Read the guidelines](https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-to-top-up-support-from-ontario-community-infrastructure-fund)  Asset management planning [Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans](https://www.ontario.ca/page/building-together-guide-municipal-asset-management-plans),  Climate change | | |
| Ontario  OCIF  Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund  Top Up Fund |  | Under the top-up component, $50 million is distributed among communities who successfully apply for additional funding through OCIF.  Applications and all supporting documentation are due by 5PM on October 21, 2016. | Eligibility for the 2016 intake is being targeted to communities whose formula-based grants in 2017 and 2018 add up to less than $2 million. Eligible communities with critical infrastructure projects may submit proposals to the new top-up component to bring their total OCIF funding up to $2 million over 2 years.  A one-stage application process will be used to assess projects primarily in relation to the project’s critical health and safety aspects. The comprehensiveness of the applicant’s asset management plan and the affordability of the specific project will be secondary factors.  Projects iinclude the construction of new core infrastructure to address an existing health or safety issue (e.g., connecting existing households on septic systems to wastewater infrastructure). | | |
| Ontario  Celebrate Ontario 2016 | http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005140 | Support is available for bidding on or hosting major one–time events or events that do not recur annually.  2015 program closed. | The Event Bid stream supports bidding costs for major one–time events and the Event Hosting stream supports hosting costs for major one–time events.  These events must be of a size and scope sufficient to draw tourists to Ontario’s communities, attract significant media exposure, and profile Ontario’s destinations nationally and globally. Blockbuster events must have a cash operating budget in excess of $1 million. | | |
| Ontario  Culture Development Fund | http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR007505 | The Culture Development Fund seeks to strengthen cultural organizations and their leadership, helping them to increase their knowledge and skills.  The Culture Development Fund will not be accepting applications until further notice. | Help organizations become better at what they do and more successful in achieving their mandates. Increased performance through new and innovative projects will build the capacity of the sector, leading to a stronger and more stable culture sector.  Priorities   * Develop stronger boards and advisory committees * Create more effective collaborations and partnerships * Improve planning, financial and digital capabilities * Make strategic use of emerging new media and social media | | |
| Ontario  Heritage Organization Development Grant Program | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005136> | Annual operating grant program.  The application period for 2016-17 will open in Spring 2016-17. | Designed to promote public awareness of Ontario's rich and diverse heritage. The ministry has provided funding to historical societies, museums and other heritage associations for a number of years. The program provides these groups, located throughout the province, with a portion of their annual operating support. | | |
| Ontario  New Relationship Fund | https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-relationship-fund | For consultation | Core Consultation Capacity funding: helps First Nations and Métis communities consult and engage with governments and the private sector on land and resource matters  Up to $90,000 a year for each represented community. Multi-year is acceptable.  Enhanced Capacity Building funding: supports projects that build the capacity of First Nations, Métis communities and Indigenous organizations to work with government and participate in economic development activities  Single cap: $50,000 per project year.  Joint cap: 2 or more communities can make a joint application and apply for up to $50,000 per project year. | | |
| Ontario  SEP  Student Employment Program | http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005131 | To provide supervised work experience for students in summer positions that develop skills that are career related and transferable to the general labour market  Deadline February 26, 2015. | The Summer Experience Program (SEP) provides funding to eligible not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, Aboriginal organizations and First Nations in order to create meaningful summer employment opportunities for students | | |
| Ontario  Sport and Recreation Communities Funding | http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR006918 | Non-capital funding for sport and rec programs for children under 12 and for all ages. | The proposed program must meet a minimum of one of the following goals:   * Increase opportunities for physical activity * Embed physical literacy * Increase capacity   80% funding for FNs. | | |
| Ontario  TDF  Tourism Development Fund 2015 | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005130> | Supports projects that encourage three key streams: tourism investment, tourism product development and industry capacity building.  For MRHHA | Provides non–capital, project–based funding to:   * develop research–based innovative and emerging tourism sectors; * support tourism organizations’ capacity building; * encourage new private sector tourism investment attraction; and * enhance Ontario’s overall economic competitiveness and opportunities for the Ontario tourism industry.   Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, and should be submitted a minimum of four months prior to the start of the project. | | |
| Ontario  TIPP  Tourism Industry Partners Program | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR008170> | Assists stakeholders with marketing assistance to promote Ontario destinations and/or experiences outside Ontario, across Canada and internationally. | Marketing as assistance, through enhanced funding is available for campaigns targeting out–of–province visitors.  The deadline to submit is June 1, 2015 for Fall/Winter 2015  Funding support of up to 40% of an applicant’s out–of–province tourism media buy budget to a maximum of $200,000 is available | | |
