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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	<p>Ontario Pumped Storage Hydropower Project Application deadline: April 7, 2026 (Application Form)</p> <p>Bruce C Nuclear Project Application deadline: March 23, 2026 (Application Form)</p> <p>Baptiste Nickel Project Application deadline: March 9, 2026 (Application Form)</p>	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	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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program 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	Eligible recipients include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation and Inuit communities and their governments, including tribal councils • Indigenous individuals 	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1610797286236

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					<p>has 2 components: access to capital and business opportunities.</p> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations and associations, except those with charitable or religious purposes • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation and Inuit communities and their governments, including tribal councils 	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1587563567774/1587563589262

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					<p>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 Indigenous business development program. By helping communities become equipped to participate in an economic opportunity, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) can increase the participation of Indigenous people in Canada's economy overall and improve the prosperity of Indigenous communities and individuals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations and associations controlled by First Nation and Inuit communities, except those with charitable or religious purposes • 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. 	
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Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program: Access to Business Opportunities	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	currently accepting applications for funding for fiscal year 2026 to 2027	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	First Nation and Inuit communities and governments, including Tribal Councils Indigenous individuals	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1582037564226/1610797399865 Contact the business development directorate:

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					<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Organizations and associations, whether Indigenous-owned or non-Indigenous-owned, as long as they are not charitable or religious</p> <p>Businesses owned and controlled by Indigenous peoples</p> <p>Canadian owned and controlled banks, credit unions and trust companies authorized to make commercial loans and are provincially or federally regulated</p> <p>Private equity providers</p> <p>Provincial or federal crown corporations</p> <p>Municipal governments</p> <p>Labour organizations</p> <p>Universities, colleges and other learning institutions</p>	<p>by email: APA-ABO@sac-isc.gc.ca</p>
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<p>Lands and Economic Development Services Program: Operational funding</p>	<p>Community economic development</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Indigenous Services Canada</p>	<p>Deadlines vary. Contact your regional office to find out more.</p>	<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>	<p>First Nations and Inuit communities and their governments</p> <p>tribal councils</p>	<p>https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1472844971011/1611275481586</p>

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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.	<p>economic development activities, including (but not limited to): capacity development community economic development planning development of proposals to raise financial resources Eligible recipients can also apply for LEDSP project-based funding and use it to supplement operational funding.</p> <p>Find out more about the Lands and Economic Development Services Program.</p> <p>Project-based funding is available for:</p> <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 	<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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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ development of proposals to raise financial resources • program management services pertaining to community economic development <p>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.</p>		
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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	Check website for information.	https://mihr.ca/cmsds/mining-essentials-work-readiness-training-for-indigenous-people/ Contact essentialskills@mihr.ca

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joint hiring and employment targets. Mining Essentials allows companies to benefit 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

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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),	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	https://nacca.ca/igf/ Email: info@nacca.ca

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					<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
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First Nations Land Management	Community economic development	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	N/A	<p>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,</p>	<p>Any First Nation with reserve lands within the meaning of section 91(24) of the Constitution Act of 1867 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:</p> <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 	<p>https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1327090675492/1611953585165</p>

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					visit First Nations Land Management: Policy and legislation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. funding to facilitate the transition from the developmental phase to the operational phase3. ongoing operational funding for managing land, environment and natural resources	
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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: aboriginalparticipati onfund@ontario.ca</p>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Values mapping and and data management	Mineral Development	Provincial	Ministry of Mines- Provincial Grants	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	<p>The values mapping and data management 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 <i>Mining Act</i>.</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 	<p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-1</p>

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development activity, or Indigenous organizations (for example, Tribal Councils, economic development organizations) representing 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/public-program/rural-enhancement-funding-program/
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Emissions Performance Program	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	Provincial	Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada- Federal Grant	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	The Emissions Performance Program (EPP) is a non-competitive program funded by compliance payments collected through the Emissions Performance Standards (EPS) regulation. The program supports projects to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at eligible industrial facilities. The EPP will fund 2 types of projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> capital projects study-based projects 	Eligible facilities for the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are registered in the Emissions Performance Standards Program have purchased Excess Emissions Units do not generate electricity as their primary industrial activity Examples of project activities that are eligible for funding include (but are not limited to):	https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-1

