

Community and Regional Economic Development Funding Programs

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The following document briefly describes a number of funding programs related to community and regional economic development. Although the majority are Government of Canada and Government of Alberta programs, it does include a number of foundations and not-for-profit programs.

This document is by no means a comprehensive list of all the available programs relating to community and regional economic development, however, it does provide a foundation of programs to build from. Each program listed has a brief description, web address, and contact information.

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PROGRAMS

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA

Program Name	Program Description
Rural Secretariat - Community Development Program	<p>Building Rural and Northern Partnerships - The Community Development Program is a contribution program which offers a limited amount of funding to assist rural and northern regions to obtain information and access/develop the expertise, tools and processes needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to respond to rural and northern challenges and opportunities; and • to become more competitive by collaborating regionally, building on their local assets and developing unused potential. <p>Contact: Ray Darwent, Regional Advisor Rural Secretariat Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Ph: 780.495.4568 Email: ray.darwent@agr.gc.ca http://www.rural.gc.ca/RURAL/display-afficher.do?id=1244146341952&lang=eng</p>
Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program	<p>The Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) is a five-year (2009-2014), \$163 million program with the objective of facilitating the agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector's ability to seize opportunities, to respond to new and emerging issues, and to pathfind and pilot solutions to new and ongoing issues in order to help it adapt and remain competitive. Launched as a successor to the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) program, the Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) will continue to support industry-led initiatives at the national, regional and multi-regional levels.</p> <p>Contact: Agriculture and Food Council (Alberta) Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Ph: 780.955.3714 Email: info@agfoodcouncil.com http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1182366508375&lang=eng</p>
Agricultural Programs and Services	<p>For a complete list of agricultural programs and services available, go to:</p> <p>http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1204137480722&lang=eng</p>

ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital Initiative	<p>If you are a Canadian agricultural producer, you could receive up to \$25 million to build or expand a biofuel factory using agricultural materials to make fuel for transportation. You have to repay this money. The program ends on September 30, 2012.</p> <p>Contact ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital Initiative, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Telephone: 1-877-246-4682 Email: bioagriculture@agr.qc.ca</p> <p>http://www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/summary/2128/</p>
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CANADA REVENUE AGENCY

Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Tax Incentive Program	<p>The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Tax Incentive Program (Canada Revenue Agency) is a federal tax incentive program to encourage Canadian businesses of all sizes and in all sectors to conduct research and development (R&D) in Canada that will lead to new, improved, or technologically advanced products or processes. Claimants can apply for SR&ED investment tax credits for expenditures such as wages, materials, machinery, equipment, some overhead, and SR&ED contracts.</p> <p>Contact: Calgary Tax Service Office (Serving Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories) Ph: 403.691.5890 http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/txcrdt/sred-rsde/bts-eng.html</p>
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ENVIRONMENT CANADA

Program Name	Program Description
EcoAction - Community Funding Program	<p>The EcoAction Community Funding Program provides financial support to community groups for projects with measurable, positive impacts on the environment. Funding is available for projects that address Environment Canada's priority issues of Clean Air and Climate Change, Clean Water, and Nature.</p> <p>The Program encourages action focused projects that will protect, rehabilitate or enhance the natural environment, and build the capacity of communities to sustain these activities into the future.</p> <p>Contact: Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut EcoAction, Environment Canada Ph: 780.951.8763 Email: ecoaction.pnr@ec.gc.ca</p> <p>http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/default.asp?lang=En&n=FA475FEB-1</p>
Funding	<p>Environment Canada offers funding through various Grants and Contributions programs. These programs offer funding to eligible groups, organizations and individuals for local action projects that protect or conserve our natural environment and to create employment opportunities for young scientists and post-secondary graduates seeking hands-on training.</p> <p>Contact: Alberta Office Telephone: 780.951.8600 http://www.ec.gc.ca/financement-funding/Default.asp?lang=En&n=3A49CF19-1</p>

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CANADA (DFAIT)

Program Name	Program Description
Funding Programs	<p>The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) funds an array of projects and programs in Canada and around the world. These departmental programs, aligned to government priorities, are important policy tools to protect Canadians and advance Canada's priorities, interests and leadership abroad. We also manage Canada's annual contributions to International Organizations.</p> <p>http://www.international.gc.ca/about-a_propos/grants-subventions/index.aspx?lang=eng&view=d</p>

