

Significant Financial Support for Businesses

Province	Significant financial support	Details
British Columbia	Emergency Benefit for Workers	One-time payment of \$1,000 for employees, self-employed, and non-El eligible workers who have been accepted to the Federal CERB program. Applications accepted until December 2, 2020.
	PST Rebate on Select Machinery and Equipment	A temporary provincial sales tax (PST) program through which corporations can apply to receive an amount equal to the PST they paid between September 17, 2020 and September 30, 2021 on qualifying machinery and equipment. Online applications start on April 1, 2021.
	SME Business Recovery Grant	\$30,000 grant for SMEs who have at least a 50% drop in revenue. Tourism businesses eligible for an additional \$10,000. Applications not open and no confirmed date of program opening.
	Increased Employment Incentive	All private sector employers that create new jobs or increased the pay of their existing low- or medium-income employees over the last quarter (October to December) of 2020. Online applications start in March 2021.
Alberta	Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant	Offers 15% of pre-COVID-19 monthly revenue up to \$5,000. Details here.
Manitoba	Gap Protection Program (MGPP)	Available to firms not qualifying for federal programs nor wage subsidies. Non-interest loan of \$6,000, forgiven on Dec. 31, 2020 if the recipient has not received any non-repayable federal supports. Apply by October 31.
	Back to Work in Manitoba Wage Subsidy Program	Employers are eligible to receive a reimbursement of 50 per cent of total wages actually paid between July 16 and December 31, 2020, to a max. of \$5,000 per worker and 20 employees in total. Application deadline December 1, 2020. Details here.
Saskatchewan	Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy (RSTS)	Eligible employers can access up to \$10,000 to provide existing employees with training that addresses increased health and safety requirements or adoption of innovative practices that align with social distancing protocols. Apply by Dec. 31. For details, click here.
	Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program (STSSP)	Provides financial assistance for tourism businesses that have seen a significant drop in sales revenue. Applications open until October 1, 2020; businesses with extenuating circumstances can be considered for a late application. Details here.

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Ontario	Digital Main Street Platform	One-time \$2,500 grant to help small businesses go digital or expand their e-commerce outreach. For more information, click here .
Quebec	Assistance to businesses in regions on maximum alert (AERAM)	Assistance to businesses in regions on maximum alert (AERAM), will allow businesses targeted by closure orders that will see revenue losses to obtain non-refundable assistance to pay their fixed costs. The non-refundable part is the maximum of 80% of the loan or up to \$15,000.
	Emergency aid for SMEs	Up to \$50,000 in emergency financing in the form of a loan or loan guarantee for businesses who have temporarily closed. Contact your local MRC for more information.
	Incentive Program to Retain Essential Workers (IPREW)	For essential low-income earners, to compensate for the wage gap between the PCU and their earnings. Eligible workers can receive \$100 per week, for a maximum of 16 weeks, retroactive to March 15. Applications accepted until November 15, 2020.
	Concerted temporary action program for businesses	The program is run by Investissement Québec and it is for businesses whose liquidity is affected by the repercussions of COVID-19. Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. It also includes specific conditions for the tourism industry such as more advantageous loan terms and loan guarantees. For details and conditions, click here .

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Newfoundland and Labrador	Tourism and Hospitality Support Program	Eligible small and medium-sized tourism operators will be able to apply for a one-time, non-repayable working capital contribution of either \$5,000 or \$10,000, dependent on gross sales. Applications open.
	Small Business Assistance Program	The recently announced program will be retroactive and help offset expenses and innovation required to respond to COVID-19. Details about the program are expected later in October.
Nova Scotia	Small Business Reopening and Support Grant	\$5,000 grant to help businesses open safely, and \$1,500 business continuity vouchers for advice and support. If you previously applied for Small business Impact Grant, you do not need to reapply. Eligibility: businesses ordered to close, or small retailers and others who were not ordered to close. Applications open.
	Agriculture Response Program	Four streams for funding. The funding doesn't need to be repaid. For details, click here.
New Brunswick	No significant measures	N/A
PEI	No significant measures	N/A