

COVID-19 support for B.C. tourism businesses

Loans and Grants

<p>Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program <i>Federal Government</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support is available through the wage and rent subsidy programs, to hotels, tour operators, travel agencies, and restaurants, with a subsidy rate of up to 75%. Businesses that face temporary new local lockdowns will be eligible for up to the maximum amount of the wage and rent subsidy programs, during the local lockdown, regardless of losses over the course of the pandemic. • Applicants will need to demonstrate significant revenue losses (40%) over the course of 12 months of the pandemic, as well as revenue losses in the current month. • Available until May 7, 2022, with the proposed subsidy rates available through March 13, 2022. From March 13, 2022, to May 7, 2022, the subsidy rates will decrease by half. • https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/10/targeting-covid-19-support-measures.html • Eligibility tool: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/wage-rent-subsidies/determine-eligibility • Calculator – wage: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/wage-rent-subsidies/covid-wage-hiring-support-businesses/wage-calculate-amount • Calculator – rent: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/wage-rent-subsidies/covid-rent-property-support-businesses/rent-calculate-amount • Business Enquiries line: 1-800-959-5525. Monday to Friday from 8 am to 8 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm (local time).
<p>Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program <i>Federal Government</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support is available through the wage and rent subsidy programs, for businesses that have faced deep losses, with a subsidy rate of up to 50%. Businesses that face temporary new local lockdowns will be eligible for up to the maximum amount of the wage and rent subsidy programs, during the local lockdown, regardless of losses over the course of the pandemic. • Applicants will use a new “two-key” eligibility system whereby they will need to demonstrate significant revenue losses over the course of 12 months of the pandemic, as well as revenue losses in the current month. • Available until May 7, 2022, with the proposed subsidy rates available through March 13, 2022. From March 13, 2022, to May 7, 2022, the subsidy rates will decrease by half. • https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/10/targeting-covid-19-support-measures.html • Eligibility tool: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/wage-rent-subsidies/determine-eligibility • Calculator – wage: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/wage-rent-subsidies/covid-wage-hiring-support-businesses/wage-calculate-amount

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculator – rent: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/wage-rent-subsidies/covid-rent-property-support-businesses/rent-calculate-amount • Business Enquiries line: 1-800-959-5525. Monday to Friday from 8 am to 8 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm (local time).
Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This fund will position Canada to be a destination of choice when domestic and international travel is once again safe by empowering tourism operators to create new or enhance existing tourism experiences and products to attract more local and domestic visitors, and by helping the sector reposition itself to welcome international visitors by offering the best Canadian tourism experiences we have to offer the world. • Funding will be <u>either</u> non-repayable up to \$100,000 for up to 50% of eligible costs, <u>or</u> fully repayable contributions up to \$500,000 for up to 75% of eligible costs. • Applications are currently being accepted, and the program will be available for two years (2021-2022 and 2022-2023). • Indigenous sole proprietors are now eligible under the Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) with costs qualified on a retroactive basis up to twelve months prior to the receipt of a project application, but no earlier than April 19, 2021. • https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20179.asp
Indigenous Community Business Fund <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides non-repayable grants of up to \$250,000 per community to First Nation and Inuit community-owned and Métis collectively owned businesses and microbusinesses. • Applications for funding are accepted on an ongoing basis until all funding has been allocated. • https://www.indigenoussbc.com/corporate/covid-19/indigenous-community-business-fund/
Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other community groups, as well as Indigenous communities to build new community infrastructure and revitalize existing assets; bring people back to public spaces safely as health measures ease; and create jobs and stimulate local economies. • Up to \$750,000 available per eligible application. Provides up to 75% of project costs, and for Indigenous not-for-profit organizations or communities the contribution rate may go up to 100%. • General deadline was July 23, 2021. Indigenous applicants to the CCRF may request additional time to submit applications. CCRF applicants directly impacted by the wildfires in the West may also request an application extension. Please contact Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) as early as possible for more information. • https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20175.asp
Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is designed to interact with the Wage Subsidy. As Wage Subsidy rates gradually decline, eligible employers would still be able to receive the maximum support from the Hiring Program this summer if they hire more workers or increase workers' hours or wages. • Will provide a subsidy of up to 50% of eligible salary or wages. For eligible employers with current revenue losses above 10%, the program has been extended to May 7, 2022.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/recovery-hiring-program.html • Eligibility tool: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/wage-rent-subsidies/determine-eligibility
Microbusiness Support Grants for Métis Entrepreneurs <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants are available to Métis microbusinesses and community-owned businesses in B.C. that have been impacted by COVID-19. Support includes funding and/or access to skilled professional advice and services to support recovery and adaptation. • Applications are currently being accepted. • https://mfcbc.ca/covid-19-grants/
Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HASCAP provides financing to small and medium-sized businesses, in all sectors, that have been hit hard by the pandemic and have seen their revenues decrease by 50% or more as a result of COVID-19. • 100% Government-guaranteed, low-interest loans ranging from \$25,000 to \$1 million for up to 10 years to cover operational cash flow needs. • Businesses can apply through their primary financial institution, and the program is available until March 31st 2022. • https://www.bdc.ca/en/special-support/hascap
Vancity Unity Women Entrepreneurs Program <i>Vancity & Women's Enterprise Centre</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loans of up to \$100,000 to women entrepreneurs who have been in business for at least 12 months. The program also provides support services through the Women's Enterprise Centre, including resources on financial management, and preferred entry into WEC's Mentoring Program. • https://join.vancity.com/unity-women-entrepreneurs-program/
Black Entrepreneurship Program (BEP) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black business owners and entrepreneurs can access up to \$250,000 in financing (loans) to grow their start-up or small business. Eligible businesses must be majority owned by a Black Canadian and must have a business number, a business plan, and financial statements or projects for start-ups. • For BC-based Black business owners, there are also microloans between \$10,000 and \$25,000 available through a pilot program. • Applications are accepted starting May 31, 2021. • https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/150.nsf/eng/h_00000.html
Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides bridge financing to Canada's largest employers, whose needs during the pandemic are not being met through conventional financing, in order to keep their operations going during the pandemic. • LEEFF will be open while the current economic situation persists. • https://www.cdev.gc.ca/home-ceefc/
Bridge Financing Program <i>BDC Capital</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDC Capital may match, with a convertible note, a current financing round being raised through qualified existing and/or new investors made into eligible Canadian start-ups. Ideal for high potential companies who have venture capital investor syndicates that are willing to support them. BDC will invest alongside these groups. • https://www.bdc.ca/en/bdc-capital/venture-capital/strategic-approach/bridge-financing-program