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- stationary equipment retrofits for energy efficiency and fuel switching
- mobile equipment retrofits for energy efficiency and fuel switching
- building envelope upgrades (insulation, windows, doors)
- heat recovery
- industrial process changes
- carbon capture and storage
- clean electricity and low-carbon fuel production for own use

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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	This funding, which aims to foster innovation and business growth, can be awarded at any stage of a business's development. Projects submitted by SMEs or NPOs are funded for fostering expansion, productivity and growth through innovation.	Consult the eligibility criteria for the Business scale-up and productivity program. https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-quebec-regions/financing-services/business-scale-up-and-productivity.html#:~:text=Consult%20the%20eligibility,Eligibility	https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-quebec-regions/financing-services/business-scale-up-and-productivity.html
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Regional Development Program: Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness (AMIC) Stream	Business Support	Provincial	Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade- Provincial Grant	June 30, 2026 – September 23, 2026	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.	<p>The fund supports business and organizations in advanced manufacturing sectors, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aerospace, automotive, chemical, information and communications technology (ICT), life sciences, steel <p>To be eligible, businesses need to:</p> <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
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
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

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New Relationship Fund Indigenous Economic Development Fund	Business Support/ Job Support	Provincial	Ministry of Indigenous Affairs- Provincial Grant	N/A	The New Relationship Fund (NRF) supports First Nations organizations efforts to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build consultation and engagement capacity and expertise • create jobs • develop business partnerships • improve economic opportunities 	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	For information on application process, please visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/funding-indigenous-economic-development Email: NEWRELATIONSHIPFUND@ontario.ca
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Enhance Your Community Stream	Infrastructure	Provincial	Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation- Provincial Grant	On-going	Incremental improvements, repairs, and/or renovations to improve and extend the useful life of capital assets including; social and recreational facilities, municipal 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	Municipalities, Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, and Local Services Boards located in Northern Ontario.	https://nohfc.ca/public-program/enhance-your-community-program/

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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
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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 capital equipment used in manufacturing processes, including information and communications technology, to improve their competitiveness and productivity.	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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Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Infrastructure	Federal	Infrastructure Canada- Federal Grant	N/A	The Government is investing in the construction, expansion, and improvement of public transit infrastructure, for projects that:	Funding through this stream is allocated according to a formula based on ridership and population, which balances the demand on existing systems, while	https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/icp-pic-INFC-eng.html

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- 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.

providing support for expected population growth.

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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
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
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. Indigenous applicants are invited to apply through the process.	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); • Incorporated not-for-profit organizations; • Indigenous (First Nation/Métis/Inuit) communities and organizations; and • Municipalities and municipal organizations. 	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 or begin your application process .
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Regional innovation ecosystems	not-for-profit organizations	Federal	Federal Economic Development	N/A	The Regional Innovation Ecosystems (RIE) stream aims to create, grow and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-for-profit organizations 	https://fednor.canada.ca/en/our-programs/regional-

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			Agency for Northern Ontario		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"> • 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 	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 made possible through the use of both official languages.	<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 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. 	https://fednor.canada.ca/en/our-programs/economic-development-initiative-edi-northern-ontario 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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- 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/municipal-energy-plan-program
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)	Indigenous Services Canada	Federal	Indigenous Services Canada	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis	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	<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 	<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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them, the CORP will allow them to submit proposals to seek additional funding.

- 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 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	Mining	Provincial	Ministry of Mines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	The advanced exploration and development support sub-stream assists communities in areas of high mineral	Funding is available to Indigenous communities in Ontario in areas of high mineral development activity.	Application guide for the Aboriginal Participation Fund – advanced

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development support					<p>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>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.</p> <p>Indigenous communities should discuss this sub-stream with one of the ministry's Mineral Exploration and Development Consultants (MEDC) before applying.</p>	<p>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 • limited to the costs associated with coordinating the review of early exploration projects 	<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 • have received two to 10 exploration permit applications in the previous fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) <p>Eligible applicants may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single applicants – Indigenous communities in areas of high mineral 	<p>Application guide for the Aboriginal Participation Fund – early exploration support sub-stream</p>

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Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Education and relationship-building	Mining	Provincial	Ministry of Mines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	<p>The education and relationship building sub-stream helps Indigenous communities and organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhance their understanding of mineral exploration and development processes • develop relationships between Indigenous communities, industry and government 	<p>Project funding is open to Indigenous communities or organizations in Ontario. 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 	<p>Application guide for the Aboriginal Participation Fund - overview of the education and relationship-building stream</p>

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						<p>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> <p>Joint applicants must provide a Band Council Resolution in support of the application from each community represented on the application.</p>	
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	<p>The FNCBRP offers, at no cost to eligible participating communities:</p> <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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All on-reserve First Nations communities in Ontario connected to the provincial electricity grid are eligible to participate. • 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. 	<p>info@fnretrofitprogram.ca https://saveonenergy.ca/First-Nations-Energy-Programs/First-Nations-Community-Building-Retrofit-Program</p>

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- **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.

