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Supports for people (i.e., individuals/employees - may or may not be the applicants but - are the final beneficiaries of the supports)

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Support	Description	Expected launch
ArriveCAN	<p>Fully vaccinated travellers, including Canadians, who are eligible to come to Canada must continue to upload their current vaccine documentation through <a href="#">ArriveCAN</a> in English or French (or a certified translation) if they want to be eligible for the exemption from quarantine and post-arrival testing requirements.</p> <p>Canadians who currently need proof they were vaccinated can contact their province or territory for the record or receipt of vaccination if they don't already have it. More information is available at <a href="#">Canada.ca/vaccine-proof</a>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2021/09/travel-advisory-reminder--on-september-7-new-measures-for-fully-vaccinated-international-travellers-to-canada-will-come-into-force.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2021/09/travel-advisory-reminder--on-september-7-new-measures-for-fully-vaccinated-international-travellers-to-canada-will-come-into-force.html</a></p>	Effective as of September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Employment Insurance (EI)	<p>Canadians who are eligible for Employment Insurance will continue to apply for and receive EI benefits.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/results/employment-insurance.html#a1">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/results/employment-insurance.html#a1</a></p>	Effective March 15, 2020
Improved access to Employment Insurance (EI) Sickness Benefit	<p>For Canadians without paid sick leave (or similar workplace accommodation) who are sick, quarantined or forced to stay home to care for children, the Government is waiving the requirement to provide a medical certificate to access EI sickness benefits.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/ei/ei-list/reports/sickness.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/ei/ei-list/reports/sickness.html</a></p>	Effective March 15, 2020
Temporary minimum unemployment rate for EI program	<p>Canada has announced that a minimum unemployment rate of 13.1% will be applied temporarily for all EI economic regions across Canada. When individuals begin transitioning off of the CERB back to EI regular benefits at the end of August, those living in EI regions with an unemployment rate lower than 13.1% will have their EI benefits calculated on the basis of the 13.1% rate, while individuals living in regions with a higher unemployment rate will have their benefits calculated using the actual rate for that region.</p> <p>This temporary measure will establish minimum entry requirements for EI eligibility across the country for Canadians to access the income support they need in light of the continued economic</p>	Effective August 9, 2020

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	<p>impacts of COVID-19. This change is intended to help eligible Canadians transition from emergency income measures back into the EI system and into the labour force</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-temporarily-sets-a-minimum-unemployment-rate-for-the-employment-insurance-program.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-temporarily-sets-a-minimum-unemployment-rate-for-the-employment-insurance-program.html</a></p>	
Temporary measures to help Canadians access EI benefits more easily	<p>To help individuals qualify with a minimum of 120 hours of work, EI claimants will receive a one-time insurable hours credit of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 300 insurable hours for claims for regular benefits (job loss)</li> <li>• 480 insurable hours for claims for special benefits (sickness, maternity/parental, compassionate care or family caregiver)</li> </ul> <p>The hours credit will also be made retroactive to March 15, 2020 for claimants who were looking to transition early from the CERB to EI maternity, parental, compassionate care, family caregiver or work-sharing benefits but could not establish their EI claim due to insufficient hours. For these claimants, the qualifying period will also be extended.</p> <p>The hours credit will be available for new EI claims for one year, in recognition that labour market conditions remain uncertain and will take time to stabilize.</p> <p>In addition, Canada will introduce a minimum benefit rate of \$400 per week (or \$240 for extended parental benefits), and a minimum of 26 weeks of regular benefits.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/08/supporting-canadians-through-the-next-phase-of-the-economy-re-opening-increased-access-to-ei-and-recovery-benefits.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/08/supporting-canadians-through-the-next-phase-of-the-economy-re-opening-increased-access-to-ei-and-recovery-benefits.html</a></p>	
Increased number of weeks EI regular benefits	<p>Bill C-24 has received Royal Assent. Workers claiming EI regular benefits can now access up to a maximum of 50 weeks for claims established between September 27, 2020 to September 25, 2021.</p> <p>In addition, self-employed workers who have opted in to the EI program to access special benefits are now able to use a 2020 earnings threshold of \$5,000, compared to the previous threshold of</p>	

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	<p>\$7,555. This change is retroactive for claims established as of January 3, 2021 and applies until September 25, 2021.</p> <p>As part of this legislation, all international travelers who need to quarantine or isolate upon their return to Canada, including people returning from vacation, are ineligible to receive support from any of the recovery benefits for the period of their mandatory quarantine or isolation. These changes are retroactive to October 2, 2020. This excludes individuals who would normally be exempt from the mandatory quarantine requirements under the Quarantine Act, such as health care workers who need to cross the border for work or truck drivers.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/03/c-24-royal-assent.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/03/c-24-royal-assent.html</a></p>	
Canada Workers Benefit	<p>Canada announced an expansion to the Canada Workers Benefit, a refundable tax credit to assist low income Canadians and their families. The government is expanding eligibility by making the benefit available to those with incomes up to: i) \$32,244 as single Canadians, without children; ii) \$42,197 as single-earner families; and iii) \$56,197 as double-earner families.</p> <p>This expansion includes a new provision which allows secondary earners in couples, most of whom are women, to exclude up to \$14,000 of their working income when calculating the benefit, allowing them to access a more generous tax refund.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/06/government-expands-canada-workers-benefit-to-support-one-million-more-canadians.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/06/government-expands-canada-workers-benefit-to-support-one-million-more-canadians.html</a></p>	
Federal Minimum Wage increase	<p>Canada announced a federal minimum wage of \$15 per hour, rising with inflation. The change will come into effect on December 29, 2021, following Royal Assent to Budget Implementation Act, 2021, No. 1. The changes will affect workers in the federally regulated private sector.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/nr---minimum-wage.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/nr---minimum-wage.html</a></p>	
Canada Emergency Response Benefit	<p>Canada announced that self-employed individuals who applied for CERB and would have qualified based on their gross income will not be required to repay the benefit, provided they also met all</p>	

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(CERB) repayments for self-employed individuals	<p>other eligibility requirements. The same approach will apply whether the individual applied through the Canada Revenue Agency or Service Canada.</p> <p>This means that, self-employed individuals whose net self-employment income was less than \$5,000 and who applied for the CERB will not be required to repay the CERB, if their gross self-employment income was at least \$5,000 and they met all other eligibility criteria.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-targeted-interest-relief-on-2020-income-tax-debt-for-low--and-middle-income-canadians.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-targeted-interest-relief-on-2020-income-tax-debt-for-low--and-middle-income-canadians.html</a></p>	
Legislation for Critical Pandemic Support Passed - Bill C-14	<p>Bill C-14 has received Royal Assent. It is an Act to implement certain provisions of the economic statement tabled in Parliament on November 30, 2020 and other measures received Royal Assent. The measures adopted as part of Bill C-14 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate support for low- and middle-income families who are entitled to the Canada Child Benefit. Up to an additional \$1,200 for each child under the age of six will be provided to families this year. This temporary assistance, which families will begin receiving in the coming weeks, will directly benefit about 1.6 million families and more than two million children.</li> <li>• Waiving interest on Canada Student Loans' and Canada Apprentice Loans' federal portion until March 2022. In Budget 2021, the government proposed to extend this measure for an additional year, until March 2023.</li> <li>• Amending the Income Tax Act to allow the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy to recognize rent payable as an eligible expense when it becomes due so businesses can access the subsidy before the expense is actually paid.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/05/legislation-for-critical-pandemic-support-receives-royal-assent.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/05/legislation-for-critical-pandemic-support-receives-royal-assent.html</a></p>	
Canada Child Benefit Young Child Supplement	<p>In 2021, families that are entitled to receive the Canada Child Benefit CCB with a net income of \$120,000 or less, will receive \$300 per payment for each child under the age of six. The CCB young child supplement (CCBYCS) provides up to four tax-free payments in 2021 to families with children under the age of six to help pay for a wide range of expenses. Families may be entitled to receive up to \$1,200 per child under the age of six.</p>	

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	<p>The first payments will be issued on May 28, 2021, which will include both the January and April payments for those entitled to them. The final two payments will be issued on July 30 and October 29, 2021.</p> <p>Families that already receive the CCB will not need to take any action to receive the payments. However, families do need to file their 2019 and 2020 tax returns to access them. The payments that will be made in May for each of the first two quarters – January and April - are based on the family net income for 2019. The July and October payments will be based on the family net income for 2020. This may mean that payment amounts differ for some families mid-way through the year.</p> <p>Families that have not yet filed for either year could still qualify for CCB and for the CCBYCS by doing their taxes as soon as possible.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/07/more-support-for-canadian-families.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/07/more-support-for-canadian-families.html</a></p>	
<p>Bill C-30 introduced - an Act to implement certain provisions of the budget 2021</p>	<p>Canada has introduced Bill C-30, an Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 19, 2021, and other measures. This legislation will enact the government's plan to finish the fight against COVID-19, create jobs, grow the economy, and ensure a robust economic recovery that brings all Canadians along. Bill C-30 includes key measures that would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide predictable funding to establish a Canada-wide early learning and childcare system.</li> <li>• Bridge Canadians and Canadian businesses through the third wave of the virus and towards recovery, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, and Lockdown Support until September 25, 2021; and</li> <li>◦ The extension of important income support for Canadians such as the Canada Recovery Benefit and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Increase Old Age Security (OAS) for seniors age 75 and older to provide them with better financial security.</li> <li>• Enhance the Canada Workers Benefit, which will mean more money for low-income Canadians, support about 1 million more Canadians, and lift nearly 100,000 people out of poverty.</li> <li>• Enhance Employment Insurance sickness benefits from 15 to 26 weeks.</li> <li>• Establish a \$15 federal minimum wage.</li> </ul>	<p>Pending legislation.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Extend the waiver of interest on federal student and apprentice loans to March 2023.</li> <li>•Establish the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program, which will help businesses with the costs of hiring new workers.</li> <li>•Enhance the Canada Small Business Financing Program through amendments to the Canada Small Business Financing Act, including broader eligibility and increased loan limits to facilitate greater access to financing for small businesses.</li> <li>•Provide an emergency top up of \$5 billion for province and territories – specifically \$4 billion through the Canada Health Transfer to help provinces and territories address immediate health care system pressures and \$1 billion to support vaccine rollout campaigns across the country.</li> <li>•Provide \$2.2 billion to address short-term infrastructure priorities in municipalities and First Nations communities. The funds would flow through the federal Gas Tax Fund, proposed to be renamed as the Canada Community-Building Fund.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/04/government-introduces-legislation-to-deliver-jobs-and-growth.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/04/government-introduces-legislation-to-deliver-jobs-and-growth.html</a></p>	
Legislative proposal to temporarily adjust the treatment of EI benefits to align with deductions re. COVID-19 emergency income benefits	<p>Canada’s Department of Finance published draft legislative proposals to amend the <i>Income Tax Act</i> to temporarily allow Canadians receiving EI benefits to make the same claims for the Child Care Expense Deduction and Disability Supports Deduction as COVID-19 income support recipients.</p> <p>Under the current tax rules, EI and CERB income are treated differently when determining tax relief under the Child Care Expense Deduction and the Disability Supports Deduction. EI recipients are not able to deduct eligible expenses against their EI income, whereas CERB and other COVID-19 emergency income recipients can. The proposed changes would amend the This change applies to income for 2020 and 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/01/government-publishes-draft-legislative-proposals-to-adjust-certain-deductions-for-employment-insurance-and-covid-19-benefits.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/01/government-publishes-draft-legislative-proposals-to-adjust-certain-deductions-for-employment-insurance-and-covid-19-benefits.html</a>  <a href="https://fin.canada.ca/drleg-apl/2021/ita-lir-0121-eng.html">https://fin.canada.ca/drleg-apl/2021/ita-lir-0121-eng.html</a></p>	Pending legislation
Temporary reduction of EI waiting period	<p>Canada announced EI regulations will be amended to temporarily waive the waiting period for EI claimants who establish a new claim between January 31, 2021 and September 25, 2021. This includes claimants of regular, fishing and special benefits. This temporary change will allow people who are applying for benefits to be paid for</p>	

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	<p>their first week of unemployment. This temporary measure will not change the total weeks of EI benefits for which they are entitled to, nor the service standard for payment. Claims will be automatically processed with this new waiver, meaning workers are not required to take additional steps to receive the support they need.</p> <p>Canada waived the waiting period for EI sickness claims established on or after September 27, 2020 for a period of one year. The waiting period was also waived for all EI claims established between September 27, 2020 and October 25, 2020 in order to avoid creating a week for which claimants may not receive payment as many workers transitioned from the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to the simplified EI program.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/01/ei.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/01/ei.html</a></p>	
Canada Disability Benefit	<p>Canada introduced new legislation today that would establish the framework for a new Canada Disability Benefit. The benefit will supplement, not replace, existing federal and provincial-territorial supports with a goal of lifting hundreds of thousands of persons with disabilities out of poverty.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/000754---tabling-of-cdb-legislation.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/000754---tabling-of-cdb-legislation.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/backgrounder-supporting-canadians-with-disabilities---canada-disability-benefit.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/backgrounder-supporting-canadians-with-disabilities---canada-disability-benefit.html</a></p>	Pending legislation
EI Fishing Benefit	<p>The Government is also implementing temporary measures to support self-employed fish harvesters who rely on EI fishing benefits in the off-season. These measures will allow EI fishing benefits for these workers to be calculated using either their actual fishing earnings for their current claim, or their fishing earnings from their claim for the same season from the previous year, whichever is higher.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/ei/ei-list/reports/fishing-benefits.html#h2.2">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/ei/ei-list/reports/fishing-benefits.html#h2.2</a></p>	