<p>Exhibition Circulation Fund - Museums Assistance Program <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assists museums with the costs related to the hosting of travelling exhibitions originating from another museum or from a federal heritage institution and the borrowing of artefacts from any of the National museums of Canada. Maximum funding per project is \$15,000 Applications accepted on an ongoing basis and must be received at least four months prior to the proposed start date. https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/museums-assistance/exhibition-circulation.html
<p>Local Festivals - Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage – Local Festivals component provides funding to local groups for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans or heritage performers. This includes the celebration of LGBTQ2+ communities and Indigenous cultural celebrations. Successful applicants may receive up to 100% of eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$200,000 for eligible festivals. Deadlines are January 31 for festivals starting between September 1 and December 31; April 30 for festivals starting between January 1 and June 30; October 15th for festivals starting between July 1 and August 31. https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/building-communities/festivals.html
<p>Programming: Professional Arts Festivals and Performing Arts Series Presenters - Canada Arts Presentation Fund <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports existing professional arts festivals and performing arts series presenters to offer activities that connect artists with Canadians in their communities. Professional Arts Festivals: program can fund up to 25% of eligible expenses, or a maximum of \$100,000 per fiscal year for grants, or \$500,000 per year for contributions. In exceptional circumstances, support of up to \$1,000,000 may be available. Performing Arts Series Presenters: program can support up to 25% of eligible expenses, or a maximum of \$100,000 for grants, or \$200,000 for contributions. Deadlines are April 1st for projects starting between April 1st and June 30th, and October 1st for projects occurring after June 30th of the following year https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/arts-presentation-fund/programming-arts-festivals-series-presenters.html
<p>Community Anniversaries - Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides funding to local groups for non-recurring local events, with or without a minor capital project. Funding includes capital projects up to a maximum amount of \$25,000. Successful projects that meet separate eligibility criteria may receive up to 100% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$200,000. Application deadline of April 30 for events that will occur during the next calendar year. https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/building-communities/anniversaries.html
<p>Programming: Presenter Support Organizations - Canada Arts Presentation Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Presenter Support Organizations sub-component of the Canada Arts Presentation Fund (CAPF) provides financial assistance to organizations that offer activities and services to arts presenters, in order to strengthen the arts presentation sector.