The full list of eligibility criteria can be found in the [program requirements](#).

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.	<p>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.</p> <p>The CSRIF is a two-stream, application-based funding program.</p> <p>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</p>	<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> <p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-3</p>

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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: <u>investmentready@ontario.ca</u> by phone: <u>1-855-585-0475</u> <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-7</u>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Regional Development Program: Eastern Ontario Development Fund and Southwestern Ontario Development Fund: Eastern Ontario</u>	Economic Development	Provincial	Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	Applications are ongoing. There are four application intake periods each year. Applicants will be notified of decisions within 60 business days of the application deadline. <u>Learn more about the intake</u>	The Eastern Ontario Development Fund provides support for projects and investments to businesses, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations for economic development in eastern Ontario.	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 application, contact our regional offices at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>easternregionbas@ontario.ca</u> Tel: <u>416-314-8880</u> <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-13</u>

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Development Fund				period timelines.			
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Skills Development Fund: Capital Stream	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.	<p>The Skills Development Fund (SDF) Capital Stream offers funding to eligible organizations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build new training centres • upgrade existing training centres • convert an existing building into a training centre <p>Learn about our SEED and GROW funding pathways under this stream.</p>	<p>The fund supports business and community economic development projects.</p> <p>Learn about the eligibility requirements for different businesses and projects.</p>	<p>Email: westernregionbas@ontario.ca Tel: 416-314-8880 https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-13</p>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
First Nation Infrastructure Fund	Infrastructure	Federal	ISC	The deadline to submit your First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan is in the fall of each year. There is no deadline to receive FNIF funding.	<p>The First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) helps First Nations communities upgrade and increase public infrastructure to 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</p>	<p>First Nations communities can apply through their First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan. For more details, consult the First Nation Infrastructure Fund Program guide.</p>	<p>https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100010656/1533645154710</p>

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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:

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

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Indigenous Energy Support Program	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	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.	First Nation and Métis communities and organizations in the province of Ontario can apply for funding. See the Program Guidelines for more details. Non-indigenous entities working in partnership with, and for the benefit of, First Nation or Métis communities or organizations (joint applicants only).	iesp@ieso.ca https://www.ieso.ca/Get-Involved/Indigenous-Relations/Indigenous-Energy-Support-Program/IESP-Overview

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Details regarding the next intake period for 2026 will be provided here once available. Please see the [Program Documents and Resources](#) page for program documents.

The Program provides funding through three Areas of Funding (AOF):

1. Capacity Building
2. Economic Development
3. Energy Resiliency & Monitoring

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Education and Capacity Building (ECB) Program	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 more affordable energy systems for First Nations and Métis, by providing funding support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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. 	<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, First Nationor Métis Communities, or First Nation or Métis Organizations (Note: Non-Indigenouentities may only apply as joint applicants working with a First Nation or MétisCommunity or First Nation or Métis Organization as the lead applicant). <p>Funding is not provided to individuals. Joint applications for a shared single project may be submitted by two or more</p>	<p>ecb@ieso.ca https://www.ieso.ca/-/media/Files/IESO/Document-Library/funding/ECB/ECB-8-Program-Guidelines_20190910.pdf?sc_lang=en&hash=3E48F4F8720EFAD9B1FC1313B48134AE</p>

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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.

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<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 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	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/App-Instructions-Guide-Partnership.pdf

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First Nation and Metis Organization, as applicable.

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Indigenous Community Energy Plan (ICEP) Program</u>	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>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Energy Affordability Program</u>	Energy	Provincial	Ministry of Energy and Electrification IESO	N/A	<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>.</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>	<p>Contact by phone 1-844-770-3148</p> <p>https://saveonenergy.ca/For-Your-Home/Energy-Affordability-Program</p>

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All expert advice and energy-saving home upgrades under this program are completely free of charge. The Energy Affordability Program is delivered by [trusted Save on Energy delivery agents](#).