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Updated  
August  
12, 2021  
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Added  
August  
11, 2021

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Extended COVID-19 supports	<p>Canada announced the extension of crucial COVID-19 support measures for Canadians and Canadian businesses in recognition that uneven economic reopening across regions and sectors means workers and businesses continue to need support. These extensions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending the eligibility period for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Lockdown Support until October 23, 2021 and increasing the rate of support employers and organizations can receive during the period between August 29 and September 25, 2021.</li> <li>• Extending the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB), and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) until October 23, 2021.</li> <li>• Increasing the maximum number of weeks available for the CRB, by an additional 4 weeks, to a total of 54 weeks, at a rate of \$300 per week, and ensuring it is available to those who have exhausted their employment insurance (EI) benefits.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/07/government-extends-covid-19-benefits-and-business-supports-to-support-stronger-economic-recovery.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/07/government-extends-covid-19-benefits-and-business-supports-to-support-stronger-economic-recovery.html</a></p>	
EI Premium Rate Freeze	<p>To support Canadian businesses and workers through the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government is freezing the EI premium rate for employees at the 2020 level of \$1.58 per \$100 of insurable earnings for two years. The rate for employers, who pay 1.4 times the employee rate, will also remain unchanged at \$2.21 per \$100 of insurable earnings.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/08/supporting-canadians-through-the-next-phase-of-the-economy-re-opening-increased-access-to-ei-and-recovery-benefits.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/08/supporting-canadians-through-the-next-phase-of-the-economy-re-opening-increased-access-to-ei-and-recovery-benefits.html</a></p>	
Apprenticeship Service	<p>Canada announced funding to Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy's objective is to strengthen existing apprenticeship supports to: promote the skilled trades as a good career option, encourage the participation of underrepresented groups, facilitate employer and union participation, and encourage innovation in apprenticeship. Employers with 499 or fewer paid employees can receive the financial support. There are 39 Red Seal trades eligible for financial support.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/08/apprenticeship-service-utip-cfp-launch-ibew-local-804-utip-news-release.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/08/apprenticeship-service-utip-cfp-launch-ibew-local-804-utip-news-release.html</a>  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/apprentice-service-program.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/apprentice-service-program.html</a></p>	



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Canada Student Loans Program	<p>Canada has made changes to the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP) to allow more students to qualify for support and be eligible for greater amounts. The changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doubling the Canada Student Grants for all eligible full-time students to up to \$6,000 and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21. The Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents would also be doubled.</li> <li>• Broadening eligibility for student financial assistance by removing the expected student's and spouse's contributions in 2020-21.</li> <li>• Raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided to a student in 2020-21 from \$210 to \$350.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid.html</a></p>	
Repayment Assistance Plan	<p>Canada Student Loans Program launched a variety of loan repayment options that can help individuals establish payments that are better aligned to their financial situation.</p> <p><a href="https://www.csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/en/loan-repayment-options">https://www.csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/en/loan-repayment-options</a></p>	Effectively immediately
Expansion of bursaries and scholarships for students	<p>Canada is investing over \$291 million to extend scholarships, fellowships, and grants to support student researchers and graduate students. The government will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• double the Canada Student Grants for all eligible full-time students to up to \$6,000 and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21. The Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents would also be doubled.</li> <li>• broaden eligibility for student financial assistance by removing the expected student's and spouse's contribution in 2020-21</li> <li>• enhance the Canada Student Loans Program by raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided to a student in 2020-21 from \$210 to \$350</li> <li>• extend expiring federal graduate research scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships, and supplement existing federal research grants by providing \$291.6 million to the federal granting councils. In addition, the government intends to enhance work opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows through the National Research Council of Canada</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</a></p>	

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Increased Grant Funding for Students with Permanent Disabilities	<p>Canada has temporarily doubled the amount of the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PD) from \$2,000 to \$4,000. The grant is designed to help part-time or full-time students with permanent disabilities with the cost of education.</p> <p>For clients receiving <i>Disability Assistance</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student funding that DOES NOT come from Student Financial Assistance is exempt (both living and education costs).</li> <li>○ Student funding that DOES come from Student Financial Assistance is exempt for education/day care costs only.</li> </ul> <p>For clients receiving <i>Income Assistance</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student funding is exempt only up to total education and daycare costs.</li> </ul> <p>There is no need to apply for this grant. Applicants will be automatically assessed when they <b>apply for a student loan</b> if you have previously submitted verification of your permanent disability to StudentAid BC.</p>	
Canada Student Service Grant	<p>The new Canada Student Service Grant will help students gain valuable work experience and skills while they help their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. For students who choose to do national service and serve their communities, the new Canada Student Service Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</a></p>	
Financial support for seniors	<p>Seniors who qualify for Old Age Security (OAS) will be eligible for a one-time, tax-free payment of \$300, and those eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will receive an extra \$200. Those eligible for both will receive \$500. Payment will be automatic for eligible recipients, with no application required.</p> <p>The direct supports will be worth \$2.5 billion and are expected to help 6.7 million older Canadians. Canada temporarily extended Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Allowance payments if seniors' 2019 income information has not been assessed.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html</a></p>	

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Mortgage payment deferral	<p>Homeowners facing financial hardship may be eligible for a mortgage payment deferral of up to six months. The deferral is an agreement between homeowners and lenders.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/mortgage-loan-insurance/the-resource/covid19-understanding-mortgage-payment-deferral">https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/mortgage-loan-insurance/the-resource/covid19-understanding-mortgage-payment-deferral</a></p>	Applications now available.
Additional public health support for First Nations and Inuit Communities	<p>The Government of Canada is providing \$100 million to support a range of federal health measures, including support for preparedness in First nation and Inuit communities. These funds will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respond to identified needs to update and activate pandemic plans</li> <li>• support an effective allocation of public health and primary health care capacity to respond to the pandemic</li> <li>• align response efforts with scientific evidence as determined by a medial officer of health</li> <li>• address immediate needs in the short term</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1584819394157/1584819418553#b">https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1584819394157/1584819418553#b</a></p>	Available now.
Indigenous Community Support	<p>Canada has announced an investment of \$650 million to help Indigenous communities cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. Of this, \$285 million is new funding to support rapid public health responses in Indigenous communities faced with an outbreak of the virus.</p> <p>A further \$270 will be invested to increase the on-reserve income assistance program to ensure families who rely on this program don't have to choose between food and rent during the crisis.</p> <p>Canada will spend \$44.9 million over five years to build 10 shelters in First Nations communities and two in the territories to help women and children fleeing violence. For needs-based COVID-19 support funding, applicants are asked to submit their applications by November 30, as funding must be disbursed by Indigenous Services Canada by December 31, 2020.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1603990521589/1603990645077">https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1603990521589/1603990645077</a></p>	
On-Reserve Income Assistance Program Boost	<p>Canada is providing \$270 million to supplement the On-Reserve Income Assistance Program to address increased demand on the program, which will help individuals and families meet their essential living expenses. Canada is providing \$270 million to supplement the On-Reserve Income Assistance Program to address increased demand on the program, which will help individuals and families meet their essential living expenses. Funding is provided to First Nations communities,</p>	Available now.

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	<p>organizations and other service providers, who are responsible for providing this program to their eligible on-reserve members. It is available in all provinces and the Yukon and is delivered in accordance with the income assistance rates and eligibility of the individuals' province of residence or the Yukon. Eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ordinarily resident on-reserve or Status Indians in the Yukon</li> <li>• Eligible for basic or special financial assistance</li> <li>• Can demonstrate they have no other source of funding to meet their basic needs.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035256/1533307528663#sec2">https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035256/1533307528663#sec2</a></p>	
Support for families choosing to stay on the land	<p>The Government of Canada is providing \$2.6 million to help Indigenous families who are choosing to stay on the land as part of the territory's response to COVID-19. This fund will support families who would not otherwise be able to be on the land because of the financial burden of acquiring necessary provisions, such as wood and fuel, food, First Aid equipment, transportation, and other items suitable to their situation and culture. This fund will be administered by the Northwest Territory government through their existing partnerships with regional and community-based Indigenous governments.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/03/indigenous-territorial-and-federal-leaders-mobilize-funding-to-support-unique-northern-physical-distancing-initiative.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/03/indigenous-territorial-and-federal-leaders-mobilize-funding-to-support-unique-northern-physical-distancing-initiative.html</a></p>	
Support for First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Nation students	<p>Canada is investing \$75.2 million to increase support for First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Nation students by increasing existing distinctions-based support for students pursuing post-secondary education.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</a></p>	
Indigenous children's mental health and well-being App	<p>Canada announced \$2 million in funding over the next five years to help improve the mental health and well-being of Indigenous children in Canada and address the unique health needs of Indigenous children and ensure they have access to culturally appropriate mental health services, when and where they need them.</p> <p>This funding goes to improve access to the Aaniish Naa Gegii: The Children's Health and Well-being Measure (ACHWM) app, a tool developed in partnership with the Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemkong Health Centre. The ACHWM is a user-friendly application (app) that provides children, from age eight to 18 years, a safe mechanism to talk about their spiritual, emotional,</p>	

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	<p>physical and mental wellness. By following their self-reported health and wellness data, the app helps children experiencing mental health challenges. Community counsellors use the data to ensure children make critical connections to local services through a stepped care model. It is valid, reliable, sensitive, and, most importantly, culturally appropriate.</p> <p>The app is available to agencies and communities that support the health and well-being of Indigenous children and youth. If you think this app could help your community, please visit <a href="#">ACHWM</a> for more details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/08/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-help-improve-indigenous-childrens-mental-health-and-well-being.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/08/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-help-improve-indigenous-childrens-mental-health-and-well-being.html</a></p>	
Enhanced support for Kids Help Phone	<p>As a result of school closures and reduced access to community resources, Kids Help Phone is experiencing increased demand for its 24/7 confidential online, telephone, and text counselling services across Canada. The Government of Canada will give \$7.5 million in funding to Kids Help Phone to provide young people with the mental health support they need during this difficult time.</p> <p>In addition, Canada has launched a customized crisis texting service for children and youth of Canadian Armed Forces members. Military children and youth with cell phones can access this service by texting the keyword CAFKIDS at 686868 for service in English or the keyword JEUNESFAC at 686868 for support in French.</p> <p><a href="https://kidshelpphone.ca/">https://kidshelpphone.ca/</a>  <a href="https://www.cafconnection.ca/CAFKIDS">https://www.cafconnection.ca/CAFKIDS</a></p>	Available now
Wellness Together Canada	<p>The Government of Canada has launched a portal dedicated to mental wellness on <a href="https://Canada.ca/coronavirus">Canada.ca/coronavirus</a> and the Canada COVID-19 app. Wellness Together Canada will connect Canadians to peer support workers, social workers, psychologists and other professionals for confidential chat sessions or phone calls.</p> <p><a href="https://ca.portal.gs/">https://ca.portal.gs/</a></p>	Available now
Youth Employment and Skills Strategy	<p>The Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS) initiative involves eleven federal departments and agencies and seek to help young people, particularly those facing barriers to employment, get the information and gain the skills, work experience and abilities they need to make a successful</p>	

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	<p>transition into the labour market. The previous streams offered by the YESS, which we merged to create a more integrated and flexible service delivery network and includes 16 funding programs, including Skills Link, Career Focus, and Summer Work Experience (excluding Canada Summer Jobs).</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/youth-employment-strategy.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/youth-employment-strategy.html</a></p>	
Project Learning Tree Canada	<p>Canada announced 12.8 million in funding provided through the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, Project Learning Tree Canada will employ more than 1,700 youth in nature conservation, such as forest restoration and tree planting. Through this partnership, opportunities for youth will be offered in a wide variety of settings. The Youth Employment and Skills Strategy has been redesigned to address a wide range of labour market challenges, specific to all youth, but especially those facing barriers to employment.</p> <p>Youth employment opportunities are now open. Youth and employers interested in this program can apply at <a href="#">Project Learning Tree Canada</a>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2021/04/government-of-canadas-youth-employment-and-skills-strategy-employs-youth-in-the-conservation-of-nature-and-forests.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2021/04/government-of-canadas-youth-employment-and-skills-strategy-employs-youth-in-the-conservation-of-nature-and-forests.html</a></p>	
Union Training and Innovation Program	<p>The <b>Investments in Training Equipment Stream</b> of the Union Training and Innovation Program seeks to increase union investment in training equipment and materials that meet industry standards or investments in new technology. The fund is intended for projects that demonstrate gaps or needs for trades training equipment and/or materials to meet industry standards or investments in new technology for Red Seal apprentices and/or non-registered apprentices.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/investments-training-equipment-union.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/investments-training-equipment-union.html</a></p>	Applications are now open until September 14, 2021 3:00 pm (EDT)
National Workplace Accessibility Stream	<p>Canada has invested \$15 million to create a National Workplace Accessibility Stream through the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities. This new stream will provide additional funding to help Canadians with disabilities and their employers to improve workplace accessibility and access to jobs in response to COVID-19. Some of the activities supported by this fund will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up accessible and effective work-from-home measures</li> <li>• Expanding online training opportunities</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating inclusive workplaces, whether virtual or physical</li> <li>• Connecting people with disabilities and employers</li> <li>• Training for in-demand jobs</li> <li>• Wage subsidies</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/06/05/new-supports-canadians-disabilities-address-challenges-related-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/06/05/new-supports-canadians-disabilities-address-challenges-related-covid</a></p>	
Added August 11, 2021	<p>Young Canada Works – Official Languages program</p> <p>Canada announced an additional investment of \$3.8 million to create 360 youth jobs and internships across Canada. The program seeks to provide young Canadians with opportunities to gain skills and work experience in various sectors of the economy, while strengthening their second official language or their first official language skills by working in an official-language minority community.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2021/08/the-government-of-canada-invests-an-additional-38million-to-create-more-than-360-youth-jobs-and-internships-in-canada.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2021/08/the-government-of-canada-invests-an-additional-38million-to-create-more-than-360-youth-jobs-and-internships-in-canada.html</a>  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/young-canada-works/students-graduates/official-languages-students.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/young-canada-works/students-graduates/official-languages-students.html</a></p>	
Added August 11, 2021	<p>Temporary Student Work Placement Program</p> <p>Canada expanded the Student Work Placement Program to provide placements for post-secondary students in fields outside science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and business. gives post-secondary students across Canada paid work experience related to their field of study. The temporary program measures were also extended from May 2021 to June 30, 2022. Student work placement activities can include, but is not limited to: mentorship programs; co-op placements; practicums, and internships.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/08/national-swpp-announcement-000995-backgrounder.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/08/national-swpp-announcement-000995-backgrounder.html</a>  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/student-work-placement-program.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/student-work-placement-program.html</a></p>	
	<p>Green jobs for youth</p> <p>Canada has announced \$15.8 million to create green jobs and training opportunities for Canadian youth (ages 15-30) in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in the energy, forestry, mining, earth sciences and clean technology sectors. The funding is part of the \$9-billion Government of Canada COVID-19 response for students announced by the Prime Minister on April 22, 2020.</p>	Applications now open