| Ontario  Community Negotiations Fund | http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR013314 | Deadline May 2015 | The focus of the fund is to provide financial support for Aboriginal communities involved in active land and land-related negotiations with Ontario. Eligible funding priorities include activities in all phases of the negotiation process related to a land claim or land-related negotiations with Ontario.  The funding can include salary for a negotiating team, clerical support, $500 a day for Elders, consulting fees, travel and community meetings, 10% admin and legal fees. The deadline for 2015 was May 31 and it may be the same for 2016. An annual work plan must be developed. | | |
| Ontario  Places To Grow Implementation Fund | http://sustainontario.com/2015/07/15/27423/blog/funding–opportunity–places–to–grow–implementation–fund | to develop projects engaged in furthering growth planning knowledge in Ontario.  Deadline Sept 25, 2015 | The Fund provides grants between $5,000 and $50,000 to the innovative ideas that promote and help achieve the policies or goals of the Province’s growth plans: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006 and Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, 2011.   * Increase knowledge and understanding of growth planning in Ontario through research and data collection. * Foster greater public knowledge, awareness and understanding of the merits of growth planning in Ontario through training and education.   This year’s fund will give priority on projects focusing on enhancing implementation of growth planning policies, for example building complete and resilient communities, integrating cost–effective infrastructure, and curbing urban sprawl. | | |
| Ontario  Provincial Heritage Organization Operating Grant |  | Provides annual operating support to the 12 Ontario Provincial Heritage Organizations listed below. They are umbrella organizations for the major types of heritage activities across the province, | * Architectural Conservancy of Ontario * Archives Association of Ontario * Centre franco–ontarien de folklore * Community Heritage Ontario * Multicultural History Society of Ontario * Ontario Archaeological Society * Ontario Black History Society * Ontario Genealogical Society * Ontario Historical Society * Ontario Museums Association * Réseau du patrimoine franco–ontarien (RPFO) * Save Ontario Shipwrecks | | |
| Ontario  Public Library Operating, Pay Equity, and First Nation Salary Supplement Grants Program | <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005132> |  | Public Library Operating Grants (PLOG)  Library operating grants are statutory under the Public Libraries Act. Library operating funding goes to:   * Public Library Boards and First Nations public libraries; and * Municipalities, Local Service Boards or First Nations that establish a contract for library service with a neighbouring public library board.   Public Library Pay Equity (PE) and First Nation Salary Supplement (FNSS) Grants  Deadline is November 30, 2015. | | |
| Ontario  Rural Economic Development (RED) Program | <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/index.html> | Suspended.  Rural communities and regions have the skills, knowledge and resources to succeed  Rural communities are healthy and vibrant  Regions are economically competitive  Rural businesses are innovative and competitive | Rural is population of less than 100,000  Community Development Stream – for municipalities, not–for–profits, LSB, FN community – up to 50%  Business Development Stream – 20% up to $1M  1. Plans or strategies  2. Applied research and analysis to support planning and priority–setting  3. Business or sector development and diversification  4. Marketing, promotional or branding activities  5. Workforce attraction, retention and development  The current intake of applications to RED (which opened January 16, 2016) has been suspended and the program will not be accepting any applications until the restructured program is re-launched. | | |
| Ontario  Start a Company  Young Adults | http://www.ontario.ca/business–and–economy/start–company–young–adults | If you are between 18–29 years old, you can get up to $5,000 and professional mentoring to start and expand a business in Ontario. | One–on–one guidance from a Small Business Enterprise Centre advisor  Mentoring with a local successful entrepreneur  Access to business workshops on topics from writing a business plan and budgeting, to executing a marketing campaign  Experience running a business that will better position you to obtain more traditional financing, such as a bank loan | | |
| Ontario  Start a Summer Company  Students | http://www.ontario.ca/business–and–economy/start–summer–company–students | Start–up money to kick–off a new summer business  Maximum grant: $3,000 | Advice and mentorship from local business leaders to help get the business up and running.  Successful Summer Company applicants get up to $1,500 up front to help with start–up costs  Up to $1,500 when you successfully complete the program requirements | | |
| Ontario  Youth Entrepreneurship Partnerships | http://www.ontario.ca/business–and–economy/student–entrepreneurs–and–non–profits–grants | Grants for non–profits promoting youth entrepreneurship  How to get funding for projects that promote a culture of entrepreneurship among young Ontarians. | money to non–profit organizations for projects that:   * educate youth about being an entrepreneur * encourage unique, innovative and collaborative initiatives that promote a culture of entrepreneurship among young Ontarians   **Entrepreneurship events**: short–term activities that acknowledge and support young entrepreneurs  up to $15,000 per event  **Entrepreneurship initiatives**: projects that support knowledge–transfer within or across organizations who offer youth entrepreneurship programs and services  up to $50,000 per project | | |
| Ontario  Youth Skills Connections Program  Industry stream | http://www.ontario.ca/jobs–and–employment/youth–skills–connections–program–industry–stream | How to get a grant to deliver a project that closes skills gaps in a certain sector while helping young people overcome barriers to employment.  Up to $1 million per project | Projects must:   * identify a skills–gap that currently affects a sector’s competitiveness * provide training and supports to address the skills–gap among youth * demonstrate the intent of employers to hire participants after they have finished training | | |
| Ontario  Seniors Community Grant Program | http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/srsorgs/scgp.php | Give seniors more opportunities to participate in their communities by providing funding to not-for-profit community groups for projects that encourage greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement for seniors | The program is focused on encouraging initiatives and projects in the non-profit sector that encourage greater social inclusion, volunteerism, education and community engagement for seniors across the province. Grants range from $500-$8,000. | | |