<p><u>Invest Canada-Community Initiatives</u></p>	<p>The Invest Canada-Community Initiatives (ICCI) Program assists Canadian communities in attracting, retaining and expanding foreign direct investment. ICCI supports non-profit and public-private partnerships at the local community level. The program follows three basic principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on supporting the attraction, retention, and expansion of foreign direct investment; • Work through partnerships; • Sharing costs. <p>The application phases are reopened in the fall of 2011 for 2012 funding. Application must be submitted before midnight (Pacific Time), October 21, 2011</p> <p>Contact: Alberta Lisa Huang Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada Ph: 780.495.2047 Email: clgry.icci-icic@international.gc.ca http://www.international.gc.ca/funding-financement/investment-investissement/index.aspx?lang=eng&view=d</p>
<p><u>Global Commerce Support Program - Going Global Innovation</u></p>	<p>Going Global Innovation (Going Global) is the innovation, science and technology pillar of the Global Commerce Support Program (GCSP). The GCSP provides a client focused consolidated approach for accessing funding sources from DFAIT in order to attract foreign direct investment, increase Canadian innovation and commercialization opportunities and to increase Canada's business share in foreign markets.</p> <p>The objective of Going Global is to promote and enhance Canada's international innovation efforts by supporting Canadian companies and/or researchers in pursuing international R&D collaborative opportunities through the development of partnerships with key players in other countries/economies.</p> <p>Contact: Yvonne Lauzon Trade Commissioner - Going Global Administrator Phone: 613.995.7920 Email: innovation@international.gc.ca http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/science/going_global.jsp</p>

HUMAN RESOURCES AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CANADA

Program Name	Program Description
Funding Programs	A list of funding programs offered through Human Resources and Skills Development Canada can be found at: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/funding_programs/index.shtml

INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA

Program Name	Program Description
Community Economic Development Program (CEDP)	<p>The Community Economic Development Program provides core financial support for First Nation and Inuit communities for public services in economic development. The financial support is intended for community economic development planning and capacity development initiatives, development of proposals and leveraging financial resources, and carrying out economic development activities.</p> <p>Contact: Alberta Region Ph: 780.495.2773 Email: infopubs@ainc-inac.gc.ca http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ced/index-eng.asp</p>
Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP)	<p>The Community Economic Opportunities Program provides project-based support to those First Nation and Inuit communities that have the best opportunities for public services in economic development. The program leads to community economic benefits such as more community employment, greater use of land and resources under community control, enhanced community economic infrastructure, more business opportunities, and a better climate and environment for community economic development.</p> <p>Contact: Alberta Region Ph: 780.495.2773 Email: infopubs@ainc-inac.gc.ca http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ceo/index-eng.asp</p>
Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)	<p>Aboriginal Business Canada is an Indian and Northern Affairs Canada program that maximizes Aboriginal people's participation in the economy through business development. Aboriginal Business Canada provides support to Aboriginal entrepreneurs for a range of activities including business planning, start-up, expansion, and marketing. Aboriginal Business Canada works with clients of all Aboriginal heritage groups; on-reserve and off-reserve; and in urban, rural and remote areas.</p>

	<p>Contact: Edmonton</p> <p>Aboriginal Business Canada Ph. 780.495.2954 http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/index-eng.asp</p>	<p>Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc. (AMDI) Edmonton Research Park Ph. 780.452.7951 Email: office@apeetogosan.ab.ca www.apeetogosan.ab.ca</p>
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INDUSTRY CANADA

Program Name	Program Description
Small Business Internship Program	<p>The Small Business Internship Program provides small and medium-sized enterprises financial support to hire a post secondary student intern to assist them in their adoption of e-business strategies to increase their productivity and competitiveness.</p> <p>Contact: Industry Canada Telephone: 780.495.4782 http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/sbip-pspe.nsf/eng/home</p>
Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative (SADI)	<p>Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative objectives are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage strategic research and development (R&D) that will result in innovation and excellence in new products and services; 2. Enhance the competitiveness of Canadian Aerospace and Defence (A&D) companies; 3. Foster collaboration between research institutes, universities, colleges and the private sector. <p>Contact: Industrial Technologies Office Industry Canada Toll free (Canada): 1.800.266.7531 Email: info@ito.gc.ca Industrial Technologies Office website: www.ito.gc.ca/epic/site/ito-oti.nsf/en/Home SADI website: http://ito.gc.ca/epic/site/ito-oti.nsf/en/h_00023e.html</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA

Program Name	Program Description
Communities Component	<p>The Communities Component of the Building Canada Fund recognizes that smaller communities have unique infrastructure needs, and therefore targets projects in communities with populations of less than 100,000. Projects related to safe drinking water, disaster mitigation, brownfield redevelopment, and local roads and bridges are funded</p>

	<p>through the Communities Component. (extended until October 31, 2011)</p> <p>Contact: Infrastructure Canada Communities Component Ph: 613.948.1148 Email: info@creatingjobs.gc.ca http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/creating-creation/cc-vc-eng.html</p>
Gas Tax Fund (GTF)	<p>The GTF supports environmentally sustainable municipal infrastructure projects that contribute to cleaner air, cleaner water and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Contact: Infrastructure Canada Communities Component Ph: 613.948.1148 Email: info@creatingjobs.gc.ca http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/funprog-progfin/base/gtf-fte/gtf-fte-eng.html</p>