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	<p>Organizations will provide 500 green job internships, ranging from six to 12 months in length, for youth to gain valuable on-the-job experience and explore careers in the natural resources sectors.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/climate-change/canadas-green-future/green-jobs/87">https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/climate-change/canadas-green-future/green-jobs/87</a></p>	
Support for safer supply pilot project in BC	<p>Canada has announced approximately \$2 million in funding for a pilot project within Island Health. The innovative project will provide pharmaceutical-grade medication as an alternative to the toxic illegal drug supply for people in Cowichan Valley who have not responded to other forms of treatment for opioid use disorder.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/07/government-of-canada-supports-safer-supply-pilot-project-in-bc.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/07/government-of-canada-supports-safer-supply-pilot-project-in-bc.html</a></p>	
Support for essential air access to remote communities	<p>Canada has announced new measures to support essential air access to remote communities. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking bilateral agreements with provinces and territories to ensure continuity of service for at least six months.</li> <li>• Establishing a \$75-million funding program for the federal contribution for the first six months and maintaining these essential services through an investment of up to \$174 million over 18 months, if needed.</li> </ul> <p>Additional funding will depend on the needs of communities and the pace of recovery of air travel into remote communities. Under these agreements, the provinces and territories would determine minimum essential services to remote communities and administer a program with air operators to deliver the required level of essential services. A fixed funding amount will be allocated to each jurisdiction that has remote communities based on historical passenger volumes.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-announces-new-measures-to-support-essential-air-access-to-remote-communities.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-announces-new-measures-to-support-essential-air-access-to-remote-communities.html</a></p>	
Support for mental health and wellness in Indigenous communities	<p>Canada has announced \$82.5 million in mental health and wellness supports to help Indigenous communities adapt and expand mental wellness services, improving access and addressing growing demand, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The funding will help partners and communities to adapt mental wellness services to the current COVID-19 context, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expanding access to culturally appropriate services such as on the land activities, community-based health supports and mental wellness teams;</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adapting mental health services, such as virtual counselling, to meet increased demand; and</li> <li>• supporting Indigenous partners in developing innovative strategies to address substance use and to improve access to treatment services.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-is-responding-to-immediate-indigenous-mental-wellness-demands-during-the-covid-19-pandemic.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-is-responding-to-immediate-indigenous-mental-wellness-demands-during-the-covid-19-pandemic.html</a></p>	
Reaching Home Initiative	<p>Reaching Home is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to Designated Communities (urban centers), Indigenous communities, territorial communities and rural and remote communities across Canada. The funding can be used by recipients for a range of needs such as purchasing beds and physical barriers for social distancing and securing accommodation to reduce overcrowding in shelters.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html</a></p>	
Women Entrepreneurship Strategy	<p>Canada announced more than \$6-billion investment to Women Entrepreneurship Strategy (WES) help increase women-owned businesses' access to the financing, talent, networks and expertise they need to start up, scale up and access new markets.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2021/08/minister-ng-announces-investment-in-women-entrepreneurship-knowledge-hub-to-support-womens-economic-empowerment.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2021/08/minister-ng-announces-investment-in-women-entrepreneurship-knowledge-hub-to-support-womens-economic-empowerment.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/107.nsf/eng/home">https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/107.nsf/eng/home</a></p>	<p><b>Submission deadline (selected applications) is September 20, 2021 at 11:59 a.m. (Pacific time)</b></p>

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<b>BC Vaccine Card</b>	<p>A new order from the provincial health officer will require individuals to provide proof of vaccination to access a broad range of social, recreational, and discretionary events and businesses throughout the province. As of Sept. 13, one dose of vaccine will be required for entry to these settings. By Oct. 24, entry to these settings will require people to be fully vaccinated at least seven days after receiving both doses. To enter certain spaces, including indoor</p>	<p>As of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.</p>

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	<p>ticketed sporting events, indoor and patio dining in restaurants, fitness centres, casinos, and indoor organized events, like conferences and weddings, people aged 12 and older will be required to show their proof of vaccination.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021HLTH0056-001790.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021HLTH0056-001790.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof</a>  <a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/VaccineCard.pdf">https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/VaccineCard.pdf</a></p>	
Budget 2022 Consultation	<p>People can share their views by completing the survey, sending in written comments or presenting to the committee. Presentations will take place in late August through September and are expected to be a mix of in-person and virtual meetings. Organizations and individuals interested in presenting must complete a request form by July 16, 2021. The Budget 2022 consultation, including the online survey, is now open. The deadline to receive all submissions is Sept. 30, 2021, at 5 p.m. (Pacific time). Public input will be included in the committee's report to the legislative assembly, expected to be released by Nov. 15, 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021FIN0043-001265.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021FIN0043-001265.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/finances/budget/consultations">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/finances/budget/consultations</a></p>	The deadline to receive all submissions is Sept. 30, 2021, at 5 p.m. (Pacific time)
Minimum wage surpasses \$15/hour	<p>As of June 1, the minimum wage rates are increasing as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General minimum wage increases to \$15.20 an hour from \$14.60 an hour.</li> <li>• Liquor server minimum wage of \$13.95 an hour is being eliminated and replaced with the general minimum wage of \$15.20 an hour.</li> <li>• Live-in camp leader minimum wage, per day, increases to \$121.65 from \$116.86; and resident caretaker minimum wage, per month, increases to \$912.28, plus \$36.56 per suite for those who manage nine to 60 residential suites and to \$3,107.42 for 61 or more suites.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021LBR0022-001048.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021LBR0022-001048.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/wages/minimum-wage">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/wages/minimum-wage</a></p>	
Amendments to the Employment Standards Act Re.: Employer reimbursement program	<p>Starting Thursday, June 17, 2021, employers can apply for reimbursement of wages paid to workers who have taken sick leave related to COVID-19. The temporary reimbursement program is retroactive to May 20, when legislation was passed, to ensure sick workers can stay home for up to three days without losing wages, while supporting businesses during the pandemic.</p> <p>The amendments to the Employment Standards Act (ESA) require employers to pay sick workers their regular wages. Employers can then apply for reimbursement up to \$200 per day, to a maximum of three days per worker. Any</p>	

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	<p>employer whose workers are covered under the ESA but does not currently provide paid sick leave benefits to its employees will be eligible.</p> <p>The reimbursement program is available to employers where workers need to stay home because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have been diagnosed with COVID-19;</li> <li>• are waiting for COVID-19 test results;</li> <li>• need to self-isolate or self-monitor in accordance with a public health order or guideline; and/or</li> <li>• have been directed to stay home by their employer due to exposure risks.</li> </ul> <p>WorkSafeBC is administering the program with funding from government. To apply for reimbursement, employers must be registered for WorkSafeBC compensation coverage and signed up for WorkSafeBC’s online services. Employers will be required to complete a short online form that collects information about their employees’ COVID-19 related sick leave. Once submitted, processing of the application and payment by electronic transfer can take up to 10 business days.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021LBR0025-001178.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021LBR0025-001178.htm</a></p>	
<p>Updated August 23, 2021 [not significant change in content, rather how the description is organized. See highlight]</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Leave Re.: Employees</b></p> <p>Under the Employment Standards Act, employees are entitled to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Covid-19 – Paid Vaccination Leave: Employees are entitled to up to 3 hours of paid leave to be vaccinated against COVID-19. If necessary, employees can take additional paid leave for a second dose, no matter how long they have been employed. Paid leave is retroactive to April 19, 2021.</li> <li>- Covid-19 – Paid Sick Leave: Employees are entitled to up to 3 days of paid leave between May 20, 2021 and December 31, 2021 if they are unable to work in specific circumstances</li> <li>- Covid-19 – Temporary Unpaid, Job-Protected Leave: Employees are entitled to up if they are unable to work in specific circumstances, and retroactive to January 27, 2020.</li> <li>- Covid-19 – Proof of Entitlement: An employer may ask for reasonable proof that an employee is entitled to a COVID-19 leave. They cannot require an employee to provide a certificate or proof that an employee has received a vaccine. Employers can require medical notes in the context of issues such as return-to-work situations or for accommodation purposes.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/time-off/taking-unexpected-time-off#covid">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/time-off/taking-unexpected-time-off#covid</a></p>	

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Public Consultation on permanent paid sick leave	<p>The May 2021 amendments to the Employment Standards Act also created a temporary COVID-19 paid sick leave program for up to three days of leave, until Dec. 31, 2021. To support businesses that do not already provide paid sick leave, government is reimbursing employers up to \$200 per day per worker, to help cover their employees' wages for the COVID-19 paid sick leave. Following the public engagement process, paid sick leave will be established through regulation and come into effect on Jan. 1, 2022.</p> <p>Between Aug. 5 and Sept. 14, 2021, more than 26,000 surveys were completed by workers and employers. In this second phase, the Province launched the options paper on the engagement site for comment until Oct. 25. Three options have been developed that cover the minimum number of days: three, five and 10 days of paid sick leave. To leave a comment on the engagement site, visit: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/paidsickleave/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/paidsickleave/</a></p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021LBR0030-001831.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021LBR0030-001831.htm</a></p>	<p>Consultation now open until October 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.</p>
Rent Increase	<p>B.C.'s maximum allowable rent increase amount for 2022 is being set at 1.5%, based on inflation. This increase cannot take effect prior to Jan. 1, 2022. If landlords choose to increase rent, they must provide a full three months' notice to tenants using the correct notice of rent increase form.</p> <p>To support British Columbians, the Province enacted a rent freeze at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The freeze has since been extended to Dec. 31, 2021. The 2022 maximum allowable rent increase is significantly less than what it would have been prior to changes made by the Province in 2018 that limited rent increases to inflation. Prior to that change, maximum rent increases could include an additional 2% on top of inflation. This change has saved families hundreds of dollars.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AG0130-001748.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AG0130-001748.htm</a></p>	
Get on Board	<p>Public transit is now free for all children 12 and under in B.C., saving families money, increasing access to affordable transportation options and encouraging more people to use public transit.</p> <p>Under the first provincewide free transit program for kids in Canada, children aged 12 and under in B.C. can now "Get on Board" any BC Transit or TransLink service free of charge anywhere in the province. This includes buses, SkyTrain, SeaBus and the West Coast Express.</p> <p>While travel for children 12 and under will be free, parents and guardians remain responsible for providing adequate provisions for the safety and care of their children whenever travelling on transit, including when travelling unaccompanied, and determining if their children may take transit unaccompanied.</p>	

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	<a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021TRAN0054-001724.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021TRAN0054-001724.htm</a>	
BC Service Card	<p>The Province introduced an online tool to help British Columbians book appointments with Service BC, including income assistance, residential tenancy applications, and the Affordable Childcare Benefits.</p> <p>Those using the mobile BC Services Card to book an appointment must download the app and set up their mobile card first. People may also get assistance by calling the Service BC provincial contact centre 1 800 663 7867.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021CITZ0002-000032.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021CITZ0002-000032.htm</a></p>	
Violation tickets for unsafe COVID-19 behaviour	<p>By order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), people and businesses can be issued a violation ticket for non-compliance. Regional restrictions for gatherings, exercise and restaurants are in place for people who live in Kelowna, West Kelowna, Peachland, Lake Country and on Westbank First Nations lands (Central Okanagan Local Health Area).</p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/violation-tickets">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/violation-tickets</a></p>	
Mental Health Resources - Online Hub	<p>Employers and employees throughout B.C. who work in the tourism, hospitality and community social services sectors now have access to vital mental health resources with the creation of a digital resource hub. The online hub offers a range of tools to help address common workplace concerns, such as bullying, harassment, COVID-19 exposure, coping with stress and more.</p> <p>The new hub provides workshops, webinars, and information to help employees manage stress and build resiliency. It also provides tangible steps for workers at all levels to improve their overall mental health, as well as navigation support to connect to other mental health services, including counselling and peer support. To access the hub, visit: <a href="http://www.workmentalhealthbc.ca">www.workmentalhealthbc.ca</a></p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021MMHA0015-000644.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021MMHA0015-000644.htm</a></p>	
Anxiety Canada	<p>Anxiety Canada has been granted \$555,000 to develop resources to help children and teens cope with anxiety. Anxiety Canada is a partnership with the ministry at a time when the pandemic, the restart plan and return to normal activities are impacting mental health. One focus will be to develop the Behind the Mask campaign, a province wide mental health literacy video series, specifically informed by children and teens about their struggles with anxiety during the pandemic. The videos will build awareness and understanding about anxiety and its impact and provide information and tools to manage anxiety.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021MMHA0029-001247.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021MMHA0029-001247.htm</a></p>	