| Ontario  Indigenous Youth Partnership Program | http://oiypp.weebly.com/about.html?ct=t(The\_Circle\_Fall\_Newsletter\_Indigenous\_Philanthropy)&mc\_cid=29719763d4&mc\_eid=d68f8e2961 | Support Indigenous youth living in Ontario with roots in Indigenous thought, teachings and vision. Exists with a desire to take action  promoting environmental, social, spiritual and physical wellbeing. | * partner with passionate and committed Indigenous youth * provide financial grants, mentorship, training + support * develop mutual learning opportunities * strengthen community, resources, networks and understanding | | |
| Ontario Arts Council  OAC | http://www.arts.on.ca/Page67.aspx | The OAC has dozens of grants for one-time Project Grants and Operating Grants, | Each program has a deadline and notification is 3-5 months from application.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Aboriginal Arts |  | | [Aboriginal Artists in Communities](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page91.aspx) | September 15, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [Aboriginal Arts Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page92.aspx) | September 15, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [Aboriginal Presenters in the North – Music Events](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4445.aspx) | December 1, 2016 **(new deadline date)** | | [Aboriginal Artists Materials and Supplies Assistance](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4824.aspx) | Applications accepted from July 5, 2016 to January 31, 2017 | | Access and Career Development |  | | [Access and Career Development](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page90.aspx) | TBA | | Arts Education |  | | [Aboriginal Artists in Schools](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2774.aspx) | TBA | | [Artists in Education](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page28.aspx) | TBA | | [Arts Education Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page93.aspx) | TBA | | [Arts Education Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page94.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | |  | TBA | | Arts Service Organizations |  | | [Arts Service Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page88.aspx) | TBA | | [Arts Service Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4450.aspx) | TBA |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Chalmers |  | | [Chalmers Arts Fellowships](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page99.aspx) | TBA | | [Chalmers Professional Development](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page100.aspx) | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Community-Engaged Arts |  | | [Artists in the Community/Workplace](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page95.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [Community-Engaged Arts Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page103.aspx) | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Community Arts Councils |  | | [Community Arts Councils](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4507.aspx) | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Compass |  | | [Compass](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page127.aspx) | November 1, 2016 | |  | TBA | |  | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Crafts |  | | [Craft Projects: Connections](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page125.aspx) | October 18, 2016 | | [Craft Projects: Creation and Development](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page126.aspx) | October 18, 2016 | | [Aboriginal Artists Materials and Supplies Assistance](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4824.aspx) | Applications accepted from July 5, 2016 to January 31, 2017 | | [Exhibition Assistance](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page122.aspx) | Applications accepted from June 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Creative Engagement Fund |  | | [Creative Engagement Fund to Stop Sexual Violence and Harassment in Ontario](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page6027.aspx) | December 1, 2016 *(new deadline date)* |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Dance |  | | [Aboriginal and Culturally Diverse Dance Training](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2325.aspx) | September 15, 2016 | | [Dance Initiatives](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page124.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [Dance Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page123.aspx) | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Deaf and Disability Arts |  | | [Deaf and Disability Arts – Materials and Supplies Assistance](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5971.aspx) | December 15, 2016 | | [Deaf and Disability Arts Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5866.aspx) | September 15, 2016 |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Francophone Arts | Programs available only in French | | [Aide à la diffusion artistique](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page132.aspx) | à communiquer | | [Aide à la diffusion artistique - projets](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5440.aspx) | 15 septembre 2016 | |  | à communiquer | | [Artistes visuels et des métiers d'art](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page3922.aspx) | à communiquer | | [Arts visuels, arts médiatiques et métiers d’art : organismes et centres d'artistes autogérés](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page3924.aspx) | à communiquer | | [Avance médias](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page85.aspx) | 4 octobre 2016 | | [Chanson et musique](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page131.aspx) | 1er décembre 2016 | |  | à communiquer | | [Création littéraire](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page130.aspx) | 1er décembre 2016 | | [Édition](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page129.aspx) | à communiquer | | [Jets de théâtre](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page83.aspx) | 18 octobre 2016 | |  | à communiquer | | [Organismes francophones de service aux arts](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page89.aspx) | à communiquer | | [Projets d'édition](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5444.aspx) | à communiquer | | [Projets de service aux arts