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

Received assistance from one of the following programs in the past 12 months:

- 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)
- Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)
- Ontario Works
- Any on-reserve community member.

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Remote First Nations Energy-Efficiency Program	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	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 	SaveOnEnergy@ieso.ca . https://saveonenergy.ca/First-Nations-Energy-

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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.

- 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

[Programs/Remote-FN-Energy-Efficiency-Program](#)

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Grid Innovation Fund	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 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	Both non-profit and for-profit incorporated entities can apply to the Fund. The Grid Innovation Fund does not consider applications from individuals, including incorporated individuals and sole proprietorships. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local hydro companies • Technology companies • Consulting firms • Industry associations • Educational institutions • Public sector organizations 	gridinnovationfund@ieso.ca https://ieso.ca/en/Get-Involved/Innovation/Grid-Innovation-Fund/Overview

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adoption of competitive cost-effective energy solutions.

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.

Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program</u>	Forestry	Provincial	Ministry of Natural Resources	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Funding will follow an open, competitive rounds-based application process. <u>Learn more about current and upcoming rounds of evaluations.</u>	<p>The Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program provides funding for strategic investments in the forest sector that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhance competitiveness • support new market access • provide benefits to Ontario’s broader forest sector • strengthen regional economies <p>Support is available under two project categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • business projects • collaboration projects <u>Learn more about the funding amounts and selection process.</u>	<p>Business projects</p> <p>Support is available for Ontario-based projects with at least \$3 million in eligible costs undertaken by for-profit manufacturers and processors of wood and forest biomass across Ontario, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • saw mills • pulp and paper mills • secondary wood manufacturers • bio-economy projects <p>Harvesting and resource extraction projects are not eligible for funding.</p> <p>Collaboration projects</p>	<p><u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-3</u></p> <p>Tel: 1-844-573-9017 Email: <u>FSIIP@ontario.ca</u></p>

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Support is available for Ontario-based projects with at least \$3 million in eligible costs undertaken through a collaboration of:

- forest sector for-profit businesses
- not-for-profit research organizations
- forest industry associations
- academia

Eligible collaborations should develop, diversify and transform Ontario's forest sector through innovation in technology, process or products.

A minimum of three partners are required (including at least one Ontario-based for-profit forestry/wood products company).

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Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Ontario Transit	Transportation	Provincial	Ministry of Transportation	Applications are accepted on	The Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF) provides annual funding of	Eligible applicants are municipalities, non-profit organizations and	https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-8 Please contact MTO-SIO@ontario.ca for all program

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<p><u>Investment Fund</u></p>				<p>an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>\$5 million to deliver local and intercommunity transportation projects in unserved and underserved areas in Ontario, particularly in rural areas.</p> <p>OTIF provides time-limited, application-based funding for up to 5 years to support the start-up and growth of transit services across the province. Through OTIF, the province is providing eligible communities with the support they need to build safe and reliable transit services.</p>	<p>Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Program guidelines</p> <p>OTIF Program Guidelines</p>	<p>inquiries including on how to apply for OTIF.</p>
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:

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<p><u>Site Readiness Program</u></p>	<p>Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade</p>	<p>Provincial</p>	<p>Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade</p>	<p>Applications can be received at any time.</p>	<p>The Site Readiness Program supports investment attraction and business expansion opportunities in Ontario. The program provides funding assistance to successful Applicants to help prepare their eligible industrial properties for potential investment opportunities. <u>Learn more about the Site Readiness Program.</u></p>	<p>The eligibility requirements can be found in the <u>Site Readiness Program Guide.</u></p>	<p><u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-14</u> For program questions and advice on developing your application, please email our office: <u>investmentready@ontario.ca</u></p>
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Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
<u>The Ontario Automotive Modernization Program (O-AMP)</u>	Economic Development	Provincial	Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	You must submit your application by April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EDT	The Ontario Automotive Modernization Program (O-AMP) supports small- and medium- sized automotive parts suppliers in Ontario to help modernize the province's automotive supply chain. The program was created to strengthen competitiveness, improve productivity and help suppliers respond to the rapidly changing needs of vehicle manufacturers.	<p>O-AMP provides support to projects that fall under one or more of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • technology adoption for process efficiency • tools and technologies to support new product development • lean manufacturing <p>Eligible applicants are Ontario-based for-profit automotive supply chain companies with fewer than 500 employees and less than \$1 billion in global revenues, and with at least 30% of total sales in the automotive supply</p>	<p><u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-14</u></p> <p><u>o-amp@ontario.ca</u></p>