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	<a href="https://www.anxietycanada.com/">https://www.anxietycanada.com/</a>	
Permanent increase to assistance rates	<p>BC government announced permanent increase to income assistance and disability assistance rates and the first-ever increase to the senior's supplement. Starting with payments issued in April 2021, individuals on income assistance and disability assistance will automatically receive a permanent \$175 per month increase – the third increase in rates since July 2017.</p> <p>There will be an increase to the senior's supplement of \$50 per recipient. This raises the maximum rate for a single person from \$49.30 to \$99.30 per month.</p> <p>For people on income assistance living in special care facilities, their comforts allowance will increase by \$20 to \$115 per month. The comforts allowance lets people buy basic personal items. The increased amount reflects the rising costs of goods since the allowance for income assistance was last increased in 2005.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0024-000483.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0024-000483.htm</a></p>	
National Institute of Disability Management and Research	<p>The Province is providing hanks to new funding for the National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR) with \$6 million in a one-time grant to administer a return-to-work and disability management education program and support project over the next four years. project has three strategies to support B.C. employers' capacity to accommodate injured workers to return to work, as well as increase the number of people with disabilities in the provincial workforce: Disability management program assessments and improvements, Educational development, and Professionalization.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0035-000777.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0035-000777.htm</a></p>	
StrongerBC Future Leaders Program	<p>The Province announced \$22 million through the StrongerBC Future Leaders Program to fund a minimum of 4,500 training spots and paid internships in two programs, in partnership with Innovate BC and the Digital Technology Supercluster. The program provides youth and young adults with training, internships, job co-ops and jobs in the growing tech sector, environment and natural resource fields.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021PREM0025-000703.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021PREM0025-000703.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/youth">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/youth</a></p>	
Funding for Home and	<p>Home and Independent Living (HaIL) is a free training program funded by the provincial government and BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA). Students train to become home-health companions or hospitality workers in</p>	

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Independent Living program	<p>independent living. In these roles, they will help keep seniors company, provide support with meals, perform light housekeeping and help with other day-to-day tasks.</p> <p>Hall will enrol 100 students across classes in the Thompson-Okanagan, Vancouver Island/Coast and Mainland-Southwest regions. The first 25-student class will begin in the Central Okanagan in late July.</p> <p>Students will receive occupational health and safety training, such as first aid and CPR, to gain industry-recognized credentials. Those who complete the training can become entry-level candidates for non-medical positions. Each graduate will be provided with paid work placements and connected with potential employers. For more information and to register for Hall, visit: <a href="http://www.halltraining.ca">www.halltraining.ca</a></p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0047-001362.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0047-001362.htm</a></p>	
Funding for Class 1 truck driver training	<p>The Province is providing almost \$325,000 to Okanagan College in Vernon through a new Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) project to deliver a professional truck driver training program. Participant recruitment is focused on youth living in the region.</p> <p>Participants will receive 15 weeks of employability, occupational and soft skills training, including Airbrakes and Class 1 Drivers Learners Licence training, to prepare them for the Class 1 licence exam, Mandatory Entry Level Training and BC Forest Safety Council Professional Industry Driver theory and mentorship programs. They will also receive nine weeks of on-the-job work experience with local employers and two weeks' follow-up support to assist in their job search. <b>Full-time, group-based learning for this project starts on Monday, Aug. 30, 2021. Project activities run until Feb. 25, 2022. Anyone interested in finding out more about this or other CEP projects can contact their local WorkBC centre.</b></p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0051-001646.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0051-001646.htm</a>  <a href="https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx">https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx</a></p>	
Funding for early education training	<p>The BC government announced funding to support training for more early childhood educators. Programs will be delivered in two ways. Most seats will be delivered through a work-integrated learning (WIL) approach. This will give ECEs the opportunity to become certified while gaining important work experience in the sector. will also be delivered through a traditional delivery model of in-person or online, followed by a field practicum where students can integrate theory and practice in a supportive, supervised environment.</p>	

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Public-works technician training	<p>The Province is providing more than \$420,000 to Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society in Vancouver through the Project Based Labour Market Training stream of WorkBC’s CEP. The project seeks to deliver skills and certification courses in three intakes of its Immigrant Public Works Technician Training Program.</p> <p>Participants will receive 11 weeks of occupational and essential skills training, four weeks of on-the-job work experience with local employers and one week of follow-up support to assist in their job search. They will receive certification courses in personal protective equipment, Occupational First Aid Level 1, WHMIS, confined spaces, ladder safety and fall protection, excavation and shoring safety, transportation endorsement and basic electrical safety. Participants will also receive short-term occupational certifications for traffic control person/flagger and underground utilities locator.</p> <p>Employers in the public-works sector include public utilities, municipalities, regional districts, First Nations communities and school districts in every region of the province. Graduates of the program will be qualified to apply for work in building and grounds maintenance, water and waste treatment, and fire protection. Full-time, group-based virtual and classroom learning for the first intake of this project starts on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021. Project activities run through to July 22, 2022. Anyone interested in finding out more about this or other CEP projects can contact their local WorkBC centre.</p> <p> <a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0052-001675.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0052-001675.htm</a>  <a href="https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx">https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx</a> </p>	
Micro credentials fast track for high-demand jobs	<p>The province announced twenty-four micro credentials were selected for development and initial offering prior to the end of March 2021. Micro credentials offered include courses related to essential workplace skills, CleanBC and climate action, technology and emerging economies, health and human services, and construction maintenance.</p> <p>Micro credentials represent an opportunity for learners to access post-secondary education or to enhance their recognized education and skills. Many micro credentials will be credited or recognized as a launching pad toward completion of longer programs. Over time, micro credentials could become “stackable.” This means learners may have the opportunity to combine individual micro credentials to earn full credentials, such as certificates and diplomas.</p>	

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	<p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0012-000225.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0012-000225.htm</a></p>	
BladeRunners Program	<p>The province announced funding for the BladeRunners Program, an employment and skills training program empowering youth aged 15 to 30 to take control of their futures, gain valuable job and life skills. BladeRunners programs delivered throughout B.C. provide a variety of skills training options:</p> <p>Raising Roofs: Administered by Kopar Administration, Ltd., Raising Roofs is a 20-week supported skills training program in Prince George. Participants gain the certifications required by the construction industry to assist with their future career endeavours.</p> <p>Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS): Works with 15 Indigenous and non-Indigenous agencies throughout the province to provide training and certification for a variety of industry-specific skills, as well as life skills, job readiness, work experience/on-the-job training, job coaching and ongoing supports.</p> <p>John Howard Society of the Pacific (JHSP): Operating in the Cariboo, Lower Mainland/southwest, North Coast and Nechako, northeast and Thompson Okanagan economic development regions, JHSP offers programs such as skills enhancement training, safety certifications and life-skills workshops.</p> <p>BladeRunners programs are available in communities throughout the province. Youth between the ages of 15 and 30 facing multiple barriers to employment are encouraged to visit the BladeRunners website:  <a href="https://www.workbc.ca/employment-services/labour-market-programs/bladerunners-program.aspx">https://www.workbc.ca/employment-services/labour-market-programs/bladerunners-program.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0050-001420.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0050-001420.htm</a></p>	
Health Career Access Program	<p>The BC government announced funding to support training for n education and training programs will enable people to train for high-demand jobs as health-care assistants caring for B.C.'s seniors. Participants in the Health Career Access Program will be hired in long-term care and assisted-living facilities as health-care support workers. They will be paid while they work and complete coursework to become health-care assistants. In addition, students who are currently completing a recognized health-care assistant program and who choose to take employment in the long-term care or assisted-living sector, and commit to a 12-month return-of-service, will be eligible for a recruitment incentive of \$5,000.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0004-000103.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0004-000103.htm</a></p>	

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	<p>The BC government announced funding to support training for jobs as health-care assistants, recreational co-ordinators and community- and personal-support workers. This is a new Community and Employer Partnership (CEP) project from the Government of British Columbia and is intended for immigrants.</p> <p>During the project, participants will receive 23 weeks of occupational, essential and employability skills training, eight weeks of on-the-job work experience and two weeks of follow up support to assist in their job search. They will also receive certification courses in Foodsafe Level 1, Standard First Aid with CPR C, Student Practice Education Core Orientation, Provincial Violence Prevention for Health Care Workers and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHIMS).</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0003-000077.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0003-000077.htm</a></p>	
Added August 11, 2021	<p>Trough the Job Creation Partnership stream of WorkBC’s CEP, the Province announced more than \$400,000 to Aware Society in New Westminster. The project will focus on skills training and certification courses, in two intakes, of its Teacher’s Assistant Certificate – Inclusion of Indigenous Cultural Competencies program.</p> <p>Participants will receive 19 weeks of employability, essential and life skills training, three weeks of work experience with local employers and two weeks follow-up support to assist in their job search. They will also receive teacher assistant certification training, as well as Occupational First Aid Level 1, Foodsafe and violence prevention certificates. Full-time, group-based classroom and online learning for this project starts on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021. Project activities run through to Feb. 4, 2022. Anyone interested in finding out more about this or other CEP projects can contact their local WorkBC centre.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0050-001561.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0050-001561.htm</a>  <a href="https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx">https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx</a></p>	
Added August 11, 2021	<p>Trough the Job Creation Partnership stream of WorkBC’s CEP, the Province is providing almost \$300,000 to YWCA Metro Vancouver to deliver skills enhancement and work experience courses over two intakes of its YWCA TechLink program. Participants will receive up to 20 weeks of work experience, at least two weeks of follow up support to assist in their job search and an opportunity to participate in two networking events over the course of the project. They will also receive professional certification as IBM customer engagement specialists, as well as training to reset and set up donated technology, format disk drives and install operating systems and malware protection.</p>	

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Industrial Sewing Project	<p>The BC government announced almost \$400,000 funding to a new Community and Employer Partnership (CEP) project delivered by North West Industries Association to provide essential and occupational skills training over two intakes of its Industrial Sewing Project.</p> <p>Employment and work experience opportunities will receive 11 weeks of occupational, employability and life-skills training, four weeks of on-the-job work experience with local employers and two weeks follow-up support to assist in their job search. Among other things, participants will learn the safe and efficient operation of a variety of industrial sewing machines, receive an introduction to mass production methods, language skills and conflict resolution.</p> <p>Full-time, group-based classroom learning for the first intake of this project starts Monday, March 1, 2021. Project activities run through to June 25. Anyone interested in finding out more about this or other CEP projects can contact their local WorkBC.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0009-000304.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0009-000304.htm</a>  <a href="https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx">https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx</a></p>	The first intake of this project starts Monday, March 1, 2021.
CEP funding to increase immigrants' employment and work experience opportunities	<p>The second intake of the Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) project intended for immigrants is now open. New Community and Employer Partnership (CEP) fund intended for immigrants to gain skills and training for jobs as dental assistants. The Province is providing more than \$600,000 to Western Community College in Surrey to deliver skills and certification courses in two intakes of its Immigrant Dental Assistants Training program.</p> <p>Participants will receive 27 weeks of essential and occupational and skills training, four weeks of work experience with local dental practitioners and one week of follow-up support to assist in their job search. They will also receive certification courses, including Privacy and Information Sharing, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) and Medication Management.</p> <p>Full-time, group-based classroom learning for the second intake of the project starts on Monday, May 17, 2021. Project activities run through to Dec. 31, 2021. Anyone interested in finding out more about this or other CEP projects can contact their local WorkBC centre.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0038-000884.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0038-000884.htm</a>  <a href="https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx">https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Community-and-Employer-Partnerships.aspx</a></p>	

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ICBC one-time customer rebate	<p>ICBC customers will receive one-time rebates averaging \$190 this spring – their part of \$600 million that was saved due to a major decrease in crashes and costs as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold. Most customers who had an active policy from April 1 to Sept. 30, 2020, will be eligible, with their rebate amount based on a portion of what they paid for coverage during that period. Exceptions include customers with short-term, storage or distance-based policies, whose premiums already reflect lower usage. This one-time rebate is separate from the Enhanced Care refunds customers will start to receive in May 2021. ICBC will begin mailing rebate cheques in mid-March 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021PREM0008-000191.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021PREM0008-000191.htm</a></p>	
Rent repayment framework	<p>The moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent is lifted as of September 1, 2020. Renters in arrears from rent due during the specified period of March 18 to Aug. 17 will have until at least July 2021 to pay back any rent they owe, with the first repayments not starting until October at the earliest.</p> <p>The rental framework will protect renters by ensuring they cannot be evicted for a missed or late rent payment from March 18 to Aug. 17, unless a renter defaults on their repayment plan.</p> <p>The repayment instalments must begin at least 30 days after the date the plan is given by the landlord to the renter. It also must give renters until July 2021 for the final repayments to be made, unless the landlord and renter agree to a longer period. Similarly, while it will be paid in equal instalments, renters and landlords have the option of agreeing to smaller amounts being paid each month in the beginning of the repayment process. Each monthly instalment must be paid on the same date the rent is due.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0094-001527#:~:text=Renters%20in%20arrears%20from%20rent,until%20October%20at%20the%20earliest.">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0094-001527#:~:text=Renters%20in%20arrears%20from%20rent,until%20October%20at%20the%20earliest.</a></p>	October 1, 2020
Temporary freeze on evictions ended.	<p>As of Sept 01, 2020, the ban on evictions for non-payment of rent was lifted. A landlord may issue a Notice to End Tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The tenant failed to pay rent due before March 18 2020, OR</li> <li>- The tenant failed to pay full rent due after August 17 2020.</li> </ul> <p>A landlord must not issue a Notice to End Tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities that came due during the specified period of March 18, 2020 to August 17, 2020 unless the landlord has given the tenant a repayment plan for the unpaid amount and the tenant has defaulted on the repayment plan.</p>	Effective immediately