francophones](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4452.aspx) | à communiquer | | [Théâtre](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page128.aspx) | à communiquer |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Literature |  | | [Block Grants to Book Publishers](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page98.aspx) | TBA | | [Literary Festivals and Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page117.aspx) | TBA | | [Literary Festivals and Organizations Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5446.aspx) | TBA | | [Magazines – Operating](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page112.aspx) | TBA | | [Magazines – Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5830.aspx) | TBA | | [Word of Mouth](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page84.aspx) | December 1, 2016 | | [Writers' Reserve](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page119.aspx) | Applications accepted from September 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 | | [Writers' Works in Progress](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page118.aspx) | October 18, 2016 | |  | TBA | |  | TBA | | Writers' Works in Progress – Comic Arts | December 1, 2016 | | [Writers' Works in Progress – Northern Competition](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page3612.aspx) | December 1, 2016 |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Media Arts |  | | [Exhibition Assistance](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page122.aspx) | Applications accepted from June 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 | | [Media Artists: Emerging](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page121.aspx) | November 1, 2016 | | [Media Artists: Mid-Career and Established](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page96.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [Media Arts Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2045.aspx) | TBA | | [Media Arts Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2047.aspx) | September 15, 2016 | |  | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Multi and Inter-Arts |  | | [Multi and Inter-Arts Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5729.aspx) | TBA | | [Multi and Inter-Arts Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page116.aspx) | October 18, 2016 | |  | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Music |  | | [Choirs & Singing Groups](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5618.aspx) | TBA | | [Choral Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page101.aspx) | TBA | | [Classical Music Recording](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page102.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | | [Music Commissioning](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page115.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | | [Opera](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page114.aspx) | TBA | | [Opera Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5621.aspx) | TBA | | [Orchestras](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page113.aspx) | TBA | |  |  | | [Orchestras Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5623.aspx) | TBA | | [Popular Music](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page110.aspx) | December 6, 2016 *(new deadline date)* | |  | TBA | | [Presenter/Producer](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page109.aspx) | November 1, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [Presenter/Producer Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page5626.aspx) | November 1, 2016 | |  | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Northern Arts |  | | [Northern Arts](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page1528.aspx) | November 15, 2016 | |  | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Theatre |  | | [Playwright Residency](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page111.aspx) | TBA | | [Theatre Creators' Reserve](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page86.aspx) | Applications accepted from September 6, 2016 to January 31, 2017 | | [Theatre Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page107.aspx) | TBA | | [Theatre Organizations - Summer Theatres](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page107.aspx) | November 1, 2016 | | [Theatre Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page106.aspx) | TBA | |  | TBA |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Touring |  | | [National and International Residency](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2642.aspx" \t "_blank" \o "National and International Residency) | October 4, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [National and International Touring](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2641.aspx" \t "_blank" \o "National and International Touring) | September 15, 2016 | | [Ontario Arts Presenters](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2667.aspx" \t "_blank" \o "Ontario Arts Presenters) | September 15, 2016 | |  | TBA | | [Ontario Touring](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2643.aspx" \t "_blank" \o "Ontario Touring) | September 15, 2016 |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | Visual Arts |  | | [Aboriginal Artists Materials and Supplies Assistance](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4824.aspx) | Applications accepted from July 5 2016 to January 31, 2017 | | [Aboriginal Curatorial Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page2639.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | | [Culturally Diverse Curatorial Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page4743.aspx) | October 4, 2016 | | [Exhibition Assistance](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page122.aspx) | Applications accepted from June 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 | | [Public Art Galleries](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page29.aspx) | TBA | | [Public Art Galleries Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page1767.aspx) | TBA | | [Visual Artists: Emerging](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page104.aspx) | November 22, 2016 *(new deadline date)* | | [Visual Artists: Mid-Career](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page104.aspx) | September 15, 2016 | | [Visual Artists: Established](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page104.aspx) | TBA | | [Visual Arts: Artist-Run Centres and Organizations](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page97.aspx) | TBA | | [Visual Arts Projects](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page105.aspx) | December 15, 2016 | |  | TBA | | | |