<p><i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can fund up to 25% of eligible expenses or a maximum of \$100,000 per fiscal year in the case of grants or \$200,000 per year in the case of contributions. • Deadline is April 1 for projects which will occur after April 1 of the following year. • https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/arts-presentation-fund/programming-presenter-support-organizations.html
<p>Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program - Events Stream <i>Federal Government</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funding to community-based events that promote intercultural or interfaith understanding, promote discussions on multiculturalism, diversity, racism and religious discrimination, or celebrate a community's history and culture such as heritage months recognized by Parliament. • This program can fund up to 100% of the eligible expenses of the event up to a maximum of \$100,000. • Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. However, applications must be submitted at least 18 weeks prior to the proposed event start date. • https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/community-multiculturalism-anti-racism/events.html
<p>Legacy Fund - Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funding for community-initiated capital projects that restore, renovate or transform an existing building or exterior space intended for community use. • Recipients may receive up to 50% of eligible project expenses up to a maximum of \$500,000. • Projects must be submitted before the anniversary date of the event or personality to be commemorated • https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/building-communities/legacy-fund.html
<p>Commemorate Canada <i>Federal Government</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funding to initiatives that commemorate and celebrate historical figures, places, events and accomplishments of national significance. The program favours commemorations and celebrations marking 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th anniversaries and subsequent anniversaries in increments of 25 years. • This program can fund up to 100% of the eligible expenses of the event up to a maximum of \$10,000. • Funding applications may be submitted at any time. It is recommended to submit the application at least six months before the start of the project. • https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/commemorate-canada.html
<p>COVID-19 Closure Relief Grant <i>BC Government</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COVID-19 Closure Relief Grant will provide fully funded grants to businesses that had to close due to the December 22, 2021 Provincial Health Officer (PHO) orders. • www.gov.bc.ca/business-relief • Email: covid@smallbusinessbc.ca • https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/closure-relief-grant

Rent and Mortgage Relief

Deferred Mortgage Payments for Home-Based Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based business owners who have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 may be eligible for deferred payments on their insured home mortgage, for a specified amount of time, through their lender. https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/mortgage-loan-insurance/the-resource/covid19-understanding-mortgage-payment-deferral
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Wage Support

Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed program would provide \$300 a week in income support to eligible workers should they be unable to work due to a local lockdown. Strictly available to workers whose work interruption is a direct result of a government-imposed public health lockdown. Available to workers who are ineligible for Employment Insurance (EI) and those who are eligible for EI, as long as they are not paid benefits through EI for the same period. Available until May 7, 2022, with retroactive application to October 24, 2021 should the situation warrant it. https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/10/the-canada-worker-lockdown-benefit.html
BC Employer Training Grant <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This stream supports British Columbians that are employed or have been employed in a sector where job opportunities have been most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Employers may receive 100% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per participant per fiscal year, with a \$300,000 total per fiscal year (Apr 1 – Mar 31). Applications opened online starting June 25, 2021 for training start days between September 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022. https://www.kbc.ca/Employer-Resources/BC-Employer-Training-Grant/C19-Impacted-Worker-Training-Stream.aspx#w.o
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers part of your employee wages retroactively back to December 20, 2020 until October 23, 2021. The maximum subsidy is 75%. Hotline: 1-800-959-5525. An extension to May 7, 2022 is proposed and still pending decision.

Changes to Taxes

PST Rebate on Select Machinery and Equipment <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, obtained substantially for the purpose of gaining or producing income. The qualifying machinery and equipment includes but is not limited to machinery and equipment, tools, appliances and furniture, computer hardware and software, electric vehicle charging stations, and zero-emission vehicles. Rebate applications must be received by September 30, 2022 for PST paid on qualifying items up to March 31, 2022. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/sales-taxes/pst/rebate-machinery-equipment
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Small Businesses Air Quality Improvement Tax Credit <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 percent of the cost of upgrading ventilation systems and air filtration, up to \$10,000 per location and \$50,000 in total. • Businesses would receive the credit on eligible expenses incurred between September 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022, related to the purchase or upgrade of mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and the purchase of standalone devices designed to filter air using high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per location and \$50,000 in total.
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Pivoting Your Business Operations

Tourism Digital Academy <i>Destination BC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free 8-week digital marketing program for BC tourism businesses who are interested in building their knowledge and skills in digital marketing to an intermediate level, free of cost. • A self-guided version of the program is available for those who require the flexibility of working at their own pace and on their own schedule: https://www.destinationbc.ca/learning-centre/tourism-digital-academy-self-guided/
Alacrity Canada Digital Marketing Bootcamp <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Alacrity Canada Digital Marketing Bootcamp provides digital marketing knowledge, tools and resources to help businesses grow. • Owners, operators and staff of a small to medium-sized business based in and registered in BC and directly impacted by COVID-19, may have their tuition covered. • https://alacritycanada.com/digital-marketing-boot-camp-business/
PPE Marketplace <i>Small Business BC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The marketplace connects businesses with suppliers of non-medical safety equipment. • https://marketplacebc.ca/ppe/
BC Marketplace <i>Small Business BC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BC Marketplace helps British Columbians support local small businesses. • Businesses can reach new audiences by creating their own business profile for free. • https://marketplacebc.ca/