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	A landlord cannot charge a late fee for any unpaid rent during the specified period of March 18, 2020 to August 17, 2020. <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/covid-19#EUP">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/covid-19#EUP</a>	
Additional measures to protect the health of renters and landlords	These will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing landlords to restrict the use of common areas by tenants or guests to protect against the transmission of COVID-19.</li> <li>• Note: landlords may now access rental units with 24 hours notice and noticed may be served through personal service.</li> </ul> <a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0048-000561">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0048-000561</a>	Effective March 25, 2020
Tenancy agreement changes for renters experiencing violence	There are existing provisions under the Residential Tenancy Act (RTA) that allow a renter, or their dependent, who has been a victim of family violence to end a tenancy agreement early without financial penalty. Changes are being made to the RTA to include all renters experiencing violence within or outside of the home. If staying in the rental home threatens their own safety or the safety of another occupant, such as a roommate, they will now be eligible to end their tenancy. <a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0060-000973">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0060-000973</a>	In effect May 30, 2020
Temporary suspension of evictions in BC Housing	BC Housing has put in place a temporary moratorium on evictions of tenants in subsidized and affordable housing during the COVID-10 outbreak. Until further notice, BC Housing contractors must not issue any Notice to End Tenancies for non-payment of rent. <a href="https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19">https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19</a>	Effective immediately
Temporary rent adjustment for BC Housing	Rent-Geared-to-Income tenants, subsidized through an agreement with BC Housing, can apply for a rent re-calculation. Any tenant whose household income is in full, or in part, from employment can apply for a rent adjustment if they experience a reduction or loss of employment income as a result of COVID-19. <a href="https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19">https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19</a>	Effective April 1, 2020
Supports for post-secondary students and	Provincial and federal supports post-secondary students and recent graduates. <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/financial-benefits">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/financial-benefits</a>	

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recent graduates.		
BC Hydro Rare Decrease	<p>BC Hydro announced rates decrease by an additional 0.6% in 2020-21 and customers will receive a one-time bill credit in early 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020EMLI0049-001984.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020EMLI0049-001984.htm</a></p>	
BC Hydro bill deferral and credit	<p>Customers can defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty through the COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program</p> <p><a href="https://www.bchydro.com/news/press_centre/news_releases/2020/bill-relief-covid-19.html">https://www.bchydro.com/news/press_centre/news_releases/2020/bill-relief-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>Residential customers who have lost jobs or had wages reduced as a result of COVID-19 will receive a non-repayable credit worth three times their average monthly bill over the past year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bchydro.com/news/conservation/2020/covid-19-updates.html">https://www.bchydro.com/news/conservation/2020/covid-19-updates.html</a></p>	
BC Hydro Customer Crisis Fund Extended	<p>The Province is extending BC Hydro's Customer Crisis Fund (CCF) to continue providing support for people in financial crisis and help avoid disconnections of their electricity service. The CCF program allows eligible BC Hydro customers who are facing a financial hardship due to a job loss, injury, illness or loss of a family member, and possible disconnection of their service, to access grants of up to \$600 to pay their BC Hydro bill. A pilot of the CCF program ended on May 31, 2021, at the expiration of its three-year term.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021EMLI0043-001196.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021EMLI0043-001196.htm</a>  <a href="https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crisis-fund.html">https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crisis-fund.html</a></p>	Pre-existing fund
ICBC payment deferral	<p>Customers on a monthly payment plan who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19 may defer their payment for up to 90 days with no penalty.</p> <p><a href="https://www.icbc.com/insurance/buy-renew-cancel/Insurance-payment-plan/Pages/Default.aspx">https://www.icbc.com/insurance/buy-renew-cancel/Insurance-payment-plan/Pages/Default.aspx</a></p>	
211 phone line expanded to northern B.C.	<p>The province has expanded the 211-phone line for community services to match seniors who need help coping with COVID-19 isolation with volunteers who can help. The 211 service is now available to people in northern B.C.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bc211.ca/">http://www.bc211.ca/</a></p>	
Increased funding for	<p>The province will increase funding for the Better at Home program, which helps seniors remain independent at home and stay connected with their community.</p>	

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Better at Home Program	<a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/seniors/health-safety/health-care-programs-and-services/better-at-home">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/seniors/health-safety/health-care-programs-and-services/better-at-home</a>	
Emergency Food Purchasing for Food Banks BC	<p>The province announced a further \$2.5 million to the Perishable Food Recovery program, which will support food banks to build capacity to store and distribute perishable food items under refrigeration million in emergency funding to help struggling food banks keep up with the surge in demand due to COVID-19. Food Banks British Columbia will distribute the money to food banks province-wide, so the centres can buy and distribute food, pay employees and cover other costs essential to the delivery of their food programs.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0031-000830.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0031-000830.htm</a></p>	
Enhanced Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund	<p>Government is providing an additional \$1.5 million to supplement the Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund, which assists Indigenous students who are experiencing an unexpected financial emergency that may affect their ability to finish their studies.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0022-000623">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0022-000623</a></p>	
Expanded Suicide Prevention Programs Support Indigenous Youth, Post-secondary Students	<p>To support the wellness of Indigenous youth, who are disproportionately impacted by suicide, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) will receive \$800,000 in funding to deliver expanded suicide prevention and life promotion activities in First Nations communities and expand FNHA youth advisory committees to more regions. An additional \$200,000 will support Métis Nation BC to promote youth wellness initiatives by developing Métis-specific online mental health support courses, as well as anti-stigma and awareness campaigns. The remaining \$1.3 million will support the Canadian Mental Health Association – BC Division (CMHA-BC) to expand and enhance suicide prevention programs available, including a series of grants administered to post-secondary institutions. Grants will support engaging students at risk, treatment, supports and referral programs.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020MMHA0063-001999.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020MMHA0063-001999.htm</a>  <a href="https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/">https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/</a></p>	
More support for friendship centres benefits urban Indigenous	<p>This one-time COVID-19 relief funding of \$7.8 million will help friendship centres continue to assist individuals, young families, single parents, youth and Elders through a mix of in-person and online services. The grant will help provide supports like meals and hampers, care packages for seniors and education kits for children. It will help keep staff and clients safe with new handwashing stations, sanitization and personal protective equipment. The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres will distribute this one-time funding among all the centres.</p>	

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peoples during pandemic	<a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020IRR0065-002048.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020IRR0065-002048.htm</a>	
Emergency supports for students	<p>B.C. will invest \$3.5 million in emergency financial assistance for students attending B.C. public post-secondary institutions. The funding will support domestic B.C. students experiencing a COVID-19 related emergency that could affect their ability to finish their studies and handle expenses. The assistance is non-repayable and can be used to help with a broad range of costs and expenses. Students can access these funds through their school's financial aid office. Institutions will determine the specific amount a student can receive based on their individual needs.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0018-000615">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0018-000615</a></p>	
BC Student Access Grant	<p>\$2.175M in new funding will better support post-secondary students and faculty with \$1.5 million shared by 20 public-post-secondary institutions to build supports for those with cognitive, mental health, or physical disabilities. \$275,000 will go to BCcampus for online resources on well-being and they will run webinars through 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0038-001289">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0038-001289</a></p>	
Spaces for vulnerable people to self-isolate	<p>The province is partnering with local governments, non-profits and the hotel industry to support British Columbians who need a place to self-isolate. So far, more than 900 spaces have been secured across 23 sites including hotels, motels and community centres throughout B.C.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0019-000644">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0019-000644</a></p>	
Shelter and supports for people living in major encampments	<p>The Province is working with the cities of Vancouver and Victoria to transition people living in major outdoor encampments into safe, temporary accommodations with wraparound supports to protect their health and safety in the overlapping COVID-19 and overdose crises.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/M128-2020.pdf">https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/M128-2020.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19">https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19</a></p>	
Safe spaces for people leaving violence	<p>As of today, the Province has secured nearly 300 additional spaces in communities throughout B.C. for people leaving violent or unstable situations, with more spaces to come. These are in addition to more than 100 transition houses and safe homes that the Province funds on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>If you or someone you know is experiencing violence or abuse, please contact VictimLinkBC at 1 800 563-0808 or by email: <a href="mailto:VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca">VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/women-fleeing-violence/transition-houses-safe-homes">https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/women-fleeing-violence/transition-houses-safe-homes</a></p>	April 30, 2020



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Extended support for youth	<p>Youth and young adults set to transition from government care will be able to stay in their living arrangements for up to one additional year as the Province extends COVID-19 emergency measures. All youth who are transitioning into adulthood can access housing supports to stay where they are.</p> <p>In addition, those who are eligible for the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program can apply to participate in both programs at the same time. Eligible young adults using the emergency housing support may be eligible to receive up to \$350 per month through AYA, based on their unique needs and the length of their program.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021CFD0007-000233.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021CFD0007-000233.htm</a>YA, based on their unique needs and the length of their program</p>	
Foundry Works!	<p>The Province is providing Foundry with a one-time grant of \$5.1 million to administer Foundry Works! over the next three years. Foundry Works! is a youth employment program that integrates health and social services.</p> <p>Foundry Works! is designed to provide integrated and individualized wraparound assistance to youth aged 15 to 24 in B.C., including health, mentoring, education, skills development, and job placement services. Foundry Works! will deliver programs and services to youth, who are not employed or involved in an educational program, to help them develop skills, gain paid work experience and eventually transition into the labour market.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0031-000852.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0031-000852.htm</a>  <a href="https://foundrybc.ca/get-support">https://foundrybc.ca/get-support</a></p>	
Supports people with disabilities	<p>BC government announced \$500,000 in new community grants aimed at improving accessibility and inclusion.</p> <p>Disability Alliance BC (DABC) will distribute the grants to support local accessibility projects throughout the province. Calls for proposals will be posted on DABC's website later in the year. Grants will vary depending on each project's size and scope, and will be given to projects focusing on accessible education and learning, sports and recreation, arts, culture and tourism, community participation, emergency planning and response, or accessible employment.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0043-001041.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0043-001041.htm</a>  <a href="https://disabilityalliancebc.org/">https://disabilityalliancebc.org/</a></p>	
Supports for people living with eating disorders	<p>The Government of B.C. is investing \$6.6 million to increase access to virtual peer support services and enhanced eating disorder services throughout the province. The investment through Budget 2021 will support regional health authorities over three years in hiring more staff to expand existing eating disorder services and facilitate timely access to supports.</p>	

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	<a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021MMHA0027-001184.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021MMHA0027-001184.htm</a>	
Virtual supports for individuals	<p>B.C. seniors, adults, youth, post-secondary students, and frontline health care workers experiencing anxiety, depression or other mental health challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic can get help through virtual services. To support British Columbians of all ages during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province is expanding existing mental health programs and launching new services. Services include specialized supports for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthcare workers</li> <li>• Youth</li> <li>• Students and educators, including LGBTQ2S+ supports</li> <li>• Parents</li> <li>• Seniors</li> <li>• Victims of family or sexual violence</li> <li>• Indigenous peoples</li> <li>• Everyone</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/virtual-supports-covid-19">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/virtual-supports-covid-19</a></p>	April 9, 2020
Rural, remote, and Indigenous communities' framework	<p>A new collaborative framework will help ensure people living in rural, remote and Indigenous communities in B.C. have access to critical health care they can count on to meet their unique needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and into the future.</p> <p>The framework outlines immediate actions to improve health-care services and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved medical transportation options to larger centres, including flight and ambulance;</li> <li>• housing options for people looking to self-isolate near their families while remaining in their home communities;</li> <li>• new and faster COVID-19 testing technology;</li> <li>• culturally safe contact tracing that respects privacy in small communities;</li> <li>• access to Virtual Doctor of the Day, a program that connects First Nations members and their families in remote communities to a doctor or nurse practitioner using videoconferencing;</li> <li>• options for accommodation near larger centres with more medical services; and</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increased mental health supports in communities.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0020-000725">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0020-000725</a></p>	
Skills training, education key to recovery for Indigenous communities	<p>The Province has invested \$15 million to support Indigenous communities in managing the impacts of COVID-19 and participate in economic recovery. Some of the Indigenous partners include the First Nations Education Steering Committee, First Nations Technology Council, the Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association and Métis Nation British Columbia, along with other ministries that support Indigenous economic opportunities and CleanBC projects.</p> <p>Training and education opportunities are available in areas such as agriculture, health care, early childhood education, Indigenous languages, office administration, small business management, customer service fundamentals, adult education, forestry, heavy equipment operation, construction trades, land reclamation and mining, as well as digital innovation and literacy.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0025-000642htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0025-000642htm</a>  <a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0025-000642.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0025-000642.htm</a></p>	
Innovator Skills Initiative	<p>B.C. government announced \$15 million to support the Innovator Skills Initiative (ISI) that will prioritize under-represented people in the technology sector. The ISI, through the StrongerBC Future Leaders program, offers \$5,000 for up to 3,000 paid placements at businesses in B.C. that are hiring for tech or tech-related roles. The funding supplements the salary of a new employee.</p> <p>Consultations started in May and will run until end of June 2021. The engagement sessions will include women and gender-diverse people, Indigenous, Black and people of colour (IBPOC), and people with disabilities, among others. Meetings will take place with various groups, such as Inclusion BC, Black Entrepreneurs and Businesses of Canada Society, Black Business Association of BC, Ethos Lab, MOSAIC, Traction on Demand, First Nations Technology Council, and Jelly Digital Marketing and other identified groups. Feedback collected through the engagement process will be used to shape the ISI program to ensure it prioritizes inclusion and will be more accessible to under-represented people.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021JERI0040-001119.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021JERI0040-001119.htm</a>  <a href="https://innovatebc.ca/">https://innovatebc.ca/</a></p>	Applications open in summer 2021 for placements to the program in fall 2021.

