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Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
The Participant Funding Program	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	Federal	N/A	October 17, 2025	The Participant Funding Program (PFP) aims to support public engagement and Indigenous consultation during an assessment (project-specific, regional or strategic). It does so by providing funding at key stages of the assessment process, including the implementation of follow-up programs. Participant funding contributes to an open and balanced assessment process. This strengthens the quality and credibility of federal assessments.	<p>Individuals, non-profit organizations, and Indigenous communities and organizations that want to take part in an assessment may apply.</p> <p>They must also meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a direct local interest in the assessment, such as living or owning property in the assessment area; • Possess community knowledge or Indigenous Knowledge relevant to the assessment; • Possess expert information relevant to the anticipated impacts of the project; or • Possess an interest in a project's potential impacts on Treaty lands, settlement lands or traditional territories, or related claims and rights. 	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation-impact-assessments/funding-programs/participant-funding-program.html#toc001</p> <p>Funding Programs Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Tel.: 1-866-582-1884 Email: fp-paf@iaac-aeic.gc.ca</p>
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Environmental Careers Organization Canada (Youth in Natural Resources Program)	Community Training	N/A	Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development of Ontario	N/A	The Youth in Natural Resources Program provides training and funding for young professionals to help them transition into the workforce and gain experience in the natural resources sector. The program	The Youth in Natural Resources program helps train and fund youth (aged 15 to 30) looking to transition into or gain experience within the natural resources field.	<p>https://eco.ca/new-practitioners/beahr/</p> <p>https://eco.ca/about-us/leadership/contact-us/</p>

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helps them build a network of peers and mentors.
For employers, it gives them the opportunity to onboard young professionals and create meaningful environmental jobs within the natural resources sectors (Energy, Forestry, Mining Minerals & Metals, Earth Sciences) by removing limitations and challenges of hiring new professionals.

Eligible employers can receive 75% of the candidate's wages covered up to a maximum of \$18,000 for placements of up to 12 months.

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Indigenous Capacity Support Program	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	Federal	N/A	N/A	The Indigenous Capacity Support Program helps enhance meaningful engagement and leadership of Indigenous Peoples in consultations on assessments. This funding is provided outside the context of specific project reviews.	Eligible recipients include Indigenous communities and Indigenous organizations.	https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation-impact-assessments/funding-programs/indigenous-capacity-support-program.html
Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program: Access to Capital	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	N/A	This program promotes entrepreneurship in Indigenous communities and seeks to increase the number of viable Indigenous-owned businesses. The program has 2 components: access to capital and business opportunities .	<p>Eligible recipients include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation and Inuit communities and their governments, including tribal councils • Indigenous individuals • Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations and associations, 	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1610797286236

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					<p>The program provides Indigenous businesses with access to non-repayable contributions for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting eligible business proposals • leveraging additional funds <p>The National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) manages the program and distributes the funding through a network of 59 Aboriginal Financial Institutions (AFIs) across Canada. The AFIs can offer capital and other business support services to Indigenous businesses. To find out more about AFIs, visit What is an Aboriginal Financial Institution.</p> <p>The amount of funding available for a business proposal depends on its scope and its estimated budget. Individual Indigenous entrepreneurs may receive up to \$99,999 in funding assistance.</p>	<p>except those with charitable or religious purposes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • businesses owned and controlled by Indigenous peoples • Canadian owned and controlled banks, credit unions and trust companies authorized to make commercial loans and are provincially or federally regulated • private equity providers • provincial or federal crown corporations • municipal governments, labour organizations, universities, colleges and other learning institutions <p>Eligibility varies between AFIs. Consult with your local AFI to see if you are eligible.</p>	
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Community Opportunity Readiness	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	N/A	The Community Opportunity Readiness Program addresses the financial needs of Indigenous communities when they are in pursuit of, and wish to participate in, an economic opportunity. The program is a consolidation of the former community economic opportunities program, the major projects investment fund, and the community-based components of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation and Inuit communities and their governments, including tribal councils • Organizations and associations controlled by First Nation and Inuit communities, except those with charitable or religious purposes 	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1587563567774/1587563589262

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Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program: Access to Business Opportunities	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	October 31, 2025	The Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program (AEP) seeks to increase the number of viable businesses in Canada owned and controlled by Indigenous people. The AEP funds a broad range of entrepreneurial pursuits and aims to build capacity, reduce barriers and increase access to capital, by forging partnerships that will increase economic opportunities for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Indigenous organizations and associations (except those with charitable or religious purposes) that plan to provide economic development services for the benefit of First Nation and Inuit communities • The Province of Ontario, as per the Canada-Ontario Resource Development Agreement In exceptional circumstances, the Minister may also allow Community Opportunity Readiness Program contributions to other recipients for projects which have a significant impact on First Nations or Inuit communities. 	<p>https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1582037564226/1610797399865</p> <p>Contact the business development directorate: by email: APA-ABO@sac-isc.gc.ca</p>


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Access to Business Opportunities is one of 2 streams under the AEP. The other stream is the Access to Capital which provides Indigenous businesses with access to non-repayable contributions for supporting eligible business proposals and leveraging additional funds.