| Ontario Arts Council  Access and Career Development | http://www.arts.on.ca/Page90.aspx | Supports Ontario-based Aboriginal arts professionals and arts professionals of colour. The program will fund professional development and skill-building opportunities that advance the applicants’ artistic work and careers. | Applicants can request funding for training, mentoring or apprenticing in all contemporary and traditional art practices  Arts Professionals are artists, arts administrators, community animators, curators, programmers, technicians and arts educators who are engaged in creating, promoting, presenting, distributing and programming artistic work.. | |
| Ontario Trillium Foundation | http://www.otf.ca/apply–grant |  | Action Areas   * Fostering more active lifestyles * Building inclusive and engaged communities together * Encouraging people to support a healthy and sustainable environment * Enriching people’s lives through arts, culture and heritage * Supporting the positive development of children and youth * Enhancing people’s economic wellbeing | |
| Ontario Trillium Foundation  Grow Grants |  | Funds projects that are based on evidence and deliver on specific Metrics under Grant Results in order to contribute to the longer–term goal of the related Priority Outcome.  From $50,000 to $250,000 per year. Term 2 to 3 years | Grants that support the evidence–based development of activities to achieve a Priority Outcome  Building on the success of a proven model or program | | |
| Ontario Trillium Foundation  Seed Grants |  | Funds projects that align with an OTF Priority Outcome, and broadly align with a Grant Result.​  From $5,000 to $75,000 | Grants that support projects at the idea or conceptual stage to achieve a Priority Outcome  Starting projects at the idea or conceptual stage. | | |
| Ontario Trillium Foundation  Capital Grants |  | Funds projects that align with one of the OTF Priority Outcomes and its related Grant Result.  From $5,000 to $150,000 | Broadening access to & improving community spaces  Activities funded include:   * Buying and installing equipment * Doing renovations, installations and repairs * Building structures or spaces * Making better use of technological resources | | |
| Ontario Trillium Foundation  Collective Impact Grants |  | Funds projects that align with at least one Priority Outcome.  Up to $500,000 per year  TERM: Up to 5 years | Bringing about fundamental change with collective action  Grants that support collective strategy and transformative action in partnership with the Foundation to tackle complex community issues and achieve a lasting change in at least one Priority Outcome | | |
| SaveONenergy  ACP  Aboriginal Conservation Program | http://aboriginalenergy.ca/aboriginal-conservation-program | Provides customized conservation services designed to help First Nation communities, including remote and northern communities, reduce their electricity use in residential housing, and in commercial and institutional buildings, like stores, schools and band offices. | Can provide   * ENERGY STAR® CFL light bulbs * smart power bars * hot water tank wrap and pipe insulation * efficient showerheads and faucet aerators * block heater timers, programmable thermostats * attic, wall and/or basement insulation   Eligible businesses and facilities can receive assessments for their lighting and water-heating systems as part of the program, up to $1,500 in energy-efficient lighting and equipment upgrade | | |
| SaveONenergy  Audit Funding |  | Up to 50% of electricity survey and analysis  Up to $25,000 | Must use a P.Eng.CET or CEM  Need age, square footage and annual electricity consumption  Fill out Energy Audit Application | | |
| SaveONenergy  Residential | <https://saveonenergy.ca/> [http://www.greensaver.org/homeassistance–2/](http://www.greensaver.org/homeassistance-2/) | Heating, Ventilation and Air–Conditioning (“HVAC”) Incentives  peaksaver PLUS®  Coupons | For an individual or business  Furnace incentive of $250   * replace your existing furnace or install a new furnace with a high efficiency furnace l (program ended Dec. 31, 2015)   CAC System Incentive of $250: Don’t know term “CAC”  CAC System Incentive of $400:  Enrolling is easy and free. A technician will come to your home at a convenient time for you and install a small device that makes slight adjustments to reduce your appliances electricity demand. Appliances such as your central air conditioner or electric water heater will be remotely activated during weekdays between 12 noon and 7 p.m and activations will only last for a maximum of four hours. Contact your local electric utility.  *Probably not available in Moose Factory*  Coupons ($3–$20) available for purchase of LEDs, CFLs light fixtures, ceiling fans, lighting controls (motion sensors, timers and dimmer switches), weather stripping, hot water pipe wrap, electric water heater blanket, outdoor timers, advanced power bars, clotheslines, baseboards programmable thermostats. | | |
| SaveONenergy  Retrofit Program |  | Grant = Energy cost before less Energy cost afterwards (Electricity savings only) | Install energy efficient equipment and receive up to 50% of your project costs.  The RETROFIT PROGRAM makes it possible for commercial organizations to install and benefit from newer, more energy efficient solutions that will help you operate your business more efficiently and improve your bottom line.  PRESCRIPTIVE Track: selecting from a defined list of end–use measures that come with a corresponding per–unit incentive.  The ENGINEERED track consists of a series of preset calculation worksheets that help you estimate reductions.  The CUSTOM track is available for more complex or innovative solutions not covered otherwise.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Prescriptive | Engineered | Custom | | Select project for a set of measures | Pre–set calculations | More complex | | Per unit incentive | Up to 50% of costs based on demand saving kW or first year saving in KWHr | Up to 50% of costs based on demand saving kW or first year saving in KWHr | | For lighting, non–lighting including lighting controls | | | | | |
| SaveONenergy  Small Business Lighting | Call 1–866–932–8283 or[Book your free lighting assessment online](https://www.saveonenergy.ca/Account/Login.aspx" \t "_blank" \o "Book your free lighting assessment online) | Free lighting upgrade up to $1,500 | A free, no–obligation energy assessment  Installation of upgrades to lighting (and electric water heater, where applicable) at your convenience  All work performed by a licenced electrical contractor | | |