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Temporary Emergency Support for Community Living BC (CLBC)	<p>The Province will distribute emergency funding through Community Living BC (CLBC) to ensure people with developmental disabilities stay supported and safe during the pandemic. Up to \$35.6 million will be available for three months from CLBC to support service providers to continue delivering residential services, including group homes, home sharing and supported independent living.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0013-000730">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0013-000730</a></p>	<p>Funding requests begin April 27, 2020</p> <p>Funds are available retroactive to April 1, 2020</p>
CommunityLINK	<p>The Government of B.C. provides \$53.2 million through CommunityLINK annually for the province's 60 school districts to support vulnerable students with services that include meal programs. These resources are being mobilized to ensure that students who normally receive meals at school continue to have them at home. Families in need are receiving weekly grocery hampers, food boxes, bagged lunches, grocery store gift cards, and vouchers to help meet nutrition needs.</p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/communitylink">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/communitylink</a></p>	Ongoing
Enhanced support for Family Caregivers of B.C.	<p>The Province is doubling this year's funding for Family Caregivers of British Columbia to \$1 million to support both caregivers and seniors. Family Caregivers of BC is a not-for-profit organization that supports people who are caring for loved ones, family or friends. With a network of local agencies throughout B.C., Family Caregivers of B.C. will increase the capacity of its helpline and offer several virtual connections that can bring caregivers together.</p> <p>Seniors and people who are caring for elderly loved ones, family or friends in need of support can call 211 or 1-877-520-3267.</p> <p><a href="https://www.familycaregiversbc.ca/">https://www.familycaregiversbc.ca/</a></p>	
Smartphones to connect vulnerable people	<p>Vulnerable people, including people experiencing homelessness, will have better access to services through smartphones distributed by the social service organizations that support them.</p> <p>Through the Homelessness Community Action Grant program and a partnership with 7-Eleven, the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC) has been able to secure 3,500 smartphones to be distributed by community organizations who provide services and support for vulnerable people.</p>	distribution ongoing

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	<p>The smartphones can connect to Wi-Fi and include a pre-loaded \$10 7-Eleven data card, so people have instant access to internet.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2020SDPR0028-000858.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2020SDPR0028-000858.htm</a></p> <p>If you are an organization that works directly with vulnerable or “at risk” populations, please do not hesitate to contact SPARC BC by email at <a href="mailto:smartphones@sparc.bc.ca">smartphones@sparc.bc.ca</a></p>	
2020 Northern Capital Planning Grant	<p>This grant provides \$50 million directly to local governments to help address their infrastructure needs as they prepare for major resource and economic development.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019MAH0053-000495">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019MAH0053-000495</a></p>	
B.C. Northern Healthy Communities Fund	<p>The government is investing \$25 million to help communities prepare for major economic development. The fund will be administered through the Northern Development Initiative Trust. The fund will be available to local governments, First Nations and non-profits in the region to support local delivery of critical services, such as mental health care, housing and childcare.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019MAH0053-000495">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019MAH0053-000495</a></p>	
Free, live coding workshops for kids	<p>Now available on Keep Learning BC, Canada Learning Code offers free, live workshops that students and educators can access that help students as young as nine years old learn how to code in different forms. This includes creating websites, online games and generative art, among others.</p> <p>In addition, Canada Learning Code is also planning a virtual coding conference that students will be able to take part in this summer.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0035-000929">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0035-000929</a></p>	
B.C. Farm, Fish and Food Job Connector	<p>The new B.C. Farm, Fish and Food Job Connector will showcase current job vacancies throughout the province, including those for crop and seafood harvesters, food processing and farm workers, agrologists, large machinery operators and marketing specialists. The site also has sector-specific information and guidance to support businesses as they adapt their recruitment and human resource management in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The connector site will also provide information and context about the opportunities that exist within the different regions of B.C.’s agriculture, seafood and food processing businesses and will highlight the available jobs.</p>	Available now

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	The B.C. Farm, Fish and Food Job Connector site can be found at: <a href="http://www.bcagjobs.gov.bc.ca">www.bcagjobs.gov.bc.ca</a>	
Small Farm Business Acceleration Pilot Program	<p>The Province is investing an additional \$800,000 into this program, both this year and next, for business plan coaching for small and new farmers, as well as cost-shared funding for commercial farm infrastructure and equipment, to increase productivity and sales. Projects funded by this plan may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve air quality and reduce emissions;</li> <li>• improve land and water quality, and enhance or protect biodiversity;</li> <li>• improve nutrient management (fertilizer use);</li> <li>• achieve more efficient agricultural waste management; and</li> <li>• result in more efficient irrigation water management.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020AFF0062-001983.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020AFF0062-001983.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/small-business-acceleration-pilot-program">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/small-business-acceleration-pilot-program</a></p>	Applications will be accepted between Dec. 7 and Dec. 15, 2020.
24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line	<p>A new 24/7 helpline for clinicians will provide health-care providers around British Columbia with live, in-the-moment addiction medicine support, while they are treating patients.</p> <p>The 24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line was launched on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, by the BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU). The support line is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide rapid response for time-sensitive clinical substance-use inquiries. Addiction medicine experts provide telephone consultation to physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and pharmacists who are involved in addiction and substance-use care, treatment and recovery in British Columbia.</p> <p>Clinicians can reach the 24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line and speak to an Addiction Medicine Specialist by calling 778 945-7619.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0030-001073">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0030-001073</a></p>	June 16, 2020
New Foundry centres	<p>Youth around British Columbia and their families will have faster, easier access to mental health and substance use services and supports with eight new Foundry centres to be developed in Burns Lake, Comox Valley, Cranbrook, Langley, Squamish, Surrey, Port Hardy and Williams Lake.</p> <p>The new locations, as with all Foundry centres, will offer increased access to integrated health and wellness services for young people aged 12 to 24 in both rural and urban communities. Each centre will offer primary care, youth and</p>	

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	<p>family peer supports, walk-in counselling, mental health and substance use services, and social services all under one roof, making it easier for youth to get help when they need it.</p> <p><a href="https://foundrybc.ca/">https://foundrybc.ca/</a></p>	
Investments in long-term care facilities for safer visits	<p>The Province is providing more than \$160 million for facilities to hire more staff in each of B.C.'s 680 long-term care homes and seniors' assisted living residences, including both public and private facilities. This could total as many as 2,040 additional staff dedicated to ensuring infection prevention and control measures for COVID-19 are followed to support safe visitation.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0211-001207">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0211-001207</a>  <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/clinical-care/long-term-care-facilities-assisted-living">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/clinical-care/long-term-care-facilities-assisted-living</a></p>	
BC Early Years Professional Development Hub	<p>The BC Early Years Professional Development Hub is a shared platform where ECL professionals at any stage of their career can come together in virtual discussion forums, learn from each other and take courses from a distance. All ECL professionals will have access to the hub, including early childhood educators (ECEs), ECE assistants, and responsible adults (RAs) working throughout the province.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0065-001172">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0065-001172</a></p>	Available now
New and expanded substance use teams	<p>The initiative will provide \$4.27 million in annual funding, for 2020-21, to regional health authorities across the province for new and enhanced team-based substance use care. The new integrated teams and resources will work to address gaps in areas of the province where existing substance use services are not meeting needs. They will also include a focus on supporting groups who are experiencing high rates of harm related to substance use.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0035-001268">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0035-001268</a></p>	
New treatment and recovery beds	<p>The Province is investing \$16 million to support new treatment and recovery beds and to support existing services that have been challenged by COVID-19. Increased access to treatment and recovery services will help more people living with addictions during two public health emergencies – the overdose crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Because the cost per bed differs based on its location and type of services provided, this funding is estimated to add 50 to 70 new publicly funded beds to help more people over the next three years.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0034-001246">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0034-001246</a></p>	

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Digital marketing training	<p>The Digital Marketing Bootcamp was developed in partnership with the B.C. government and Alacrity Canada. This online course is based on a pilot program that took place in late 2019 and early 2020. Almost 45 people participated in the pilot program, with a job placement rate of 85%.</p> <p>There are up to 500 spaces available in the Digital Marketing Bootcamp. The bootcamp is open to businesses and employed and unemployed British Columbians, with priority given to employers and individuals impacted by COVID-19. The course will run for six weeks. To register, visit: <a href="http://www.alacritycanada.com/learn">www.alacritycanada.com/learn</a></p>	
Court backlog response	<p>The Province has appointed six new provincial court judges to help reduce court backlogs caused by COVID-19. In addition, BC's courts are now using enhanced cleaning, new courtroom layouts, physical distancing protocols and verbal health screening prior to entry.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0051-001405">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0051-001405</a></p>	July 13, 2020
Funding for health education for in-demand jobs	<p>BC has announced more than \$4.4 million for health profession-related education and training at B.C. post-secondary institutions. Programs include training for health-care assistants, anesthesia assistants, mental health and community support workers and programs for nurses.</p> <p>These one-time investments allow government to respond to local and emerging needs and are in addition to ongoing support of health-care education programs at post-secondary institutions throughout B.C.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0042-001361">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0042-001361</a></p>	
Free day passes for provincial parks	<p>Day use passes are not required to visit any BC Parks at this time. Any changes to the status of day-use pass requirements will be posted at: <a href="http://bcparks.ca/reserve/day-use/">http://bcparks.ca/reserve/day-use/</a></p>	
Funding for safe restart for B.C.'s schools	<p>To support B.C.'s COVID-19 response for K-12 education, the federal government is providing \$242.4 million in one-time funding for the 2020-21 school year, with the first half of the payment expected to be received in September. Funding will be allocated to public school districts based primarily on student enrolment. B.C.'s Ministry of Education is initially allocating \$101.1 million to school districts, \$8.0 million to independent schools and reserving \$12.1 million for emerging COVID-19 related issues between September and December 2020. The ministry is expected to receive up to an additional \$121.2 million in January, which will be allocated out at that time.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0062-001652">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0062-001652</a></p>	



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Fall and winter preparedness plan	<p>The Province is investing \$1.6 billion in a fall and winter preparedness plan that will significantly build upon and strengthen measures that respond to the health-care requirements of COVID-19.</p> <p>The plan will provide new support to seniors in long-term care homes and assisted-living facilities, by ensuring more British Columbians than ever before can get a flu shot, and by reducing the chance for transmission of COVID-19 in B.C. hospitals. Investments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$44.1 million to launch the Health Career Access Program and recruit 7,000 healthcare workers in long-term care homes and assisted living facilities;</li> <li>• \$374 million to bolster public health measures, including significantly building out the fall flu immunization campaign;</li> <li>• \$42.3 million to ease pressure on B.C. hospitals and reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission in hospitals through Hospital at Home.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0050-001694">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0050-001694</a></p>	
Youth and Young Adults – MCFD Response to COVID	<p>The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) provides services and supports for youth and young adults facing additional barriers due to COVID, including related to Life Skills programs; mental health, loss of employment, renting and utility bill supports.</p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/covid-19-information/youth-young-adults-response-to-covid-19">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/covid-19-information/youth-young-adults-response-to-covid-19</a></p>	
Extended Supports for Youth Aging out of Care	<p>Youth currently living in foster care, contracted residential agencies or with relatives through the extended family program, will be able to stay in their placements past their 19th birthday— and youth on Independent Living Agreements and Youth Agreements will continue to receive financial support past their 19th birthday — until March 31, 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0097-001825">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0097-001825</a></p>	
Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)	<p>Six new ACT teams will deliver specialized care for those living with severe mental health challenges in the following areas: Vancouver; Victoria; Maple Ridge; Kelowna; Nanaimo; and Cowichan Valley/Duncan.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0052-001819">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0052-001819</a></p>	