Organizations and Programs Providing Business Support

BC Tourism Resiliency Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides tourism businesses with one-on-one support to navigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, adapt and work towards eventual recovery. • https://tourismresiliency.ca/
Business Resilience Program <i>Spring Activator</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers free online courses, support calls and other business resiliency resources to entrepreneurs in select communities across B.C. • https://spring.is/business-resilience/
Small Business BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports B.C.'s entrepreneurs to grow successful and sustainable businesses through expert business advisors, educational services, and easy-to-use free resources. • https://smallbusinessbc.ca/ • Free Webinars for Tourism Business Stakeholders

	<p>Destination BC has partnered with Small Business BC to offer free access for tourism business stakeholders across the province to online education supporting COVID-19 recovery.</p> <p>Upcoming webinars include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Started with Email Marketing, Date: February 2nd 2022 <p>To access the webinars free of charge, register online here using coupon code DBC3034.</p>
Community Futures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports small business development and rural economic diversification in B.C. through business financing, coaching/training services, and business management tools. • https://www.communityfutures.ca/
Women's Enterprise Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides business loans up to \$150,000 to B.C. women-led businesses, as well as business skills training, personalized business advice, mentoring, and practical business resources. • https://www.womensenterprise.ca/business-loans/
Futurpreneur Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides financing up to \$60,000, mentoring and support tools to aspiring business owners aged 18-39. • https://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/
Small Business Recovery (SBR) Consulting Rebate <i>Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimburses eligible small and medium-sized businesses located/headquartered within the NDIT service region for contracted consulting services that focus on ways to sustain businesses during the current economic downturn. • A rebate of up to 50% to a yearly maximum of \$30,000. • Applications are accepted until all funds are disbursed. • https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/business-development/competitiveness-consulting-rebate/
Small Business Working Capital Loans <i>Columbia Basin Trust</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides working capital and operating funds up to \$40,000 for eligible small businesses, headquartered and operating in the Columbia Basin Trust region, to assist with the challenges of COVID-19. • https://ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/small-business-working-capital-loans/

Closed Support Programs

Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) – Requests up to \$1 Million <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are no longer being accepted. • https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20061.asp
Launch Online Grant Program <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is now closed. • https://launchonline.ca/
Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program ran until August 31, 2021 or until funding was fully allocated. • https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/business-recovery-grant

Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants were available until June 4, 2021 or until funding was fully allocated. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/relief-grant
BC Indigenous Tourism Recovery Fund Program <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.indigenoussc.com/corporate/covid-19/indigenous-tourism-recovery-fund/
BC Major Anchor Attraction Program <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications were due by June 7, 2021. https://www.gov.bc.ca/attractions-grant
Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications were due by June 25, 2021 https://communityfoundations.ca/initiatives/chci/
Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicants had until June 30, 2021 to apply for the \$60,000 CEBA loan or the \$20,000 expansion. https://ceba-cuec.ca
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) – Community Futures Stream <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last day to submit an application was March 31, 2021. Contact your local Community Futures office for program availability. Funding is subject to availability. https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20065.asp
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) – Women’s Enterprise Initiative Stream <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline was June 30, 2021. https://www.womensenterprise.ca/business-loans/regional-relief-and-recovery-fund-for-women-entrepreneurs-bc-rrrf/
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund – Small and Medium Sized Businesses Stream <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications were accepted until June 30, 2021. https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20060.asp
Indigenous Emergency Loan Program <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program was available until June 30, 2021. https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1588079295625/1588079326171
Rent Relief for Outdoor Adventure Operators <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/crown-land-water/crown-land/crown-land-uses/recreation-tourism/adventure-tourism-commercial-recreation
Delayed PST Budget 2020 Tax Changes <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/tax-changes/covid-19-tax-changes
BC Hydro’s COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available from April 1 to June 30, 2020 https://www.bchydro.com/news/conservation/2020/covid-19-updates.html
Fairs, Festivals and Events Recovery Fund <i>Provincial Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications were accepted until October 1, 2021. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/fairs-festivals-events-recovery-fund
Employment Insurance (EI) Work Sharing Program <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The COVID-19 temporary special measures ended on September 26, 2021. https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus/employers-factsheet.html