| SaveONenergy  Social and Assisted Housing | [https://saveonenergy.ca/Business/Program–Overviews/Social–Housing.aspx](https://saveonenergy.ca/Business/Program-Overviews/Social-Housing.aspx) |  | As much as 50 per cent of project costs are covered through various incentives.  Assisted and social housing buildings are eligible for advanced funding of as much as 50 percent of the estimated participant incentives for equipment replacement projects.  Incentives apply to a wide variety of equipment upgrades.  Incentives also apply to a variety of building envelope improvement measures.  You are encouraged to approach other agencies to help fund your project. However, the total funding from all sources cannot exceed 100 per cent of your total project cost. We require you to indicate in your application all programs and initiatives to which you intend to apply. Natural Resources Canada (ecoEnergy), the Province of Ontario or your local gas utility may offer additional incentives or rebates.  This initiative is funded by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and delivered through participating local electric utilities. Your project can receive financial incentives from only ONE program funded by the OPA. The OPA – funded portion of projects cannot be included in any rent increase application.  PRESCRIPTIVE measures include:  Interior and exterior lighting in common areas  Exit signs  Occupancy sensors  Hot water systems (including solar)  Ground source heat pumps  Non–electric chillers  ENERGY STAR® appliances  CUSTOM and Engineered measures incentives are calculated based on the actual energy savings in kilowatt–hours (kWh) that will result from installing a particular measure.  Engineered and Custom measures include:  Lighting redesigns in common areas  HVAC retrofits or overhauls (chillers)  Building envelope upgrades  Building automation controls  Variable speed drives and more  Building Operator training to support improved operation of your heating, mechanical and electrical systems will be available to building operators, managers and maintenance staff  Step 1 – Energy Audit  Step 2 – Develop Retrofit Project  Step 3 – Identify other incentives and funding instruments that may significantly reduce the payback period of your project. For social and non–profit housing, we offer advanced funding of as much as 50 per cent of the estimated participant incentives for the project, following the approval of the application by your utility and before the project starts. Your utility can also advise you on other incentives that may be available, such as natural gas and water savings programs.  Step 4 – Prepare and submit your application(s) online by registering and logging in above. | | |
| SaveONenergy  New Homes | [https://saveonenergy.ca/Business/Program–Overviews/New–Home–Construction/Available–Incentives.aspx](https://saveonenergy.ca/Business/Program-Overviews/New-Home-Construction/Available-Incentives.aspx) | Prescriptive Measures  Performance–Based Measure Energy–Efficiency Incentives  Custom | All off switch $50  ENERGY Star Central Air Conditioner (CAC) $20  High Efficiency furnace fully variable speed electronically commutated motor (ECM) $50  Lighting Control Produces $3  ENERGY STAR Certified Niche Lighting $15  ENERGY STAR Certified indoor light fixtures (hard–wired) $3  $500 to $1,000 depending on EnerGuide level  Up to 50% of total cost based on first year savings | | |
| SaveONenergy  HAP  Home Assistance Program | https://saveonenergy.ca/Consumer/Home–Assistance.aspx | The HOME ASSISTANCE program is not yet available in all areas of the province. If you would like more information on the availability of the HOME ASSISTANCE program in your area or to indicate your interest and ensure that you are contacted when the program is available to you, please call the Ontario Power Authority at 1–877–797–7534.  If you qualify for assistance, we’ll work with you to find smart, simple ways to improve your home’s energy efficiency – at no cost to you.  We’ll work with you to spot key areas for savings around your home, looking at:  What light bulbs you use  How old your appliances are  Whether drafts are coming in through your doors, windows, attic or basement.  Once we have found your best energy–saving opportunities, we’ll recommend and install the upgrades your home qualifies for. These could include:  Energy–efficient appliances  Energy–saving light bulbs  Low–flow showerheads  Faucet aerators  Programmable thermostats  Power bars  Home insulation and draft proofing. | Eligibility – Residential  If you own or are a tenant of private or social housing such as a detached or semi–detached house, townhouse, mobile home, unit in a duplex, triplex or other multi–residential building.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Number of People Living in Home | Before–tax Annual Household Income | | 1 | $32,212 | | 2 | $40,103 | | 3 | $49,302 | | 4 | $59,859 | | 5 | $67,892 | | 6 | $76,569 | | 7 or more | $85,248 |   OR, you have received one of the following for the past 12 months:  National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS)  Allowance for the Survivor  Guaranteed Income Supplement  Allowance for Seniors  Ontario Works  Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)  OR, you have received Utility Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) grant within the past 12 months.  AND, Your name appears on the electric utility bill (unless living in social housing)  AND, If you are a tenant, you have the consent of your building owner or manager to join the program. | | |
| Wakenagun CFDC | http://www.wakenagun.ca/frame01.html | Investment Fund (FedNor). Loans up to $150,000. Consortium of CFCs up to $500,000. | Provide services such as training, workshops such as our annual Aspinemowin Youth Entrepreneurship program, and referral services to other resources such as Financial and advisory.  Aboriginal Business Development Fund program provides online training to understand the principles of Business Planning and business plan development. | | |
| Waterpower Working Group  Aboriginal Funding Continuum | [http://wpwg.org/funding–continuum/](http://wpwg.org/funding-continuum/) | The Aboriginal Funding continuum is a live web–based visual tool which clearly identifies all funding opportunities available for First Nations interested in becoming a partner in or a proponent of a waterpower project. | The goal of the Continuum is to create an effective, user–friendly tool to assist potential First Nations proponents, partners and industry in navigating through the various funding opportunities, to quickly identify potential funding programs and to understand the criteria to apply. | | |