Canadian owned and controlled banks, credit unions and trust companies authorized to make commercial loans and are provincially or federally regulated
Private equity providers
Provincial or federal crown corporations
Municipal governments
Labour organizations
Universities, colleges and other learning institutions

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Lands and Economic Development Services Program: Operational funding	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	Deadlines vary. Contact your regional office to find out more.	<p>Core funding for economic development is provided annually by INAC through a funding agreement between a First Nation or Inuit community.</p> <p>Operational (core) funding is available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> economic development activities, including (but not limited to): capacity development community economic development planning development of proposals to raise financial resources <p>Eligible recipients can also apply for LEDSP project-based funding and use it to supplement operational funding.</p>	First Nations and Inuit communities and their governments tribal councils	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1472844971011/1611275481586

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Find out more about the Lands and Economic Development Services Program.

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Lands and Economic Development Services Program: Project-based funding	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	Call for proposals are usually issued several times each year through your regional offices. Contact your regional office to find out more.	Project-based funding is available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • economic development, land management and environment management activities, including (but not limited to) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ capacity development ○ planning ○ land designations that support economic development ○ development of proposals to raise financial resources • program management services pertaining to community economic development Eligible recipients can apply for LEDSP-project based funding and use it as a supplement to operational funding. Find out more about the Lands and Economic Development Services Program .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations and Inuit communities and their governments • tribal councils • organizations and associations controlled by First Nations and Inuit communities, except for those with charitable or religious purposes • non-Indigenous organizations and associations, except for those with charitable or religious purposes 	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1473167344730/1611275258458
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Strategic Partnerships Initiative	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	N/A	The Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) provides a way for federal partners to coordinate their efforts, reduce administrative burden and pool resources in support of Indigenous communities. This approach fills gaps in other funding programs that might create a barrier to Indigenous involvement in economic opportunities. SPI initiatives can span multiple years, have regional economic impacts and serve multiple communities. SPI is led by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and shared by a growing network of federal partners	Federal departments leading SPI initiatives determine any application processes which vary depending on the initiative's objectives. Those eligible to participate in SPI initiatives include: Indigenous businesses, organizations, partnerships and joint ventures Indigenous communities and local governments academic institutions provinces and territories	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1330016561558/1594122175203 Send an email to the SPI Secretariat: IPS-SPI@canada.ca Economic Business Opportunities Branch Strategic Partnerships Initiatives Directorate Indigenous Services Canada 10 rue Wellington Gatineau QC K1A 0H4
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Mining Industry Human Resources Council- Mining Essentials	Mining	N/A	MNRF	N/A	Mining Essentials teaches the essential and work readiness skills which have been validated and deemed necessary by industry to gain employment in the mining sector. The training program is designed specifically for Indigenous peoples by incorporating teachings that are culturally relevant to this group. Mining Essentials is the first step towards a rewarding career! This program was created to help companies and communities meet joint hiring and employment targets. Mining Essentials allows companies to benefit	Check website for information.	https://mihr.ca/cmsds/mining-essentials-work-readiness-training-for-indigenous-people/ Contact essentialskills@mihr.ca

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from a local, skilled and safety-conscious workforce that also fosters economic development, resulting in healthier communities.
MiHR has received funding to be able to support employers, educational institutions or training organizations with up to \$100,000 in funding to deliver Mining Essentials.
opportunities. SPI initiatives can span multiple years, have regional economic impacts and serve multiple communities. SPI is led by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and shared by a growing network of federal partners

Funding name	Organization:	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
The Indigenous Growth Fund	NACCA	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Indigenous Growth Fund is Canada’s newest and largest Indigenous social impact fund. The \$153M investment fund provides improved access to capital for Indigenous Financial Institutions and Indigenous small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), overcoming some of the barriers they have historically faced. The fund’s innovative evergreen model – a first of its kind in Canada – offers institutional and social impact investors a direct vehicle to contribute to economic reconciliation.	Loan capital from the IGF will flow through the network of IFIs to Indigenous businesses that are looking to start or expand. IFIs accept new loan inquiries on an ongoing basis. Indigenous businesses cannot access the IGF directly; however, an increasing number of IFIs will be able to provide more and larger loans to Indigenous enterprises drawing on capital from the IGF. A list of head offices of Indigenous Financial Institutions across the country can be found here .	https://nacca.ca/igf/ Email: info@nacca.ca

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Capital from the Fund will ensure that IFIs can continue to support Indigenous business clients in their communities and will unlock pent-up loan demand for new and expanding Indigenous businesses, allowing them to make loans available to more and larger businesses.