National Funding for Heritage

Program Name	Program Description
Grants and Foundations	<p>Heritage Canada Foundation provide links to Funding for Sites/Projects/'Bricks & Mortar' the funding sites are listed under the following links and headings.</p> <p>National Funding for Heritage http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/links/fund.html#nat</p> <p>Provincial Funding for Heritage http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/links/fund.html#prov</p> <p>Regional and Community Funding for Heritage http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/links/fund.html#reg</p> <p>Heritage Canada Foundation 190 Bronson Ave. Ottawa, ON K1R 6H4</p>

	<p>Phone: (613) 237-1066 Toll-free in Canada: 1-866-964-1066</p> <p>Fax: (613) 237-5987</p> <p>E-mail: heritagecanada@heritagecanada.org</p> <p>http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/links/general.html</p>
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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Program Name	Program Description
National Research Council -Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP)	<p>National Research Council-Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) supports small and medium-sized enterprises in Canada to grow stronger, grow faster and grow bigger through innovation and technology. The program helps firms to develop technologies and successfully commercialize them in a global marketplace by providing technical and business advisory services and financial assistance. NRC-IRAP offers two kinds of financial assistance: 1. Research and Technology Development Activities, 2. Youth Employment Strategy Programs</p> <p>Contact: Calvin Koskowich National Technology Advisor National Research Council Canada Ph: 403.320.3494 Email: calvin.koskowich@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/ibp/irap.html</p>
Research and Technology Development Activities	<p>The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) may provide financial support to qualified small and medium-sized enterprises in Canada to help them develop technologies for competitive advantage. NRC-IRAP operates on a shared-risk model, providing cost-shared financial assistance for research and development projects that meet both the firm and project assessment criteria. http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/irap/financial-assistance.html#ar#ar</p>
Youth Employment Strategy Programs	<p>The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) delivers its Youth Employment Program under the Career Focus stream of the Youth Employment Strategy and provides small and medium-sized enterprises with financial assistance to hire highly skilled post-secondary graduates. http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/irap/youth-initiatives.html</p>

NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA

Program Name	Program Description
Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC)	<p>Sustainable Development Technology Canada is a not-for-profit foundation that finances and supports the development and demonstration of clean technologies which provide solutions to issues of climate change, clean air, water quality and soil, and which deliver economic, environmental and health benefits to Canadians. The Foundation draws from an investment fund of \$550 million.</p> <p>SDTC operates two funds aimed at the development and demonstration of innovative technological solutions. The \$550 million SD Tech Fund supports projects that address climate change, air quality, clean water, and clean soil. The \$500 million NextGen Biofuels Fund supports the establishment of first-of-kind large demonstration-scale facilities for the production of next-generation renewable fuels.</p> <p>Contact: Ron Barkwell Manager, Applications Sustainable Development Technology Canada Ph: 613.234.6313 Ext.349 Email: rbarkwell@sdtc.ca http://www.sdtc.ca/index.php?page=about-our-funds&hl=en_CA</p>
The Investments in Forest Industry Transformation Program (IFIT)	<p>The objective of the Investments in Forest Industry Transformation (IFIT) program is to support Canada's forest sector in becoming more economically competitive, and environmentally sustainable, through targeted investments in innovative technologies. Investments in Forest Industry Transformation will provide \$100 million over four years for projects that implement new technologies leading to non-traditional high-value forest products and renewable energies.</p> <p>The second and final Call for Proposals is now open and will run until 5:00pm (EDT) on Wednesday, September 28, 2011.</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Email: IFIT@nrcan.gc.ca http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/subsite/investments-forest-industry-transformation</p>

WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION CANADA

Program Name	Program Description		
Alberta Women Entrepreneurs	<p>Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) is a not-for-profit organization that provides a range of tools to help women across Alberta succeed in business. Since 1995, AWE has supported women in business through business advising, business skills development, financing up to \$150,000 and networking opportunities.</p> <p>Contact:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 407 1018 570"> Edmonton Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Toll-free (information): 1.800.713.3558 Email: info@awebusiness.com www.awebusiness.com </td> <td data-bbox="1178 407 1654 570"> Calgary Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Toll-free (information): 1.800.713.3558 Email: info@awebusiness.com www.awebusiness.com </td> </tr> </table>	Edmonton Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Toll-free (information): 1.800.713.3558 Email: info@awebusiness.com www.awebusiness.com	Calgary Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Toll-free (information): 1.800.713.3558 Email: info@awebusiness.com www.awebusiness.com
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WD Funding for Not-for-Profits and Communities	<p>Funding is available to not-for-profit organizations and communities for projects that support at least one of WD's project activities: innovation, business development and entrepreneurship and community economic development.</p> <p>Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Diversification Program (WDP) (eligibility criteria) (application process) is the main program through which WD invests in projects that support our strategic outcomes related to innovation, business development and entrepreneurship and community economic development. • Western Economic Partnership Agreements (WEPAs) (eligibility criteria) are multi-year funding commitments to strengthen economic activity and improve quality of life in western communities. • The Economic Development Initiative will invest \$3.2 million in the West over five years to support business and economic development that encourages sustainable growth in Western Canada's Francophone communities. <p>Business Development and Entrepreneurship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Western Canada Business Service Network provides services and resources to help western Canadians start, grow and expand their businesses. <p>Community Economic Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WD helps increase the viability and diversification of local economies in Western Canada through a variety of programs and services, tailored to the region's own particular strengths, challenges and opportunities. <p>Contact:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="527 1195 926 1320"> WD Alberta Edmonton Phone: 780.495.4164 http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/240.asp </td> <td data-bbox="1220 1227 1619 1320"> Calgary Phone: 403.292.5458 http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/240.asp </td> </tr> </table>	WD Alberta Edmonton Phone: 780.495.4164 http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/240.asp	Calgary Phone: 403.292.5458 http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/240.asp
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<p>Western Economic Diversification Canada Programs</p>	<p>WD receives an annual allocation, approved by Parliament, for grants and contributions that support a wide range of programs responding to Western Canada's economic development needs and priorities.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Mechanisms • Partnership Agreements A majority of WD's grants and contributions are delivered in partnership with other levels of government. These partnerships allow us to cost share initiatives that respond to regional needs and opportunities • Direct Agreements: WD's grants and contributions also support projects delivered directly by WD, either alone or in partnership with other organizations. Groups eligible to apply under these programs include universities and other post-secondary academic institutions, research institutes, industry associations and other not-for-profit organizations. • National Agreements WD delivers a number of national programs in the western provinces <p>Contact:</p> <p>Phone: 403.292.5458 http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/16.asp</p> <p>Phone: 780.495.4164 http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/16.asp</p>
<p>Community Futures (CF)</p>	<p>Community Futures (CF) is a national community economic development program. In western Canada, Community Futures is funded by Western Economic Diversification Canada. Community Futures are non-profit organizations, guided by volunteer boards of directors and staffed with business professionals. Together, community volunteers and staff are actively engaged in helping to develop and implement community-based economic development strategies with a focus on rural economic diversification.</p> <p>Core services include:</p> <p><u>Small Business Loans</u> Community Futures offers eight different loans products, each designed to meet a particular business need</p> <p><u>Self Employment Program</u> Some Alberta Community Futures organizations deliver the Self Employment (SE) Program, which provides business training and financial assistance to new entrepreneurs while they get their business up and running.</p> <p><u>Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program</u> The Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program (EDP) was established to make it easier for entrepreneurs with disabilities to pursue their business goals and contribute to economic growth within their rural community. In addition to offering</p>

business training and mentoring, the EDP can also provide business loans, through the BusinessAble loan product.

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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA PROGRAMS

ALBERTA ABORIGINAL RELATIONS

Program Name	Program Description
<p>First Nations Economic Partnerships Initiative (FNEPI)</p>	<p>The Ministry of Aboriginal Relations works with Aboriginal communities, the federal government, industry and other stakeholders to promote social and economic opportunities designed to enhance the quality of life of Aboriginal people in Alberta. http://www.aboriginal.alberta.ca/877.cfm</p> <p>. Economic Capacity Building (ECB) Program Aboriginal Economic Partnerships (AEP) Branch provides funding thru the Economic Capacity Building (ECB) Program to support capacity building initiatives that help strengthen the ability of First Nation individuals, communities and businesses to participate in economic activities. ECB supports rural and urban Aboriginal communities to develop the skills and knowledge needed to identify, plan and implement economic development projects. http://www.aboriginal.alberta.ca/516.cfm</p> <p>. Strategic Economic Initiatives (SEI) Program Aboriginal Economic Partnerships (AEP) Branch provides funding to First Nations, Tribal Councils, First Nation companies and organizations, and other non-government organizations that directly promote the economic capacity building of First Nations. All projects must demonstrate both significant strategic value and sustainable economic partnerships with other stakeholders such as government and industry. http://www.aboriginal.alberta.ca/515.cfm</p> <p>. Regional Partnership Development (RPD) Program The Regional Partnership Development program provides funding for tribal councils and unaffiliated First Nations to hire Regional Economic Partnership Coordinators (REPC), to identify and facilitate partnerships between First Nations and industry. http://www.aboriginal.alberta.ca/511.cfm</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Phone: 780-427-9390 Email: fnepi@gov.ab.ca</p>