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Emergency Support Services Fund	<p>The Emergency Support Services funding supports eligible applicants to build local capacity to provide emergency support services through volunteer recruitment, retention and training, including in-house training, and the purchase of ESS equipment.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are all local governments – (municipalities and regional districts) and all First Nations bands and Treaty First Nations in BC. This funding can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$25,000.00.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-emergency-preparedness-fund/emergency-support-services.html">https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-emergency-preparedness-fund/emergency-support-services.html</a>  <a href="https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Funding~Programs/LGPS/CEPF/CEPF-2021-ESS-Program-Guide.pdf">https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Funding~Programs/LGPS/CEPF/CEPF-2021-ESS-Program-Guide.pdf</a></p>	Application deadline January 29 2021.
Emergency Operations Centres & Training fund	<p>The Emergency Operations Centres &amp; Training fund supports the purchase of equipment and supplies required to maintain or improve Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) and to enhance EOC capacity through training and exercises.</p> <p>Eligible applicants: all local governments – (municipalities and regional districts) and all First Nations bands and Treaty First Nations in BC. The maximum available funding is \$25,000.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-emergency-preparedness-fund/emergency-operations-centres.html">https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-emergency-preparedness-fund/emergency-operations-centres.html</a>  <a href="https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Funding~Programs/LGPS/CEPF/CEPF-2021-EOC-Program-Guide.pdf">https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Funding~Programs/LGPS/CEPF/CEPF-2021-EOC-Program-Guide.pdf</a></p>	Application deadline March 26 2021.
Forest Employment Program (FEP)	<p>B.C. expanded its existing Forest Employment Program (FEP) with an additional \$12 million. This will support more workers and contractors in more communities, enabling them to complete priority land-based projects. Projects include improving recreation sites and trails, forest service roads, wildlife areas and wildfire safety.</p> <p>The program expanded in 2020-21 to include contractors and workers impacted by COVID-19 and those in Coastal B.C., making the program available throughout the province. Projects are in land-based priority areas, including Indigenous partnership, backcountry safety, ecosystem restoration, fencing and range infrastructure, forestry, recreation upgrades, rural roads and wildfire mitigation.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021FLNRO0020-000549.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021FLNRO0020-000549.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/supports-for-forestry-workers/short-term-forest-employment-program">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/supports-for-forestry-workers/short-term-forest-employment-program</a></p>	

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Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Rate Increase	<p>In October, the government announced the extension of the program until June 2021, as committed to in the Speech from the Throne, and other changes such as making the wage subsidy more responsive to recent declines in revenue.</p> <p>Canada has now raised the maximum wage subsidy rate to 75 per cent for the period beginning Sunday, December 20, 2020, until March 13, 2021. The rate for furloughed workers will also go up to \$595 for the announced periods, from December 20, 2020, until March 13, 2021.</p> <p>This support will be there for workers and businesses through the tough months ahead as we face the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The wage subsidy is now more flexible and targeted, allowing employers to access the maximum subsidy rate based on a single month's revenue decline instead of having to demonstrate three months' decline, giving employers support that better reflects their current or evolving needs.</p> <p>The wage subsidy will continue to support workers at businesses of every size, across Canada. The government will monitor health and economic conditions to determine details for subsequent periods.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/12/government-announces-wage-subsidy-rate-increase-to-75-per-cent.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/12/government-announces-wage-subsidy-rate-increase-to-75-per-cent.html</a></p>	
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Registry	<p>Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) launched the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Registry to allow Canadians to identify which employers are using the wage subsidy to support jobs.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/12/canada-revenue-agency-launches-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-registry.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/12/canada-revenue-agency-launches-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-registry.html</a></p>	

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Temporary Wage Subsidy	<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html</a></p> <p>The Temporary Wage Subsidy is a three-month measure that will allow eligible employers to reduce the amount of payroll deduction required to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).</p> <p>The subsidy is equal to 10% of the remuneration paid from March 18, 2020 to June 19, 2020, up to \$1,375 for each eligible employee to a maximum of \$25,000 total per employer. The subsidy is calculated when CPP contributions and EI premiums are remitted to the CRA. Once the subsidy has been calculated, the employer can reduce their current payroll remittance of federal, provincial, or territorial income tax sent to the CRA by the amount of the subsidy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/frequently-asked-questions-wage-subsidy-small-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/frequently-asked-questions-wage-subsidy-small-businesses.html</a></p>	Applicable the first remittance period that includes remuneration paid from March 18, 2020 to June 19, 2020.
Canada Recovery Hiring Program	<p>The CRHP will be available to support eligible employers for all claim periods from June 6, 2021, to November 20, 2021. The CRHP is calculated based on incremental remuneration, which is the increase in the total eligible remuneration paid to active eligible employees in a claim period as compared to the total eligible remuneration paid to active eligible employees during the base period (March 14, 2021 to April 10, 2021, which is claim Period 14). The CRHP will provide a subsidy equal to the incremental remuneration for a claim period multiplied by a fixed subsidy rate. The subsidy rate is 50% for claim period 17 and will gradually decrease to 20% by claim period 22. Eligible employers whose applications pass through this automated validation process can expect to receive their payments by direct deposit within 3-5 business days.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-announces-details-of-the-new-canada-recovery-hiring-program-and-extension-of-business-support-programs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-announces-details-of-the-new-canada-recovery-hiring-program-and-extension-of-business-support-programs.html</a>  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/06/the-government-of-canada-launches-online-calculator-to-help-businesses-apply-for-the-new-canada-recovery-hiring-program.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/06/the-government-of-canada-launches-online-calculator-to-help-businesses-apply-for-the-new-canada-recovery-hiring-program.html</a></p>	
Canada Digital Adoption Program	<p>Canada announced a call for applications for youth employment providers for the Canada Digital Adoption Program (CDAP) second stream, Boost Your Business Technology.</p> <p>The Boost your Business Technology stream consists of several components to help businesses take the necessary steps to deepen their digital transformation journey. Under this stream, eligible SMEs will also benefit from financial support in the form of a grant to offset the costs of retaining an advisor to create a digital adoption plan. The grant may cover up to 90% of the cost associated</p>	

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	<p>with developing the plan to a maximum value of \$15,000. SMEs will have access to a roster of experienced, vendor-neutral digital advisory service providers across Canada to develop curated and comprehensive digital adoption plans. In the coming weeks, a call for applications will be announced for interested digital advisory service providers.</p> <p>SMEs will also be able to access a zero-interest loan (up to \$100,000) through the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) to finance the implementation of their digital adoption plan. They will also be able to apply for a wage subsidy of up to \$7,300 to pay for work placements of students and recent graduates to support their digital transformation efforts.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2021/08/minister-ng-launches-call-for-applications-for-youth-employment-providers-for-stream-two-of-the-canada-digital-adoption-program.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2021/08/minister-ng-launches-call-for-applications-for-youth-employment-providers-for-stream-two-of-the-canada-digital-adoption-program.html</a>  <a href="https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/152.nsf/eng/home">https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/152.nsf/eng/home</a></p>	
Support for Indigenous Businesses	<p>Canada has announced a \$306.8 million package to support small and medium size Indigenous businesses. The funding will support current and former clients of Aboriginal Financial Institutions (AFIs), and small and medium enterprises outside of the AFI network. The funding is divided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$180M for interest free loans. Repayment will be returned to the federal government</li> <li>• \$60M for non-repayable contributions (grants) to businesses for operating expenses</li> <li>• \$27M to support the operations of the 59 AFIs across the country</li> <li>• \$38M as a contingency fund to address urgencies</li> <li>• \$1.8M as operational support to the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses</a></p>	
Indigenous Community Business Fund	<p>Canada announced \$117 million to renew the Indigenous Community Business Fund (ICBF). The ICBF provides non-repayable financial contributions to Indigenous microbusinesses and community- or collectively owned businesses across the country that do not qualify for other existing business supports. The ICBF supports the operation, adaptation, planning and reopening of First Nations, Inuit and Métis businesses.</p> <p>The ICBF has two streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦Stream 1 – Funding will be transferred directly to communities and collectives to immediately support their COVID-19 economic priorities. No applications are required for stream 1 funding.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Stream 2 – Funding will be proposal based. Applications must be submitted by the community or collectives on behalf of the business. Funding will be transferred directly to communities and collectives.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-renews-the-indigenous-community-business-fund-through-budget-2021.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-renews-the-indigenous-community-business-fund-through-budget-2021.html</a>  <a href="https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1596809415775/1596809469296">https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1596809415775/1596809469296</a></p>	
Increased Indigenous Community Support Fund	<p>Canada is allocating an additional \$380 million for the Indigenous Community Support Fund to support several measures in communities, including procuring PPE, adapting existing facilities, hiring more staff, and providing surge capacity when needed to ensure continued critical support for on-the-ground, community-led solutions to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-announces-further-reinforcement-of-covid-19-supports-for-indigenous-communities.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-announces-further-reinforcement-of-covid-19-supports-for-indigenous-communities.html</a></p>	
Futurpreneur and Industrial Research Assistance Program	<p>Canada will provide \$270 million to Futurpreneur and the Industrial Research Assistance Program.</p> <p><a href="http://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/landing-pages/general-landing-page/?tactus=ppc&amp;gclid=EAlalQobChMlyNuelvjr7AIVUhh9Ch29jwphEAAAYASAAEgK3qPD_BwE">http://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/landing-pages/general-landing-page/?tactus=ppc&amp;gclid=EAlalQobChMlyNuelvjr7AIVUhh9Ch29jwphEAAAYASAAEgK3qPD_BwE</a></p>	
Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility	<p>The LEEF program will support Canada’s largest employers, whose needs during the pandemic are not being met through conventional financing. LEEFF will help successful applicants keep their operations going, protecting Canadian jobs and avoiding bankruptcies where possible. This support will not be used to resolve insolvencies or restructure firms, nor will it provide financing to companies that otherwise have the capacity to manage through the crisis.</p> <p>The LEEF program is open to large for-profit businesses, except those in the financial sector, as well as certain not-for-profit businesses such as airports with annual revenues of \$300 million or higher. Eligible businesses must be seeking financing of \$60 million or more, have significant operations or workforce in Canada, and not be involved in active insolvency proceedings.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/05/government-announces-support-program-for-large-employers-is-open-for-applications.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/05/government-announces-support-program-for-large-employers-is-open-for-applications.html</a>  <a href="https://www.cdev.gc.ca/leeff-factsheet/">https://www.cdev.gc.ca/leeff-factsheet/</a></p>	Applications open May 20, 2020
Farm Credit Canada Loans	<p>Canada is supporting Farm Credit Canada by allowing an additional \$5 billion in lending capacity to producers, agribusinesses, and food processors. This will offer increased flexibility to farmers who</p>	

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	<p>face cashflow issues and to processors who are impacted by lost sales, helping them remain financially strong during this difficult time.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/about-fcc/media-newsroom/news-releases/2020/lending-capacity-increases-to-alleviate-industry-financial-pressure.html">https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/about-fcc/media-newsroom/news-releases/2020/lending-capacity-increases-to-alleviate-industry-financial-pressure.html</a></p>	
Emergency On-Farm Support Fund	<p>Emergency On-Farm Support Fund provides a 35 million investment to improve health and safety on farms and in employee living quarters to prevent and respond to the spread of COVID-19. The fund will provide support to farmers for direct infrastructure improvements to living quarters and workstations, temporary or emergency housing (on or off-farm), as well as personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitary stations, and any other health and safety measures to safeguard the health and safety of Canadian and temporary foreign workers from COVID-19.</p> <p>Eligible recipients are primary Canadian agricultural producers (e.g., farm, ranch or other operations) that produce agricultural products for resale and employ farm workers, either domestic and/or Temporary Foreign Workers. Eligible activities can be retroactive to March 15, 2020 and must be completed by February 26, 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/10/emergency-on-farm-support-fund.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/10/emergency-on-farm-support-fund.html</a>  <a href="https://agriculture.canada.ca/en">https://agriculture.canada.ca/en</a></p>	Available now.
Agriculture and Food Business Solutions Fund	<p>The Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Farm Credit Canada (FCC) have launched a \$100 million fund to support proven, viable companies through unexpected business disruptions, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The fund is set up to support a wide range of enterprises in the agribusiness and agri-food sector, including companies involved in primary production, agri-tech, manufacturing, packaging and distribution. The fund will help companies in times of need through innovative solutions such as convertible debt investments and other flexible financing solutions. Applications will be assessed individually on their merit and will be supported to a maximum of \$10 million.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/05/farm-credit-canada-backed-fund-offers-innovative-and-flexible-solutions-for-uncertain-times.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/05/farm-credit-canada-backed-fund-offers-innovative-and-flexible-solutions-for-uncertain-times.html</a></p>	
Canada United Small Business Relief Fund	<p>Canada contributed over \$14 million to the Canada United Small Business Relief Fund to help small businesses offset the cost of expenses (incurred no earlier than March 15, 2020) to reopen safely</p>	

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	<p>or adopt digital technologies to move more of their business online. CUSBRF is managed by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the national Chamber network.</p> <p>Local businesses of all kinds from across the country (from retailers to barbershops to farmers) may be eligible. Successful applicants will receive a relief grant of up to \$5,000.</p> <p><a href="https://occ.ca/canada-united-small-business-relief-fund/">https://occ.ca/canada-united-small-business-relief-fund/</a></p>	
Lower the Domestic Stability Buffer	<p>The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) announced it is lowering the Domestic Stability Buffer by 1.25% of risk-weighted assets. This action will allow Canada's large banks to inject \$300 billion of additional lending into the economy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/Eng/osfi-bsif/med/Pages/nr_20200313.aspx">https://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/Eng/osfi-bsif/med/Pages/nr_20200313.aspx</a></p>	March 14, 2020
Rollout of Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations	<p>Canada announced further details today about the implementation of \$181.5 million in funding for the live arts and music sectors in 2021–2022. This funding will support the planning and presentation of COVID-19-safe events in the arts and music sectors—including both live and digital—and provide work opportunities in these sectors. Funding will also help stabilize the overall environment for the arts and music sectors by providing a one-year renewal of funding for three Canadian Heritage programs originally provided in Budget 2019.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2021/03/rollout-of-funding-announced-in-the-2020-fall-economic-statement-supporting-arts-and-live-events-workers-in-response-to-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2021/03/rollout-of-funding-announced-in-the-2020-fall-economic-statement-supporting-arts-and-live-events-workers-in-response-to-covid-19.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding.html</a></p>	
Tariff relief for importers of PPE	<p>Canada is waiving tariffs on certain medical goods, including PPE such as masks and gloves. This will reduce the cost of imported PPE for Canadian businesses, which face tariffs of up to 18 per cent in some instances, help protect workers, and ensure supply chains can keep functioning well.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/05/government-provides-tariff-relief-to-importers-of-certain-medical-goods.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/05/government-provides-tariff-relief-to-importers-of-certain-medical-goods.html</a></p>	
Targeted Support: Women	<p>Canada will provide \$15 million in additional funding to support women entrepreneurs through the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy (WES). This money will go directly to select organizations</p>	