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<u>First Nations Land Management</u>	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	N/A	First Nations Land Management enables First Nations to transition away from the application of the 44 sections of the Indian Act relating to land and environmental management. First Nations can then develop their own laws about land use, the environment and natural resources, and take advantage of cultural and economic development opportunities with their new land management authorities. For more information, visit First Nations Land Management: Policy and legislation.	Any First Nation with reserve lands within the meaning of <u>section 91(24) of the Constitution Act of 1867</u> or with lands set aside in Yukon can opt-in. Once a First Nation has joined First Nations Land Management, it is able to receive 3 types of funding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. developmental funding for developing a land code, entering into an individual agreement with Canada, and holding a ratification vote 2. funding to facilitate the transition from the developmental phase to the operational phase 3. ongoing operational funding for managing land, environment and natural resources 	<u>https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1327090675492/1611953585165</u>
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Aboriginal Participation Fund	Mineral Development	Provincial	Ministry of Mines- Provincial Grant	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	<p>The Aboriginal Participation Fund was developed to help support Indigenous communities and organizations participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regulatory processes under the Mining Act • economic development activities associated with mineral exploration and development 	<p>Check website for each stream There are Six streams available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advanced exploration and development support • early exploration support • education and relationship-building • mineral development advisor stream • mining Conferences funding sub-stream • values mapping and related projects 	<p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-1</p> <p>Contacts: Transfer Payment Coordinator Mines and Minerals Division Ministry of Mines Tel: 705-670-5826 Toll-free: 1-888-415-9845 ext. 5826 Email: aboriginalparticipationfund@ontario.ca</p>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Values mapping and related projects	Mineral Development	Provincial	Ministry of Mines- Provincial Grants	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	<p>The values mapping and related projects sub-stream supports projects that focus on values identification or related projects between Indigenous communities, which will support communities' capacity to effectively participate in and respond to information requests in regulatory processes under the Mining Act.</p>	<p>Project funding is open to Indigenous communities or organizations in Ontario.</p> <p>Eligible applicants may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single applicants – Indigenous communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity • joint applicants – two or more Indigenous communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity, or Indigenous organizations (for example, Tribal Councils, economic development organizations) representing 	<p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-1</p>

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communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity
Joint applicants must provide a Band Council Resolution in support of the application from each community represented on the application.

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Rural Enhancement Funding Stream	Municipal Support	Provincial	Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation- Provincial Grant	N/A	The Rural Enhancement Funding Stream is designed to support priorities of rural communities to contribute to healthy and strong communities.	Rural municipalities, Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations and Local Services Boards having or serving a population of less than 30,000.	https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/community-enhancement-program/rural-enhancement-funding-stream
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Jobs and Growth Fund	Business Support	Federal	Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada- Federal Grant	N/A	The Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF) provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth. The fund, delivered by Canada's regional development agencies (RDAs), provides \$700 million nationally over three years, which includes up to \$70 million dedicated to businesses created after January 2020 that meet eligibility criteria.	Indigenous-led organizations and/or businesses are strongly encouraged to apply. Under the initiative, FedNor may contribute up to 100% of eligible project costs for projects with Indigenous clients.	Jobs and Growth Fund - Canada.ca
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Business scale-up and productivity	Business Support	Federal	Federal Grant through Regional Development Agencies Southern Ontario applicants: FedDev Ontario Northern Ontario applicants: FedDev North	N/A	Aims to accelerate the growth of firms and assist with the adoption and adaptation of new, innovative technologies that support scale-up, productivity, development of and entry into new markets to help companies become competitive in both domestic and global markets.	Individual operating a businesses, partnerships, social enterprises, incorporated companies, corporations or co-operatives, or an Indigenous organization such as Indigenous/First Nation/Métis Settlement owned businesses, and all other types of enterprises.	Business Scale-up and Productivity (canada.ca) Please call 1-877-333-6673 to discuss your proposal with a FedNor Officer in your area or begin your application process .
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Regional Development Program: Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness (AMIC) Stream	Business Support	Provincial	Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade- Provincial Grant	There are two-application intake periods each year.	Provide financial support to advanced manufacturing companies with a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) across Ontario by way of investments in capital equipment, technology adoption and skills development that will accelerate recovery in Ontario and place our companies in competitive global positions.	The fund supports business and organizations in advanced manufacturing sectors, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aerospace, automotive, chemical, information and communications technology (ICT), life sciences, steel To be eligible, businesses need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have at least three years of operations/financial statements, employ at least 10 people, commit to creating at least five new jobs and/or upskilled current jobs, invest at least \$500,000 in their project, be located in, or plan to locate in, a community in Ontario 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-21
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Mineral development advisor stream (Part of the Aboriginal Participation Fund)	Mineral Development	Provincial	Ministry of Mines- Provincial Grant	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	<p>The mineral development advisor (MDA) stream provides funding for a MDA for eligible Aboriginal communities and organizations to participate effectively in the regulatory consultation processes, including the review of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploration plan and permit applications • closure plans and closure plan amendments • environmental assessments 	<p>Funding is available to Ontario Aboriginal communities or organizations experiencing high mineral exploration or development activity, having received 10 or more exploration plans or permit applications in the previous fiscal year (April 1 to March 31). Communities that receive fewer than 10 exploration plans or permit applications may be eligible for this stream if they are engaged in reviewing two or more closure plans, closure plan amendments, or mineral development-related environmental assessments.</p>	https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-1
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
New Relationship Fund	Business Support/ Job Support	Provincial	Ministry of Indigenous Affairs- Provincial Grant	N/A	<p>The New Relationship Fund (NRF) supports First Nations organizations efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build consultation and engagement capacity and expertise • create jobs • develop business partnerships • improve economic opportunities 	<p>Eligible activities include hiring core consultation coordinator from the community, developing internal community decision-making protocols, building in-house knowledge and expertise, conducting community outreach activities, and forming relationships and partnerships</p>	<p>For information on application process, please visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/funding-indigenous-economic-development</p> <p>Email: NEWRELATIONSHIPFUND@ontario.ca</p>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Enhance Your Community Stream	Infrastructure	Provincial	Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation- Provincial Grant	On-going	<p>Incremental improvements, repairs, and/or renovations to improve and extend the useful life of capital assets including; social and recreational facilities, municipal</p>	<p>Municipalities, Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, and Local Services Boards located in Northern Ontario.</p>	https://nohfc.ca/public-program/enhance-your-community-program/

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assets and community halls, that contribute to a healthy and vibrant community.