ALBERTA ADVANCED EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Program Name	Program Description
Alberta Innovates Connector Service	<p>Alberta Innovates is a new system for innovation that companies and researchers around the world agree is unique. Businesses, government, and universities collaborate to share resources, experts, and ideas across sectors. University researchers work together, unrestricted by academic barriers.</p> <p>We invest billions of dollars in research through long-term endowment funds — that means our investments are there for the long term. And instead of needing to negotiate with multiple partners in industry, government and universities, you can access all the resources you need through one point of contact, one agreement and one system.</p> <hr/> <p>Contact: Alberta Innovates Connector Service Alberta Advanced Education and Technology Ph: 877.828.0444 Email: connector@albertainnovates.ca http://albertainnovates.ca/unique.html</p>

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Program Name	Program Description
2011 Programs and Services for Growth	<p>Development Officers with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development serve as the first point of contact for Alberta's growing and established agri-processing companies. In addition to having a thorough understanding of the agri-processing industry, Development Officers can help navigate through the numerous programs and services. They are 'your connection to resources for business growth.'</p> <p>For information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discover what's available to help grow your agri-processing business, - find the programs and services that suit your needs, - apply to financial cost-sharing opportunities for new initiatives, - access resources that improve your business <p>.http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agp8038</p>

<u>Agriculture Initiatives Program</u>	<p>Funds will be granted to agricultural societies incorporated under the Agricultural Societies Act (Alberta), and to other registered not-for-profit organizations with objectives related to agriculture and rural development.</p> <p>Contact: Bill Gordon Rural Programs Branch Ph: 780.422.2611 Email: bill.gordon@gov.ab.ca http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv61?opendocument</p>
<u>Alberta Technology Innovation Program (ATIP)</u>	<p>The Alberta Technology Innovation Program (ATIP) provides financial support for Alberta companies to attend approved National and International technology related trade shows, conferences, seminars and other industry events to foster support for both company and industry innovation and growth. Program funding, offered by Food Beverage Canada, is available over a 5 year period beginning April 01, 2007. Applications for ATIP must be received a minimum of 30 days in advance of the actual event in order to be considered for funding.</p> <p>Contact: Ph: 780.486.9679 Email: kparker@foodbeveragecanada.com http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv339?opendocument</p>
<u>Growing Forward: Agri-Foods Marketing Assistance Program</u>	<p>Growing Forward programs are designed to support progressive thinking as Albertans become increasingly health-conscious and environmentally aware. With a suite of programs to choose from, Growing Forward offers something for the changing needs of the agriculture and agri-foods industry. Opportunities are focused on building a sector that is profitable and competitive, able to retain/capture domestic or international market opportunities, prepared for and able to respond effectively to emergencies, and able to manage risk effectively. Funding programs include: Food Safety – Processing, Livestock Welfare, Agri-Business and Product Development Grant, and Agri-Business Automation and Lean Manufacturing.</p> <p>Contact: Growing Forward Toll-free: 310.3276 Email: growingforward@gov.ab.ca http://www.growingforward.alberta.ca/AboutGrowingForward/index.htm</p>
<u>Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator (APBI)</u>	<p>The APBI is dedicated to assisting food processors in the scale up and commercialization of new products and technologies so they can establish their own facilities. Early stage business entrepreneurs and more established food organizations will find the Incubator and its campus of services a unique avenue for developing and processing an array of food products for the value-added market. Typically, a new processor will desire mentoring assistance with experts in processing technology, food safety and HACCP implementation, safe and cost efficient operating practices, business</p>

	<p>plan development and industry networking. Depending on eligibility, funding assistance may also be available.</p> <p>Contact: Robert Gibson Ph: 780.980.4866 Email: robert.gibson@gov.ab.ca http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/fpdc10937</p>
Rural Gas Program	<p>The Rural Utilities Division is responsible for ensuring the safe and orderly development of natural gas distribution systems, conducting technical reviews, issuing approvals, development of policy issues respecting rural gas utility operations and business practices and regulation of gas co-ops. The division administers a grant program to help reduce the high cost of providing natural gas service in rural Alberta.</p> <p>Contact: Tom Kee Rural Utilities Branch Ph: 780.427.0944 Email: tom.kee@gov.ab.ca http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv13?opendocument</p>

ALBERTA CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Program Name	Program Description
Grants and Foundations	<p>Heritage Preservation Partnership Program This program offers matching grants, along with technical and advisory assistance to organizations and individuals for the conservation of Alberta's historic places and heritage awareness initiatives such as the installation of historical interpretive signs, historical research and publications http://www.culture.alberta.ca/ahrf/default.aspx</p> <p>Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation provides annual funding to five other provincial heritage organizations: Alberta Museums Association, the Archives Society of Alberta, the Historical Society of Alberta, the Alberta Genealogical Society and the Archaeological Society of Alberta. Funding assists these organizations in delivering programs and services that document, preserve and present the province's heritage. http://www.culture.alberta.ca/cfep/default.aspx</p>