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						<p>sector. Applicants must have a manufacturing location in Ontario by project start.</p> <p>Businesses can receive up to \$150,000, covering up to 50% of eligible project costs, with the company contributing the remaining share through internal resources or financing.</p> <p>Learn about the eligibility requirements for O-AMP</p>	
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Winter Roads Program: Bridges and Culverts Stream	Ministry of Transportation	Provincial	Ministry of Transportation	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	The Winter Roads Program – Bridges and Culverts Stream provides funding to Northern	Project funding is open to remote communities in Northern Ontario that are not connected to a provincial highway network by an all-season road. Eligible	<p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-14</p> <p>winter.roads@ontario.ca.</p>

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				<p>Ontario remote communities for new water crossing infrastructure (pre-engineered bridges and culverts) and repairs to existing water crossing structures. Projects are located on the Ontario winter roads network, which provides vital seasonal connections between the Far North and the provincial highway network.</p>	<p>applicants include Indigenous communities, Indigenous organizations such as Tribal Councils, corporations or partnerships formed by eligible applicants to build or maintain winter roads, and the Town of Moosonee.</p> <p>Applications may be submitted by:</p> <p>Single applicants – one eligible applicant.</p> <p>Joint applicants – two or more eligible applicants.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged, wherever possible, to submit applications with multiple projects that cover the same road network. Applicants are also encouraged to work</p>	
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						<p>together to maximize the benefits of available funding through joint applications.</p> <p>Joint applications must be accompanied by a resolution in support of the application from each applicant represented on the application. The applicant responsible for maintaining the corridor where the project is located should be identified as the project lead and submit the application.</p>	
Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:

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Indigenous Community Infrastructure Initiative (ICII)	Infrastructure / Financing	Federal	Canada Infrastructure Bank	Ongoing	<p>We lend to new infrastructure projects that are in partnership with, and for the benefit of, Indigenous communities to reduce their infrastructure gap and promote economic participation.</p> <p>The ICII is a collaborative financing solution that offers low-cost and long-term loans to Indigenous infrastructure projects and combines public funding and/or private and institutional investment to get more infrastructure built.</p> <p>Through the ICII, our investment team looks to provide</p>	<p>These projects must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall within at least one of the CIB’s priority sectors and be located in Canada; • Provide a direct benefit to an Indigenous community by closing an infrastructure gap or through the meaningful economic participation and ownership of an Indigenous community; • Generate revenue, but can also be supported by other community revenues; • Include Indigenous community capital and/or other 	<p>http://cib-bic.ca/en/indigenous-community-infrastructure/</p> <p>indigenous@cib-bic.ca</p>
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					<p>affordable, long-term financing to Indigenous projects that provide a direct benefit to an Indigenous community or communities.</p>	<p>industry sponsor investment of at least 20% of project capital cost net of grants;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent an investment of at least \$5 million and up to \$100 million, and not more than 80% of project cost net of grants; evidence that no other lender will provide financing at terms and conditions that make the project viable; and • Be new or represent significant upgrades to existing infrastructure. 	
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Funding name	Sector	Federal/ Provincial	Relevant Ministry	Funding Deadline	Description	Eligibility	Contacts and link:
Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities (CERRC)	Clean Energy	Federal	NRCan	There is no deadline to apply	The Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities (CERRC) program provides funding for renewable energy and capacity building projects to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels for heating and electricity in Indigenous, rural and remote communities across Canada. In support of the clean energy transition, the program's objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and	To learn more about the types of projects we have funded and the work being done we're funding, who can apply and how we're working, visit Clean energy for Indigenous, rural and remote communities .	https://natural-resources.canada.ca/funding-partnerships/clean-energy-rural-remote-communities-program https://forms-formulaires.alpha.canada.ca/en/id/clj8xxq1o00bsyq658jldwr5l

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					<p>fossil fuel use by increasing the use of local renewable energy sources and related energy efficiency measures. This creates environmental, social and economic benefits to support healthier and more sustainable communities. Investing in clean energy solutions in Indigenous communities is a small but important link to energy security, reconciliation, self-determination and economic development for Indigenous Peoples.</p>		
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