The implementation of priority economic development initiatives that respond to an economic opportunity and / or contribute to improved quality of life for a community and/or region

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Indigenous Workforce Development Stream	Northern Ontario Employment Support	Provincial	Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation-Provincial Grant	N/A	The intent of the Indigenous Workforce Development Stream is to strengthen and develop Northern Ontario’s Indigenous workforce through business partnerships by offering internships to Indigenous persons.	Businesses, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit organizations located in Northern Ontario that have been in operation for at least one year and have minimum of one full-time employee.	https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/people-talent-program/indigenous-workforce-development-stream
Targeted Manufacturing Initiative for Northern Ontario	Northern Ontario Economic Support	Federal	FedNor- Federal Regional Development Agency	N/A	FedNor is committed to supporting Northern Ontario's economy by encouraging businesses to become more innovative, productive and competitive. Through its Regional Economic Growth through Innovation program, FedNor can help existing Northern Ontario manufacturers upgrade and improve	Eligible applicants are established manufacturers located in Northern Ontario, with 500 or fewer employees. For further clarity, established manufacturers means firms currently operating, whose primary line of business is the manufacture of a commercial product and that are planning for growth	https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn04072.html Please call 1-877-333-6673 to discuss your proposal with a FedNor Officer in your area or begin your application process .

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capital equipment used in manufacturing processes, including information and communications technology, to improve their competitiveness and productivity.

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Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Infrastructure	Federal	Infrastructure Canada- Federal Grant	N/A	<p>The Government is investing in the construction, expansion, and improvement of public transit infrastructure, for projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the capacity of public transit infrastructure; • Improve the quality or safety of existing or future transit systems; and • Improve access to a public transit system. 	Funding through this stream is allocated according to a formula based on ridership and population, which balances the demand on existing systems, while providing support for expected population growth.	https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/icp-pic-INFC-eng.html
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Investment Ready: Certified Site designed	Certification	Provincial	Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade- Provincial Grant	Applications can be received at any time	Certified Site designation is issued to properties that have successfully completed a set of program requirements to demonstrate that the property is primed for development and ready for investment.		Get an Investment Ready: Certified Site designation for your industrial property ontario.ca
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Strategic Partnerships Initiative	Business Support and Crown-Indigenous Reconciliation	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada- Federal Grant	No deadline, as this is an ongoing program	The Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) provides a way for federal partners to coordinate their efforts, reduce administrative burden and pool resources in support of Indigenous communities. This approach fills gaps in other funding programs that might create a barrier to Indigenous involvement in economic opportunities. SPI initiatives can span multiple years, have regional economic impacts and serve multiple communities.	Indigenous businesses, organizations, partnerships and joint ventures Indigenous communities and local governments academic institutions provinces and territories	Strategic Partnerships Initiative (sac-isc.gc.ca)
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Skills Partnership Fund	Employment/ Skills Training	Federal	Employment and Social Development Canada- Federal Grant	N/A	The program funds projects that contribute to the skills development and training-to-employment of Indigenous workers towards long-term, meaningful employment. SPF encourages innovations in Indigenous training-to-employment and service delivery, including new approaches to labour market training, and improving employment outcomes for Indigenous people.	N/A	Skills and Partnership Fund - Canada.ca Apply for funding to support skills development and training-to-employment for Indigenous people - Skills and Partnership Fund
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Tourism Growth Program (TGP) in Northern Ontario	not-for-profit organizations	Federal	Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario	N/A	Indigenous tourism is vital to the economic development and growth of Canada's tourism industry and is a priority under the TGP . Through the \$108 million TGP , approximately 15% will support Indigenous-led tourism initiatives.	Eligible applicants Eligible applicants include those operating in the tourism industry and are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); 	https://fednor.canada.ca/en/our-programs/tourism-growth-program-tgp-northern-ontario Please call 1-877-333-6673 to discuss your proposal with a FedNor Officer in your area