ALBERTA EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

Program Name	Program Description
Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP)	<p>Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) is a program element under the Training for Work program. It was developed by Alberta Employment and Immigration (AE&I) and community partners to help students who would benefit from temporary employment during the spring and summer months. STEP encourages the hiring of students across Alberta during the months of May to August. Its primary intent is to provide meaningful summer employment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stimulate the creation of new and/or additional employment opportunities, • stimulate the creation of career-related employment opportunities for students, • stimulate the creation of employment for students studying away from home, in their home communities, • enhance employer awareness to youth workers and the unique contributions they can make to an organization, • support skill development opportunities <p>Contact: Alberta Employment and Immigration Training for Work Program Ph: 780.422.5082 Email: STEP@gov.ab.ca http://employment.alberta.ca/CES/3158.html</p>

ALBERTA ENERGY

Program Name	Program Description
Energy Efficiency Assessment Program	<p>Using less energy per unit of production can reduce production costs and improve your organization's bottom line. By implementing energy efficiency retrofit projects you can:</p> <p>Reduce energy consumption, Improve your productivity and competitiveness, Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Produce a healthier, more comfortable workplace.</p> <p>The Energy Efficiency Assessment Program is here to assist you with identifying and implementing the projects that best fit your manufacturing business.</p> <p>Contact: Productivity Alberta 5th floor, Commerce Place 10155 - 102 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5J 4L6</p>

	<p>Tel: +1 780 427 6648 Fax: +1 780 422 2091</p> <p>http://www.productivityalberta.ca/tools/energy-efficiency/guides-resources/energy-efficiency-assessment-program</p>
<p>Bioenergy Producer Credit Program (2011-2016)</p>	<p>The Bioenergy Producer Credit Program (BPCP) is intended to encourage investment in bioenergy production capacity in Alberta in order to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, support Alberta's Renewable Fuels Standard and create value-added opportunities with economic benefits.</p> <p>Contact: Email: BPCP.Energy@gov.ab.ca http://www.energy.gov.ab.ca/BioEnergy/1400.asp</p>

ALBERTA HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Program Name	Program Description
<p>Affordable Housing Programs</p>	<p>The Community Housing Program provides subsidized rental housing to low-income families, senior citizens, and individuals with special needs who cannot afford private sector accommodation. Applicants whose income falls below local income limits are eligible to apply (Core Need Income Threshold). Applicants are given priority based on need, as determined by income, assets, and current housing condition. A tenant's rent, which includes heat, water and sewer expenses, is based on 30 percent of a household's adjusted income. The tenant is responsible for electricity, telephone and cable television, as well as any additional services they may request (i.e. parking).</p> <p>Contact: Housing Services Ph: 780.422.0122 Email: housing@gov.ab.ca http://www.housing.alberta.ca/561.cfm</p>

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Program Name	Program Description
<p>Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)</p>	<p>The Municipal Sustainability Initiative provides municipalities with sustainable funding to assist them in meeting the challenges of growth and enhancing their long-term sustainability. These objectives are met by providing new conditional grants to municipalities until fiscal year 2016.</p> <p>Contact:</p>

	<p>Municipal Services Branch Ph: 780.427.2225 Email: mah.msicapitalgrants@gov.ab.ca (capital funding) mah.msioperatinggrants@gov.ab.ca (conditional operating funding) www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/wp_municipal_sustainability_initiative.cfm</p>
Regional Collaboration Program	<p>The objective of the Regional Collaboration Program (RCP) is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities through strategic activities related to regional collaboration and capacity building. Qualifying projects include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Regional Collaboration</i> - Support for regional approaches to municipal service delivery and governance 2. <i>Mediation and Cooperative Processes</i> - Support to municipalities for building relations within and between municipalities and resolving regional and inter-municipal issues 3. <i>Municipal Internship</i> - Support to municipalities or planning service agencies to recruit, train and retain competent municipal employees who can progress into leadership positions 4. <i>Strategic Initiatives</i> - Initiatives that address municipal or inter-municipal special needs or circumstances of strategic significance <p>Contact: Municipal Services Branch Ph: 780.427.2225 Email: rcp.grants@gov.ab.ca http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MC_regionalcollaborationprogram.cfm</p>

RURAL ALBERTA'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

Program Name	Program Description
Rural Alberta's Development Fund (RADF)	<p>Rural Alberta's Development Fund is a not-for-profit company incorporated in 2006. Its mandate is to fulfill a commitment by the Government of Alberta to support communities, regional alliances, government departments and not-for-profit organizations in kick-starting community-building projects that will contribute to the growth and prosperity of rural Alberta.</p> <p>The Fund will consider a wide spectrum of projects but, they must respond to one or more of the following activity areas or pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic growth • Community capacity, quality of life and infrastructure • Rural health delivery • Learning and skill development <p><i>We have until March 31, 2012, to commit our remaining funds.</i></p> <p>Contact: Rural Alberta's Development Fund</p>