Digital Economy Response (DER3) Program <i>Federal Government / PacifiCan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications were accepted until September 17, 2021. • https://innovationisland.ca/der3/
Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) & Lockdown Support <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support was available until October 23, 2021, with the maximum subsidy rates gradually decreasing beginning July 4, 2021. Applications must be made within 180 days after the end of a claim period. • https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-rent-subsidy.html
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support was available until October 23, 2021, with the maximum subsidy rates gradually decreasing beginning July 4, 2021. Applications must be made within 180 days after the end of a claim period. • https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html
FortisBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FortisBC is offering bill deferrals and interest free repayment schedules to impacted business clients. Participating businesses are eligible for a free customized energy advice consultation call with FortisBC partner GreenStep Solutions. • As of March 1, 2021, late payment fees will be charged on overdue balances. However, customers will not see late payment fees if: they have a customized payment plan and are up to date on payments, or, they have participated in the Customer Recovery Fund and are up to date on payments. • https://www.fortisbc.com/about-us/supporting-british-columbia-during-the-covid-19-outbreak
Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) <i>Federal Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides financing to eligible businesses in all sectors and regions affected by COVID-19. Various programs with loans of up to \$60 million are available through financial institutions. • Businesses can apply through their primary financial institution, and the program is available until December 31, 2021. • https://www.edc.ca/en/solutions/working-capital/bcap-guarantee.html
Access to Heritage - Museums Assistance Program <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funding to heritage organizations for travelling exhibitions in Canada, to promote access to heritage across different geographic regions. Open to incorporated non-profit Canadian museums and museum associations and incorporated non-profit Canadian service organizations. • Maximum funding per fiscal year (April-March) is \$200,000 with a maximum duration of 2 years (note that a third year can be added for circulation only). • Application deadline is December 22, 2021 • https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/museums-assistance/access-heritage.html
Collections Management - Museums Assistance Program <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Museums Assistance Program (MAP) - Collections Management component provides funding for projects to improve knowledge, skills and practices related to key museum functions. • Maximum project funding for collections management system or storage solutions projects is \$50,000. Maximum funding for projects related to sharing of best practices is \$200,000. • Application deadline is December 22, 2021.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/museums-assistance/collections-management.html
Indigenous Heritage - Museums Assistance Program <i>Federal Government - Canadian Heritage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indigenous Heritage component of the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) provides funding for projects related to the preservation, management and presentation of Indigenous cultural heritage. • Maximum funding per project is \$200,000 and maximum per fiscal year (April 1 - Mar 31) is \$100,000. Maximum project duration is 2 calendar years (24 months) • Application deadline is December 22, 2021. • https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/museums-assistance/indigenous-heritage.html
B.C. Increased Employment Incentive <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a one-time refundable tax credit for all private sector B.C. employers to encourage the creation of new jobs for B.C. workers or increases in payroll for existing low or medium-income employees. The tax credit is calculated at 15% of the amount that the employer's qualifying B.C. remuneration exceeds the employer's base B.C. remuneration for the quarter ending December 31, 2020. • Applications open online until December 31, 2021. • https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/employer-health-tax/employer-health-tax-overview/increased-employment-incentive
Community Workforce Response Grant (CWRG) <i>BC Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Streams of grant funding available: (1) Emerging Priorities; (2) Indigenous Communities; (3) COVID Response: Workforce Shortages; (4) Skills Training for Economic Recovery. The CWRG program is not intended to meet the same needs as the B.C. Employer Training Grant program (ETG). • Streams 1, 2, and 3: Up to \$300,000 funding available per application and up to \$15,000 per participant per fiscal year (April 1 - March 31). This amount is cumulative across CWRG-funded projects within the same fiscal year. Applications accepted until November 30 for skills training start dates between January 1 and March 1, 2022. • Stream 4: Up to \$8,000 per participant, multiple applications from one applicant will be accepted. Applications accepted until December 31, 2021 for training start dates between June 8, 2021 and February 28, 2022. • https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-Workforce-Response-Grant.aspx
Unity Pivot Business Loan <i>Vancity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers loans up to \$150,000 to businesses that have changed track to support the COVID-19 response specifically or have had to adapt to the changed environment. • https://join.vancity.com/unity-pivot-business-loan/

The information summarized in this document has been gathered from a variety of web sources, including but not limited to:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/small-business/resources/covid-19-supports>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html#businesses>
- <https://www.go2hr.ca/covid-19-updates/covid-19-faqs-for-tourism-employers>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding.html>
- <https://www.indigenoussc.com/corporate/covid-19/>