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					Indigenous applicants are invited to apply through the process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated not-for-profit organizations; • Indigenous (First Nation/Métis/Inuit) communities and organizations; and • Municipalities and municipal organizations. 	or begin your application process .
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Regional innovation ecosystems	not-for-profit organizations	Federal	Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario	N/A	The Regional Innovation Ecosystems (RIE) stream aims to create, grow and develop strong and inclusive regional ecosystems that support business growth and innovation, as well as the entrepreneurial environment necessary to foster more innovative regional economies and increase the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-for-profit organizations • Indigenous (First Nation/Métis/Inuit) communities and organizations • Municipalities and municipal organizations • A group of eligible recipients (e.g., alliance or consortium) that includes not-for-profit organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, post-secondary educational institutions, industry associations 	https://fednor.canada.ca/en/our-programs/regional-economic-growth-through-innovation-regi/regional-innovation-ecosystems Please call 1-877-333-6673 to discuss your proposal with a FedNor Officer in your area or begin your application process .
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Economic Development Initiative (EDI) in Northern Ontario	not-for-profit organizations	Federal	Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario	N/A	In Northern Ontario, the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) provides funding for projects that encourage economic growth in the region's Francophone communities and that capitalize on economic opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible recipients include Francophone or other organizations that undertake project activities in both official languages, provide programs or services in French, and are 	https://fednor.canada.ca/en/our-programs/economic-development-initiative-edi-northern-ontario

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made possible through the use of both official languages.

located in Northern Ontario. This would normally include:

- Community and economic development corporations;
- Not-for-profit organizations;
- Sectoral associations;
- Post-secondary institutions that offer full-time programs of study in French; and
- Municipalities that serve the Francophone community.
- Note: Small and medium-sized enterprises are ineligible applicants under the EDI .
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Municipal Energy Plan Program	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis	<p>Through the Municipal Energy Plan Program, you can get funding to develop a plan that will help your community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve energy efficiency • reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions • study the impact of future growth on energy needs • foster renewable energy production and economic development <p>Learn more about the Municipal Energy Plan Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ontario municipalities (including regional municipalities) can apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-18 • MEP@ontario.ca
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<p><u>Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)</u></p>	<p>Indigenous Services Canada</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Indigenous Services Canada</p>	<p>Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>The Community Opportunities Readiness Program (CORP) provides project-based funding for First Nation and Inuit Communities for a range of activities to support communities' pursuit of economic opportunities. Where First Nation and Inuit communities, or their representative organizations, identify opportunities and lack the financial resources to pursue them, the CORP will allow them to submit proposals to seek additional funding.</p>	<p>Eligible recipients are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation and Inuit communities and their governments, including Tribal Councils • organizations and associations controlled by First Nation and Inuit communities, except for those with charitable or religious purposes • Non-Indigenous organizations and associations, except for those with charitable or religious purposes, who plan to provide economic development services for the benefit of First Nation and Inuit communities • The Province of Ontario, in relation to the Canada-Ontario Resource Development Agreement • The Minister may, in exceptional circumstances, make contributions with respect to Indigenous business development to other recipients for projects 	<p>https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033417/1613659339457#sec2 655 Bay Street, Suite 700 Toronto ON M5G 2K4 Telephone: (647) 920-9516 Email: aadnc.ledontario.aandc@canada.ca</p>
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having a significant impact on First Nation and Inuit Business Development

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Advanced exploration and development support	Mining	Provincial	Ministry of Mines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	<p>The advanced exploration and development support sub-stream assists communities in areas of high mineral development activity to respond to advanced exploration and mine development projects.</p> <p>Funding through this stream is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project-based • limited to the costs associated with coordinating the review of advanced exploration and development projects • not intended to replace support received from project proponents 	<p>Funding is available to Indigenous communities in Ontario in areas of high mineral development activity. While priority will be given to communities that do not have an existing Mineral Development Advisor (MDA), communities with MDAs are encouraged to apply if their workload requires additional support to respond to advanced exploration and development project requests. Indigenous communities should discuss this sub-stream with one of the ministry's Mineral Exploration and Development Consultants (MEDC) before applying.</p>	<p>Application guide for the Aboriginal Participation Fund – advanced exploration and development support sub-stream</p> <p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#:~:text=The%20mineral%20development%20advisor%20(%20MDA,exploration%20plan%20and%20permit%20applications</p>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Early exploration support	Mining	Provincial	Ministry of Mines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	<p>The early exploration support sub-stream assists communities in areas of high mineral development activities to respond to early exploration projects.</p> <p>Funding through this stream is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project-based 	<p>Funding is available to Indigenous communities or organizations in Ontario that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are experiencing high mineral exploration or development activity 	<p>Application guide for the Aboriginal Participation Fund – early exploration support sub-stream</p>

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- limited to the costs associated with coordinating the review of early exploration projects

- have received two to 10 exploration permit applications in the previous fiscal year (April 1 to March 31)
- Eligible applicants may be:
- **single applicants** – Indigenous communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity
 - **joint applicants** – two or more Indigenous communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity, or Indigenous organizations (for example, Tribal Councils, economic development organizations) representing communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity

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Education and relationship-building	Mining	Provincial	Ministry of Mines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	The education and relationship building sub-stream helps Indigenous communities and organizations:	Project funding is open to Indigenous communities or organizations in Ontario. Eligible applicants may be:	Application guide for the Aboriginal Participation Fund - overview of the education and