Ph: 780.436.9585
 Email: Info@ruralalbertasfund.com
<http://www.ruralalbertasfund.com/>

ALBERTA TOURISM, PARKS AND RECREATION

Program Name	Program Description
Grants and Foundations	Includes Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Community Facility Enhancement Program, Community Initiatives Program and Other Initiatives Program. Click link below for details. http://tpr.alberta.ca/grantprograms/default.aspx
Alberta Lottery Fund	The Alberta Lottery Fund is made up of the government's share of net revenues from VLTs, slot machines and ticket lotteries. These revenues total more than \$1.4 billion each year, and are used to support thousands of volunteer, public and community-based initiatives annually. Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grants support community programs or services for sports, health, recreation, libraries, arts and culture Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) helps communities build, buy or repair a local building such as an indoor hockey rink, recreation centre or library. Contact: Alberta Lottery Fund Ph. 1.800.642.3855 http://albertalotteryfund.ca/
Tourism Investment Services	The Tourism Business Development, Research and Investment Branch provides assistance in: Assessing and matching your investment interests and financial resources with appropriate tourism business investment opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing contacts and facilitating meetings to assist with your business interests. • Providing information to substantiate your business case or feasibility study. • Providing information and assistance with regard crown land leasing opportunities through the Alberta Tourism Recreation Leasing process. Contact: Bill Hodgins Tourism Business Development, Research and Investment Branch Ph: 780.427.6485 Email: bill.hodgins@gov.ab.ca http://www.tpr.alberta.ca/tourism/investment/investmentservices.aspx

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION

Program Name	Program Description
<u>Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program</u>	The Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP) provides per capita financial assistance for Core Capital Municipal Infrastructure projects to municipalities, cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts, specialized municipalities, improvement districts, special areas, and Metis settlements. http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/534.htm
<u>Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program</u>	The Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) assist eligible Alberta municipalities with the construction of priority water supply and treatment and wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. The program Applies to Cities with an official pop under 45,000, Towns, Villages, Summer Villages, Counties, municipal districts, Metis Settlements, special areas and improvement districts. http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2719.htm
<u>Community Airport Program</u>	Community Airport Program (CAP) provides financial assistance for runway, taxiway rehabilitation, and construction projects applies for community-owned public-use airports. http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2718.htm
<u>Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)</u>	The Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP) is a one-time capital funding program that will support public transit in Alberta. This program is intended to provide Albertans with a wider range of sustainable public transit alternatives which will help increase transit ridership, reduce traffic congestion and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions. http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/4280.htm
<u>New Deal for Cities and Communities</u>	The New Deal for Cities and Communities per capita grant assists municipalities in addressing their sustainable municipal capital infrastructure needs. http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2709.htm
<u>Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF)</u>	Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF) formerly the New Deal for Public Transit program Federal Gas Tax Fund The Federal Gas Tax Fund grant program commenced in 2005 as the New Deal for Cities and Communities to assist municipalities in addressing their sustainable municipal capital infrastructure needs. The program is supported through the allocation to Alberta Municipalities of a portion of the federal gasoline tax. http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2710.htm
<u>NEW DEAL FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT (NDPT)</u>	NEW DEAL FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT (NDPT) The New Deal for Public Transit is an amendment to the New Deal for Cities and Communities. The amendment applies specifically to those municipalities that own and operate a provincially recognized public transit system. This supplementary program initiated in 2006 is intended to assist those municipalities in addressing their sustainable municipal public transit capital infrastructure needs. The program is supported through the allocation to Alberta Municipalities of a portion of the federal tax surplus. http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/3453.htm
<u>Streets Improvement Program</u>	The Street Improvement Program provides cost-shared grants to towns, villages, summer villages, and eligible hamlets for transportation capital projects. This annual per capita allocation is based on the previous year's official population.

	http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2715.htm
Municipal Grants	<p>Alberta Transportation administers a number of municipal grant programs in partnership with Alberta's cities, towns, villages, summer villages, rural municipalities and Metis settlements. The various grant programs provide financial assistance to municipalities for capital-related transportation, water/wastewater systems and core municipal infrastructure needs.</p> <p>For a complete list of Municipal Grants offered through Alberta Transportation, go to: http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/530.htm</p>

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ALBERTA ECOTRUST

Program Name	Program Description
Alberta Ecotrust	<p>The heart of Alberta Ecotrust's work is supporting the people and projects that effectively address Alberta's most pressing environmental issues. We accomplish this primarily by making grants to Alberta organizations and individuals working on solutions-oriented projects. Grants programs consist of Community Grants, Major Grants, Multi Year Grants, Youth Environmental Stewardship Grants, and Strategic Grants</p> <p>Contact: Alberta Ecotrust Foundation Ph: 403.209.2245 http://www.albertaecotrust.com/</p>