# Job programs for youth in Ontario

A list of programs to help young people get ready for the job market, which include opportunities to get work experience, get training or learn from the experts.

## [Aboriginal Law Summer Program](http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/about/artcl/job_posting.asp#jobs)

* For first- and second-year law students
* For students who are currently enrolled in law school
* For students whose foreign-trained credentials are being assessed by the National Committee on Accreditation
* Get experience working on Aboriginal law and policy
* Applications usually close in January or February

## [Aboriginal Youth Work Exchange Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/aboriginal-youth-work-exchange-program)

* Get an 8-week summer placement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for up to 3 consecutive summers
* Gain experience in natural resource management, obtain job skills and benefit from personal development
* No set deadline for applications
* Positions posted between the end of March and the end of June and listed online throughout the year
* During the posting period, also look for posted jobs at [Ontario.ca/careers](https://www.ontario.ca/careers), and in places like Band offices and Friendship Centres

## [Articling Student/Summer Law Program](http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/about/artcl/job_posting.asp#jobs)

* For students who are currently enrolled in law school
* For students whose foreign-trained credentials are being assessed by the National Committee on Accreditation
* Article with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General
* Opportunities in various Crown Attorney offices across the province and in a variety of other legal offices

## [Business Plan Wizard](http://www.businessenterprisecentre.ca/index.php?page=business-plan-wizard&hl=en_CA)

* Design your own business plan online
* Available 24-7, free-of-charge

## [Employment Ontario Employment Service](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/)

* Get help finding training, skills and experience
* We connect you to businesses looking to hire

## [Engineering Development Program](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/engineering/job/edp.shtml)

* For recent civil and geotechnical engineering graduates
* Help design and build Ontario’s roads and bridges
* Get qualifying experience for an engineering licence and more senior work in the public service

## [First Nations Natural Resources Youth Employment Program](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/naturalresourcescentre/fnnryep)

* 2-year placements for Aboriginal youth (16-18 years old) in Northern Ontario
* Opportunities to work on forestry and mining projects, receive workplace training and take personal development workshops
* Recruitment: during spring, through Confederation College and in partnership with First Nations communities

## [Focus On Youth Summer Program](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/youth.html)

* Get a summer job through your local school board
* You could be eligible if you are at least 16 and registered in high school
* [Apply through your local school board](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/sbinfo/boardList.html)

## [Internship for Internationally Trained Engineers](http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/ITE.asp)

* Get a 12-15 month paid internship as an engineer with the Ontario government
* Get the Canadian work experience you need to become licensed as a professional engineer in Ontario
* Applications are posted August to September

## [Internship for Internationally Trained Individuals](http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/ITI.asp)

* A 6-month paid internship for newcomers who have been in Canada for 3 years or less
* Earn valuable work experience in their related career fields within the Ontario Public Service

## [Internship at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry](https://www.ontario.ca/page/internship-ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry)

* Up to two 40-week paid placements with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in select fields (e.g. biology, park planning, enforcement, forestry)
* Get work experience in your field, career development training and coaching
* For full-time or recently graduated university and college students (within 5 years)
* New internship opportunities are posted throughout the year as they arise

## [MaRS Studio [Y]](http://www.marsdd.com/systems-change/studio-y/studio-y-fellowship/)

* 8-month fellowship for young people aged 18-29
* Learn critical skills you need to solve complex 21st-century challenges
* Build networks with peers, mentors, coaches, and leaders
* Pursue your innovative ideas for bold change in society
* Work on real-world challenges with partners from across sectors

## [Ontario Disability Support Program Employment Supports](http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/employment_support/)

* For people with disabilities
* Become employment-ready
* Get help to find a job, advance your career or start your own business

## [Ontario Global Edge Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-international-business-experience-students)

* For full-time post-secondary students aged 19 to 29 who have interest or experience in entrepreneurship
* Learn about entrepreneurship and the role of small and medium-sized businesses in a global economy
* Get a work placement in a small- or medium-sized business outside of Canada
* Get up to $4,000 to support the costs associated with the work placement
* Apply through your participating post-secondary institution

## [Ontario Internship Program](https://www.internship.gov.on.ca/mbs/sdb/intern.nsf/LkpWebContent/ePublishedHOME)

* A paid internship program with the Ontario Public Service for individuals recently graduated with a degree, diploma or a post-graduate certificate
* Gain invaluable work experience as you explore career opportunities in the public service
* Choose to work in Information and Information Technology, Program Service Delivery, Business and Financial Planning, Human Resources, Communications, Labour Relations or Policy Development
* Apply online in January

## [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program](http://oyap.com/splash/) (grades 11 and 12)

* Get a co-op placement in a skilled trade (e.g. electrical, hair styling)
* Opportunities available to become a registered apprentice
* To apply, speak to a Guidance, Cooperative Education or Technological Education teacher at your school

## [School of Social Entrepreneurs](http://www.the-sse.org/schools/11/ontario/60/about-sseo)

* A 6-month fellowship at the Daniels Centre of Learning in Toronto
* Support to help you develop and secure a social venture that can benefit your community (e.g., fair trade products)
* Cost: $1,500 (including course materials and school fees)
* Scholarships and bursaries available, in some cases