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance their understanding of mineral exploration and development processes develop relationships between Indigenous communities, industry and government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> single applicants – Indigenous communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity joint applicants – two or more Indigenous communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity, or Indigenous organizations (for example, Tribal Councils, economic development organizations) representing communities in areas of high mineral exploration or development activity <p>Joint applicants must provide a Band Council Resolution in support of the application from each community represented on the application.</p>	relationship-building stream
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
First Nations Community Building Retrofit Program	Energy	N/A	N/A	N/A	The FNCBRP offers, at no cost to eligible participating communities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All on-reserve First Nations communities in Ontario connected to the provincial 	info@fnretrofitprogram.ca https://saveonenergy.ca/First-Nations-Energy-

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$330,000 in funding for the installation of energy-efficiency upgrades in on-reserve band-owned and operated commercial and institutional facilities. • On-site energy assessments and an audit report identifying energy-efficiency projects in up to 15 facilities chosen by the participant. • A community benchmark report to compare the energy use of these facilities with other similar facilities with the goal of prioritizing them for further assessment. • Project support from Save on Energy’s program delivery partner with identifying, engaging and coordinating installation contractors. 	<p>electricity grid are eligible to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial and institutional facilities must be located on band-owned land and operated for the use and benefit of the community. • An executed Band Council Resolution is required. The full list of eligibility criteria can be found in the program requirements. 	Programs/First-Nations-Community-Building-Retrofit-Program
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund	Infrastructure	Provincial	Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation	Stream 2 New Builds/Signature New Builds: application intake is ongoing until all funding has been allocated.	The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) is a \$200 million capital funding program designed to revitalize existing community sport and recreation infrastructure and support the construction of new facilities across the province. The CSRIF is a two-stream, application-based funding program.	<p>Eligible applicants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • municipalities • local services boards • not-for-profit organizations • Indigenous communities and organizations • for-profit organizations (stream 2 only) 	<p>Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund program guidelines.</p> <p>Contacts Email CSRIF@ontario.ca for general inquiries or consult with a Regional Development Advisor to discuss the details of your project.</p>

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					Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds – funding up to \$10 million to invest in new, transformative community sport and recreation infrastructure, including assets that do not currently exist in a community or the replacement of existing assets that have reached the end of their lifespan		https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-3
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Investment Ready: Certified Site designation</u>	Economic Development	Provincial	Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	Applications can be received at any time.	An Investment Ready: Certified Site designation is issued to properties that have successfully completed a set of program requirements to demonstrate that the property is primed for development and ready for investment. <u>Learn more about the Investment Ready: Certified Site Program.</u>	The eligibility requirements can be found in the <u>Certification Instructions and Requirements Guide.</u>	For program questions and advice on developing your application, please contact our office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by email: investmentready@ontario.ca by phone: 1-855-585-0475 https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-7
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Regional Development Program: Eastern Ontario</u>	Economic Development	Provincial	Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	Applications are ongoing. There are four application intake periods	The Eastern Ontario Development Fund provides support for projects and investments to businesses, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations for	The fund supports business and community economic development projects. <u>Learn about the eligibility requirements for different businesses and projects.</u>	Contacts For questions and advice on developing and strengthening your

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<u>Development Fund and Southwestern Ontario Development Fund: Eastern Ontario Development Fund</u>				each year. Applicants will be notified of decisions within 60 business days of the application deadline. <u>Learn more about the intake period timelines.</u>	economic development in eastern Ontario.		application, contact our regional offices at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>easternregionbas@ontario.ca</u> • Tel: 416-314-8880 <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-13</u>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Skills Development Fund: Capital Stream</u>	Economic Development	Provincial	Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development	Continuous intake, applications will be assessed on a rolling basis until funding is fully allocated.	The Skills Development Fund (SDF) Capital Stream offers funding to eligible organizations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build new training centres • upgrade existing training centres • convert an existing building into a training centre <u>Learn about our SEED and GROW funding pathways under this stream.</u>	The fund supports business and community economic development projects. <u>Learn about the eligibility requirements for different businesses and projects.</u>	Email: <u>westernregionbas@ontario.ca</u> Tel: 416-314-8880 <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-13</u>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>First Nation Infrastructure Fund</u>	Infrastructure	Federal	ISC	The deadline to submit your First Nation Infrastructure	The First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) helps First Nations communities upgrade and increase public infrastructure to	First Nations communities can apply through their First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan.	<u>https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100010656/1533645154710</u>