ALBERTA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Program Name	Program Description
Alberta Innovates Health Solutions	<p>The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund, through Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions, supports top quality, internationally competitive health research. Our research seeks to further our understanding of health and disease and to produce results that will make a difference to the health, economy and societal well being of Albertans and people around the world.</p> <p>Contact: Alberta Innovates- Health Solutions Suite 1500, 10104 - 103 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4A7</p> <p>E-mail: health@albertainnovates.ca http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/about.php</p>

ALBERTA REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION

Alberta Real Estate Foundation	<p>Alberta Real Estate Foundation makes investments for the real estate industry and for all Albertans. The Foundation strategically allocates its grants around four areas of interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education and Research 2. Housing Affordability 3. Land Stewardship and Environment 4. Innovation <p>Contact: Alberta Real Estate Foundation Ph: 403.228.4786 Email: grants@aref.ab.ca www.aref.ab.ca</p>
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Program Name	Program Description		
Agrivalue Fund	Agrivalue fund helps agriculturally based businesses with research, commercialization or start-up investment capital in order to promote the creation of new products and technologies.		
Ag Research Fund	Ag Research Fund invests in qualified research and development programs and projects in food products, environment management and other Alberta-based agricultural industries.		
	<p>Contact:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Calgary AVAC Ltd. Ph. 403.274.2774 Email: avacinfo@avac ltd.com www.avac ltd.com </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Edmonton Edmonton Research Park Ph. 780.485.2411 Email: avacinfo@avac ltd.com www.avac ltd.com </td> </tr> </table>	Calgary AVAC Ltd. Ph. 403.274.2774 Email: avacinfo@avac ltd.com www.avac ltd.com	Edmonton Edmonton Research Park Ph. 780.485.2411 Email: avacinfo@avac ltd.com www.avac ltd.com
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TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION

Program Name	Program Description
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation	<p>TD Friends of the Environment Foundation supports worthwhile community based environmental initiatives that make a positive difference to the Canadian Environment. Eligibility Criteria: Organizations must be Canadian (using the funds in Canada), not-for-profit (Charitable Registration Number), and must provide a charitable tax-receipt for the full donation.</p> <p>Contact: Aurora Bonin, Regional Manager (British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and Northwest Territories) Ph: 604.654.8832 Email: aurora.bonin@td.com http://www.fef.td.com/</p>

CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

Program Name	Program Description
Canada Council for the Arts	<p>The Canada Council for the Arts is Canada's national, arm's-length arts funding agency. Our main areas of activity are:</p> <p><u>Grants:</u> We provide funding to individual professional artists and arts organizations through a peer assessment process.</p> <p>Grants are available for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal Arts Audience and Market Development Dance Endowments and Prizes Equity Office Inter-Arts Media Arts Music Theatre Visual Arts Writing & Publishing

	<p>Contact: Canada Council for the Arts 350 Albert Street P.O. Box 1047 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5V8 Canada</p> <p>http://www.canadacouncil.ca/calendar/default.htm</p>
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CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION

Program Name	Program Description
<p>Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)</p>	<p>The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) is an independent corporation created by the Government of Canada to fund research infrastructure. The CFI's mandate is to strengthen the capacity of Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, and non-profit institutions to carry out world-class research and technology development.</p> <p>Contact: Canada Foundation for Innovation Ph: 613.947.6496 Email: info@innovation.ca http://www.innovation.ca/en</p>

Leadership Grants Organization of Canada

Program Name	Program Description
<p>Leadership Grants Organization of Canada Registration No.: 4537467</p>	<p>The Leadership Grants Organization is a newly registered non-profit funding organization (Registration No.: 4537467) that provides cash awards and in-kind resources to small business owners and entrepreneurs to start or grow a small business in Canada.</p> <p>CONTACT: Western Canada Bankers Hall, West Tower, 1000, 888 3rd Street S. W., Calgary, AB T2P 5C5</p> <p>Tel: 403.444.5980</p> <p>info@leadershipgrants.ca http://www.leadershipgrants.ca/LeadershipGrants/grants_programs.jsp</p>

**Rio Tinto Alcan
Canada Fund**

Through the Rio Tinto Alcan Canada Fund, Rio Tinto is committed to providing support for community-building initiatives which integrate environmental, economic and social considerations, and which meet the needs of the present while safeguarding our legacy for future generations. We are looking for projects that demonstrate innovation, collaboration, new learning, and inclusion. We want to fund ideas that have the potential for measurable progress toward local sustainability. We want to help make a difference for today and for the future.

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