## [SmartStart Seed Fund](https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-money-launch-or-grow-tech-business)

* A funding and support program for technology or innovation-based Ontario entrepreneurs aged 18 to 29
* 1:1 matching financing required from at least one other source
* If you obtain matched financing, you may get an additional $5,000 for entrepreneurship skills training and business support services (no matching funds required)

## [Starter Company Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-company-young-adults)

* An entrepreneurship program for Ontario people aged 18 to 29
* Applicants must not be attending school full time
* Get guidance, mentoring, business expertise and funding to start, grow, or buy a small business
* To qualify for funding of up to $5,000, you need to be able to contribute at least 25 per cent (in cash or in-kind) of the grant amount

## [Stewardship Youth Ranger Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/stewardship-youth-ranger-program) (Rangers)

* In 2015, open to those born in 1998 (16 or 17 years old at time of hire but not turning 18 before December 31, 2015)
* Work outdoors on natural resources projects in your own community (e.g. create wildlife habitat, study species at risk)
* Get training and education (e.g., First Aid, species identification)
* May earn two high school co-op credits
* Duration: 8 weeks

## [Stewardship Youth Ranger Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/stewardship-youth-ranger-program) (Team Leads)

* Apply to lead rangers with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during the summer
* Work includes strenuous tasks outdoors, often over rough terrain and in adverse weather conditions
* Positions are posted on [Ontario.ca/careers](https://www.ontario.ca/careers) as they become available between February and April. Deadlines vary.

## [Strategic Community Entrepreneurship Projects](https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-business-young-adults)

* An entrepreneurship program for young Ontarians aged 15 to 29
* Get training, support, resources and money to start your own business
* Applicants must not be eligible for other self-employment programs, such as the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit

## [Summer Company](https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students)

* Entrepreneurship program for students aged 15-29
* Get $1,500 in start-up money to kick-off a new summer business
* Up to an additional $1,500 when you successfully complete the program requirements
* Receive advice and mentorship from local business leaders to help get the business up and running

## [Summer Employment Opportunities](http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/SEP.asp)

* Get a summer job with the Ontario Public Service
* Supporting positions in a variety of fields (e.g. tourism, geology, agriculture sciences, IT, Ontario Parks)
* Work in an office, the outdoors or in unique locations (e.g. laboratories, travel information centres)
* Duration: 7-16 concurrent weeks between May and Labour Day

## [Summer Jobs Service](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/jobseekers/sjs.html)

* Free job search and self-marketing support
* Year-round jobs support services for students looking for summer work
* Offered through Employment Ontario offices

## [TalentEdge Internship and Fellowship Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/research-and-development-internships-and-fellowships-youth)

* Four-month paid internships for Ontario students currently in college or university (graduate or undergraduate), or who graduated within the last three years
* Up to two 12-month paid fellowships available to Ontario residents with a doctoral degree
* Opportunities to work on a collaborative, industry-driven research, development and commercialization project in your discipline or area of specialization

## [Transportation Technician Initiative](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/engineering/job/tti.shtml) (engineering tech graduates)

* Get a full-time, permanent job with the Ministry of Transportation
* Get 3 years of rotating assignments and work experience

## [Young Entrepreneurs Make Your Pitch](http://www.makeyourpitch.ca/) (grades 9 to 12)

* Pitch your business idea in a two-minute video to the public and expert judges
* Finalists present their idea at the Ontario Centres of Excellence’s Discovery conference where they will receive pitch preparation training and a certificate of achievement
* Winners receive a reserved place in the Summer Company program and other prizes

## [Youth Business Acceleration Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/grants-tech-businesses)

* A program to support young people aged 18 to 29 as technology entrepreneurs or to work with technology entrepreneurs
* Get access to mentorship and advice from business experts to start and grow a technology company
* Access valuable market intelligence
* Get up to $5,000 to fund business development projects
* Get up to $15,000 to fund a young business professional in your technology business

## [Youth Investment Accelerator Fund](http://iaf.marsdd.com/youth-iaf/)

* A funding program for eligible technology companies founded by entrepreneurs under the age of 30
* Get support as you build your team and commercialize your technologies
* The program targets high potential technology start-ups with a market potential of at least $100 million

## [Youth in Policing Initiative](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/yipi/)

* Get a 6-8 week summer or after-school job with a local police service
* Gain experience through diverse work assignments
* Examples could include community policing, forensics, traffic services
* For residents in select communities only: contact your local police department to see if they offer the program

## [Youth Job Connection](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/youthjobconnection/index.html)

* Get a job, with paid training before you start and help with next steps when you’re finished
* For youth aged 15 to 29 with multiple barriers who are not working, in school, or in a training program
* Also provides part-time after school jobs to high school students between ages 15 and 18

## [Youth Skills Connections](https://www.ontario.ca/page/skills-and-job-training-young-people)

* A training and employment program for young unemployed or underemployed Ontarians aged 15 to 29
* Gain the skills and hands-on experience today’s employers are looking for
* Potential for long-term employment