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				<p>Investment Plan is in the fall of each year. There is no deadline to receive FNIF funding.</p>	<p>improve the quality of life and the environment in First Nations communities. The FNIF supports a wide range of infrastructure projects on reserves, Crown land or land set aside for the use and benefit of First Nations. The FNIF targets infrastructure categories with long-standing community needs. Off-reserve projects can be considered if they are cost-shared with non-First Nations partners, such as nearby municipalities or other Indigenous partners. The FNIF was created as a complementary source of funding to the Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program and includes 9 categories of eligible infrastructure projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. planning and skills development 2. solid waste management 3. roads and bridges 4. energy systems 5. connectivity 6. structural mitigation (previously disaster mitigation) 7. fire protection 8. cultural and recreational facilities 9. band administrative buildings 	<p>For more details, consult the First Nation Infrastructure Fund Program guide.</p>	
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<u>Indigenous Energy Support Program</u>	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	<p>The Indigenous Energy Support Program (IESP) promotes broad equitable participation in Ontario’s energy sector for First Nation and Métis communities and First Nation and Métis organizations by supporting community capacity building, including energy planning and energy infrastructure development, as well as the building of energy knowledge and awareness, and skills related to energy projects.</p> <p>Details regarding the next intake period for 2025 will be provided here once available. Please see the <u>Program Documents and Resources</u> page for program documents.</p> <p>The Program provides funding through three Areas of Funding (AOF):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity Building 2. Economic Development 3. Energy Resiliency & Monitoring 	<p>First Nation and Métis communities and organizations in the province of Ontario can apply for funding. See the <u>Program Guidelines</u> for more details.</p> <p>Non-indigenous entities working in partnership with, and for the benefit of, First Nation or Métis communities or organizations (joint applicants only).</p>	<p>iesp@ieso.ca https://www.ieso.ca/Get-Involved/Indigenous-Relations/Indigenous-Energy-Support-Program/IESP-Overview</p>
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<u>Education and Capacity Building (ECB) Program</u>	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	<p>The objective of the ECB Program is to support awareness, education, skills, and capacity building initiatives that help prepare communities and organizations to fully leverage energy opportunities and contribute to cleaner, more reliable and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Nation or Métis Communities; •First Nation or Métis Organizations (including Friendship Centres, Indigenous housingproviders, and others); and •Non-Indigenous entities working in partnership with, and for the benefit of, 	<p>ecb@ieso.ca www.ieso.ca/ecb</p>

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more affordable energy systems for First Nations and Métis, by providing funding support for:

- community capacity-building initiatives;
- education, community data collection and knowledge mobilization initiatives;
- skill building and project-readiness training; and
- innovative projects and initiatives relating to the ECB Program objective.

First Nation or Métis Communities, or First Nation or Métis Organizations (Note: Non-Indigenous entities may only apply as joint applicants working with a First Nation or Métis Community or First Nation or Métis Organization as the lead applicant).
Funding is not provided to individuals. Joint applications for a shared single project may be submitted by two or more eligible applicants. Applicant eligibility for the ECB Program is Education and Capacity Building (ECB) Program Guidelines (v 8.0) 3 determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the IESO or the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, as applicable.
Please see section 6 below for definitions of key eligibility terms.

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<u>ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (EPP)</u>	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	Under the Partnership Stream, First Nation and Métis Communities are eligible to apply for funding to assess and develop Project Partnerships for the purpose of developing Renewable Energy Projects and Identified Transmission Projects. First Nation and Métis Organizations may be	Municipalities, Co-ops and Public Sector Entities must meet the mandatory eligibility requirements set out below (the “ MCPSE Mandatory Eligibility Requirements ”) to be eligible for funding under the Partnership Stream.	E-mail: EPP@ieso.ca https://www.ieso.ca/get-involved/funding-programs/energy-partnerships-program/-/media/files/ieso/document-library/funding/epp/apply/A

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eligible to apply to the Partnership Stream, in the sole and absolute discretion of the IESO, but only in respect of Identified Transmission Projects. In the event that a First Nation and Metis Organization is determined by the IESO to be eligible to apply pursuant to this Section, all of the requirements and obligations in respect of a First Nation and Metis Community herein apply to such First Nation and Metis Organization, as applicable.

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Indigenous Community Energy Plan (ICEP) Program	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	<p>The objective of the ICEP program is to support First Nation and Métis Communities, and First Nation and Métis Organizations, to develop and maintain an updated community energy plan designed to enhance community energy security. The ICEP Program provides funding to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing new community energy plans; and • updating existing community energy plans. 	<p>First Nation or Métis Communities; and First Nation or Métis Organizations (including Friendship Centres, Indigenous housing providers, and others). Funding is not provided to individuals. In recognition that applicants may wish to take a collaborative approach, a joint application for a shared single community energy plan may be submitted by two or more eligible applicants. Applicant eligibility for the ICEP Program is determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the IESO or the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, as applicable.</p>	<p>icep@ieso.ca</p> <p>ICEP Program resources available at: www.ieso.ca/icep</p>
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<p><u>Energy Affordability Program</u></p>	<p>Energy</p>	<p>Provincial</p>	<p>Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>What is the Energy Affordability Program? The Energy Affordability Program provides support to income-eligible electricity consumers by helping them to better manage their monthly electricity costs and to increase their home comfort. There are two types of support available through the Energy Affordability Program: <u>Comprehensive Support</u> and <u>Energy Saving Kits</u>. All expert advice and energy-saving home upgrades under this program are completely free of charge. The Energy Affordability Program is delivered by <u>trusted Save on Energy delivery agents</u>.</p>	<p>To qualify, the participant must be:</p> <p>A resident of an eligible Social Housing property, OR An individual who owns, rents or leases a residence, is listed as the primary or secondary utility account holder, AND meets ONE of the following criteria: Has an annual household income for the previous year that does not exceed the following limits:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Number of people in the home</td> <td>Before-tax household income</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>\$47,090</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>\$66,595</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>\$81,561</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>\$94,179</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>\$105,295</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>\$115,345</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7+</td> <td>\$124,586</td> </tr> </table> <p>Received assistance from one of the following programs in the past 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowance for Seniors Allowance for the Survivor Guaranteed Income Supplement Healthy Smiles Ontario Child Dental Program Home Winterproofing Program (HWP) Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) 	Number of people in the home	Before-tax household income	1	\$47,090	2	\$66,595	3	\$81,561	4	\$94,179	5	\$105,295	6	\$115,345	7+	\$124,586	<p>Contact by phone <u>1-844-770-3148</u></p> <p><u>https://saveonenergy.ca/For-Your-Home/Energy-Affordability-Program</u></p>
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Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)
Ontario Works
Any on-reserve community member.

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<u>Remote First Nations Energy-Efficiency Program</u>	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	The IESO's Save on Energy Remote First Nations Energy-Efficiency Program (RFNEEP) provides funding support to remote First Nations communities to implement energy-efficiency projects that will help them manage energy use more effectively to save on energy costs, and increase the comfort of their homes and businesses. With transmission connection on its way to these remote communities, now is an ideal time to build awareness about the benefits of energy efficiency.	Homes and businesses in the following remote First Nations communities in Ontario that meet the program eligibility requirements can participate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearskin Lake First Nation • Deer Lake First Nation • Kasabonika Lake First Nation • Keewaywin First Nation • Kingfisher Lake First Nation • Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug • Muskrat Dam First Nation • North Caribou Lake First Nation • North Spirit Lake First Nation • Pikangikum First Nation • Poplar Hill First Nation • Sachigo Lake First Nation • Sandy Lake First Nation • Wapekeka First Nation • Wawakapewin First Nation 	SaveOnEnergy@ieso.ca . https://saveonenergy.ca/First-Nations-Energy-Programs/Remote-FN-Energy-Efficiency-Program
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Grid Innovation Fund</u>	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	The Grid Innovation Fund (GIF) advances innovative opportunities to achieve electricity bill savings for Ontario ratepayers by funding projects that either	Both non-profit and for-profit incorporated entities can apply to the Fund. The Grid Innovation Fund does not consider applications from individuals,	gridinnovationfund@ieso.ca https://ieso.ca/en/Get-Involved/Innovation/Grid-Innovation-Fund/Overview

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					<p>enable customers to better manage their energy consumption or that reduce the costs associated with maintaining reliable operation of the province’s grid. The GIF makes investments in specific projects – not companies – with clear objectives. It supports projects that validate the performance and business case of promising new technologies, practices, and services. The GIF also supports projects that identify and mitigate market barriers, or otherwise accelerate the adoption of competitive cost-effective energy solutions.</p> <p>Since 2005, the GIF (and its predecessor funds the Technology Development Fund and Conservation Fund) has provided financial support for more than 200 innovative energy projects across the province.</p>	<p>including incorporated individuals and sole proprietorships. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local hydro companies • Technology companies • Consulting firms • Industry associations • Educational institutions • Public sector organizations 	
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program</u>	Infrastructure	Provincial	<u>Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation</u>	November 13, 2025 at 6 p.m	The Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program (ICCGP) funds the development of community capital projects that contribute to a sustainable social base and support economic participation in Indigenous communities, both on and off reserve.	<p>The program has funding for 3 project stages in the capital project process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feasibility study completion 2. Design completion 3. Construction and renovation 	<u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/funding-indigenous-economic-development#section-1</u>
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<u>Indigenous Economic Development Fund</u>	Economic Development	Provincial	<u>Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation</u>	Fall 2025	<p>The Indigenous Economic Development Fund (IEDF) provides grants and financing to Indigenous entrepreneurs, businesses, communities and organizations. The fund helps promote economic development and improve employment opportunities for Indigenous people.</p> <p>The IEDF provides grants and financing through three funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Diversification Grant • Business and Community Fund • Regional Partnership Grant 	<p>The fund supports projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diversify Indigenous economies • increase access to employment and training opportunities • provide start-up and expansion financing for small and medium-sized businesses • support financing, skills training and other economic development initiatives through collaboration between Indigenous communities and the private sector 	<u>Funding for Indigenous economic development ontario.ca</u>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) 2025-2026</u>	Economic Development	Provincial	<u>Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation</u>	October 28, 2025, 5:00 pm	<p>The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) will help ensure Ontarians are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies.</p> <p>The grant will provide funding to help communities purchase emergency supplies, equipment and services, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chain saws, generators, sandbag machines 	<p>Eligible applicants for Round 3 (2025 to 2026) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • municipalities with a population under 100,000 (Statistics Canada data from 2021) • local services boards established under the Northern Services Boards Act • Indigenous communities and organizations, including Tribal Councils, and other Indigenous service organizations • non-municipal fire departments or entities providing fire protection services as defined in the Fire Protection and 	<p><u>emocommunitygrants@ontario.ca</u></p> <p><u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-1</u></p>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency training delivery, exercise planning and coordination, education <p>The grant funds supplies, equipment and services that range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate how the activity or purchase will increase emergency preparedness and resilience for their organization and community. They must also demonstrate that they can complete the activity (i.e., procurement, training, plan development) by the program end date of August 31, 2026. Any funds not spent must be returned to the Ontario government</p>	Prevention Act in unincorporated Ontario	
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