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Entrepreneurship Strategy	<p>that are currently WES Ecosystem Fund recipients and will help women entrepreneurs through the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/05/minister-ng-announces-more-support-for-women-entrepreneurs-amid-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/05/minister-ng-announces-more-support-for-women-entrepreneurs-amid-covid-19.html</a>  <a href="https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/107.nsf/eng/home">https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/107.nsf/eng/home</a></p>	
Business Resilience Service	<p>The Business Resilience Service hotline is a national, bilingual service operated by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. As of May 25, small business owners with pressing financial needs can call 1-866-989-1080 (toll-free) seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).</p> <p>The service will help entrepreneurs and small business owners in need of financial planning advice, particularly those who may not have access to an accountant. The services will also be open to not-for-profit organizations and charities.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/05/minister-ng-announces-hotline-to-provide-small-businesses-in-need-with-financial-planning-advice-amid-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/05/minister-ng-announces-hotline-to-provide-small-businesses-in-need-with-financial-planning-advice-amid-covid-19.html</a></p>	May 25, 2020
Interest relief for existing loans under the First Nations Finance Authority	<p>First Nations with existing loans under the First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA) will receive interest payment relief as a result of a \$17.1 million support from the Government of Canada.</p> <p>This funding will directly help First Nations to maintain financial stability and lessen the economic impacts of COVID-19, as well as allocate financial resources to other critical needs during this crisis. Furthermore, these investments will support the stability of the <i>First Nations Fiscal Management Act</i> regime and the First Nations Finance Authority's credit rating which was recently increased.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2020/06/government-of-canada-announces-interest-relief-for-first-nations-through-the-first-nations-finance-authority.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2020/06/government-of-canada-announces-interest-relief-for-first-nations-through-the-first-nations-finance-authority.html</a></p>	
PPE Supply Hub	<p>The Government of Canada has launched a web hub to bring together available resources for organizations buying and selling personal protective equipment (PPE). The Supply Hub connects Canadian organizations with federal, provincial, territorial and other resources and information about PPE, including consumer guidance. Buyers will find PPE supplier lists, in addition to guidance to help plan their PPE purchases.</p>	June 9, 2020

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	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/buying-selling-personal-protective-equipment-covid-19-overview.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/buying-selling-personal-protective-equipment-covid-19-overview.html</a>	
Emergency funding for COVID-19 safety measures in forest operations	<p>Canada will provide up to \$30 million to offset additional costs associated with COVID-19 safety measures for small and medium enterprises in the forest sector, including tree-planting operations. Faced with the challenges of both maintaining the manufacturing of essential products and ensuring seedlings are planted on schedule amid COVID-19, federal, provincial and territorial governments, together with industry, worked collaboratively to quickly put in place measures to protect workers and communities. The government intends to work with the provinces and territories to deliver this funding, which will preserve jobs for forest sector workers, including approximately 7,000 tree planters this year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2020/07/emergency-funding-for-covid-19-safety-measures-in-forest-operations.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2020/07/emergency-funding-for-covid-19-safety-measures-in-forest-operations.html</a></p>	

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Workplace Accessibility Grants	<p>Over the next two years, Small Business BC will work with the Presidents Group on the Employer Supports for Persons with Disabilities project. The goal of the project is to support employers to hire, rehire and retain people with disabilities for long-term successful employment. The Presidents Group is a network of 25 change-driven B.C. business leaders who are champions for more accessible, inclusive workplaces.</p> <p>Most of the funding will support small businesses in making their workplaces more accessible. Small businesses can apply for Workplace Accessibility Grants of up to \$1,000 to remove physical, communication and other barriers. These funds will also support awareness campaigns and learning, and development resources offered by the Presidents Group and Small Business BC.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0037-001054.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021SDPR0037-001054.htm</a>  <a href="https://accessibleemployers.ca/">https://accessibleemployers.ca/</a></p>	

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Reduced School Tax for business	School tax rates for commercial properties (Classes 4, 5 and 6) will be reduced by 50% for the 2020 tax year. On April 16, this reduction was enhanced to achieve an average 25% reduction in the total property tax bill for most businesses.  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/tax-changes/covid-19-tax-changes">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/tax-changes/covid-19-tax-changes</a>	Effective for 2020 tax year
Increased Employment Incentive (tax credit)	B.C. Increased Employment Incentive is a one-time refundable tax credit for employers. The Increased Employment Incentive allows employers to apply for a one-time tax credit. The credit is 15% of the amount that the employer's total eligible remuneration for all eligible employees in the qualifying period exceeds the employer's total eligible remuneration for all eligible employees in the base period. The base period is from July 1 to September 30, 2020. The qualifying period is from October 1 to December 31, 2020. The credit: i) Does not have a maximum amount that an employer may claim, but a credit amount less than \$10 will not be paid; ii) Is not reduced by any provincial or federal support you may receive, such as the B.C. training tax credits or the federal Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS); iii) Will offset any provincial tax debts an employer has outstanding at the time the credit is payable, such as the employer health tax or the provincial sales tax.  <a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021FIN0021-000585.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021FIN0021-000585.htm</a>	Deadline to apply is December 31, 2021.
Support for commercial truck drivers	To improve travel for commercial truck drivers, the Government of B.C. is funding the installation of portable toilets at several commercial vehicle pull-outs, inspection stations and chain-up locations throughout the province.  <a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/</a>	
Essential service workers childcare matching process	Essential service workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic will be referred to open childcare spaces through the Province's new childcare matching process.  <a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0044-000740">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0044-000740</a>	
Childcare BC Universal Prototype Sites	As of September 1, 2020, Childcare BC Universal Prototype Sites are expected to follow the terms of their original funding contracts. If you have unforeseen costs due to COVID-19, please contact the Ministry directly to discuss these needs in detail.	

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	<a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-provider/child-care-response-covid-19-ccrr-ptsiteops">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-provider/child-care-response-covid-19-ccrr-ptsiteops</a>	
BC Hydro's Customer Crisis Fund and Payment Plan	<p>Residential customers experiencing a temporary financial crisis, such as a loss of employment or benefit income, unanticipated medical expenses, or a death in the family and you've fallen behind on your BC Hydro bill, you may be eligible for a grant payment to avoid disconnection of your service.</p> <p><a href="https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crisis-fund.html#eligible">https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crisis-fund.html#eligible</a></p> <p>If you've fallen behind on bill payments, we encourage you to set up a flexible to pay the overdue amount. Log in MyHydro to set up a catch-up payment plan online at <a href="#">catch-up payment plan</a> or request a plan by calling us at 1 800 BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376).</p>	
Support for local government - Poverty reduction grants	<p>As part of TogetherBC, British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Province provided \$5 million to the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) for the grant program, initiated last year. In the previous intake, 63 local governments received a total of \$1.6 million for 34 poverty reduction plans and projects.</p> <p>Government will look at funding new projects, plans and strategies that focus on one or more of TogetherBC's priority action areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• housing;</li> <li>• families, children and youth;</li> <li>• education and training;</li> <li>• employment;</li> <li>• income; and</li> <li>• social supports.</li> </ul> <p>Projects must involve key community partners, such as community-based poverty reduction organizations, people with lived experience of poverty, businesses, local First Nations or Indigenous organizations.</p>	<p>Applications for the second intake will be accepted until midnight (Pacific time), March 5, 2021.</p>

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	<p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020SDPR0051-002072.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020SDPR0051-002072.htm</a></p>	
Indigenous Agriculture Development Program	<p>The province announced funding to support Indigenous entrepreneurs and communities in B.C. to begin or expand their farming and food businesses through funding available in the next intake of the B.C. Indigenous Agriculture Development Program. Eligible applicants can receive professional mentoring and project-specific advice from qualified business consultants with experience in building agriculture ventures to help them develop their businesses and support food security in B.C. The program supports the planning of farming projects in Indigenous communities. It leads to economic activity, local employment and contributes to the province's food production and food security. To apply, visit <a href="#">B.C. Indigenous Agriculture Development Program</a>.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AFF0042-001297.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AFF0042-001297.htm</a></p>	Applications now accepted on a first-come first-serve basis until the funding is fully subscribed.
Remote and Rural Communities program	<p>Remote and Rural Communities program provides funding to upgrade side, secondary and forest service roads in remote and rural communities in B.C. and targets the construction of necessary infrastructure. \$20 million is being used to fund more than 80 shovel-ready projects that will make getting around rural Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities safer and easier.</p> <p>This program includes Hired Equipment Program, is for owners/operators who have a dump truck, bulldozer, backhoe or other piece of equipment they want to hire out to the transportation ministry for day labour and emergency projects. The Hired Equipment Program distributes available work to local equipment owners. The program is based on seniority and is designed to deliver work to registered users fairly and efficiently through the development of local area call-out lists.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020TRAN0170-002040.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020TRAN0170-002040.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/transportation-infrastructure/hired-equipment-program">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/transportation-infrastructure/hired-equipment-program</a></p>	
Support for local government	<p>The Province is addressing cash flow and revenue shortfalls for local government by providing the following supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• authorizing local governments to borrow, interest-free, from their existing capital reserves to help pay for operating expenses</li> <li>• delaying provincial school tax remittances until the end of the year</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>providing local governments greater flexibility to carry debt for an additional year</li> </ul> <p>These measures will provide local governments with the resources to meet their operational costs and required remittances to regional districts, regional hospital districts, TransLink and transit authorities, BC Assessment, the Municipal Finance Authority and other taxing authorities. This will ensure that other minor taxing authorities can count on receiving the full amount their bill to municipalities and the Province's surveyor of taxes before August 1, 2020.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FIN0020-000703">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FIN0020-000703</a></p>	
Support for local governments and transit	<p>The Province is earmarking up to \$1 billion of additional spending targeted to address COVID-19 impacts and restart plans of local governments and public transit services, conditional on matching federal contributions under a 50/50 cost-sharing criteria. The latest commitment by the federal government will help support B.C.'s ongoing efforts to restart the provincial economy and make it more resilient to possible future waves of the virus.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0038-001352">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0038-001352</a></p>	
Emergency Program Act	<p>An Emergency Program Act (EPA) order has been created to place a temporary cap on fees charged to restaurants from food delivery companies to 15%. An additional cap of 5% is also included for other related fees associated with use of the service, such as online ordering and processing fees. This will ensure that companies cannot shift their delivery costs to other fees. The EPA order will be implemented on December 27 2020 and will be in place until three months after the provincial state of emergency is lifted.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020PSSG0074-002133.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020PSSG0074-002133.htm</a>  <a href="https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/mo/mo/m0480_2020">https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/mo/mo/m0480_2020</a></p>	
Support for farmers' markets	<p>The Province announced \$55,000 in funding to develop an operating model for farmers' markets better suited to times of a pandemic. The funding is part of the Ministry of Agriculture's Buy BC program. With the aid of this funding, the BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) is helping member markets to move to an online mode to continue providing consumers with locally grown and prepared food products.</p> <p><a href="https://bcfarmersmarket.org/bcafm-update-on-covid-19/">https://bcfarmersmarket.org/bcafm-update-on-covid-19/</a></p>	
Circuit Breaker	<p>The Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant provides fully funded grants to hospitality and fitness businesses impacted by the March 30, 2021 Provincial Health Officer (PHO) orders. The grant will provide eligible bars, breweries, wineries, gyms and fitness centres with one-time funding to help with expenses like rent, insurance, employee</p>	

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Business Relief Grant	<p>wages, maintenance, and utilities. It can also help cover unexpected costs, such as the purchase of perishable goods, that resulted from COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>To be eligible, a business is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confirm it has been affected by the recent provincial health orders;</li> <li>provide electronic banking information;</li> <li>confirm it is registered as a B.C. business;</li> <li>produce a business validation document, such as a business licence, liquor licence, notice of assessment or lease agreement; and</li> <li>confirm majority ownership and operations and payment of taxes in B.C</li> </ul> <p>Businesses affected by the March 30, 2021, provincial health orders will be eligible to receive between \$1,000 and \$10,000 in grant funding.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021JERI0029-000699.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021JERI0029-000699.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/relief-grant">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/relief-grant</a></p>	
Forest Sector Safety Measures Fund	<p>Province announced \$ for small- and medium-sized forestry businesses to cover costs of implementing COVID-19 health and safety measures between April 1 and Dec. 31, 2020. These costs include personal protective equipment, handwashing stations, extra vehicles and accommodations.</p> <p>Eligible companies must have on average fewer than 500 employees across all offices in Canada with primary business activities in forestry and logging, support activities for forestry, wood product manufacturing, or pulp and paper manufacturing.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020FLNRO0064-002087.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2020FLNRO0064-002087.htm</a>  <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/silviculture/working-in-silviculture-sector-covid-19/fssmf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/silviculture/working-in-silviculture-sector-covid-19/fssmf</a></p>	
Showcase BC Grant Program	<p>The Province and Creative BC are supporting musicians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with new grants for livestreaming via a new platform, Showcase BC. This program will provide one-time micro-grants of \$500 to emerging artists and \$2,000 to established artists for livestreaming, song writing and professional development.</p>	Showcase BC is now live.

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	<p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0017-000674">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0017-000674</a>  <a href="https://showcasebc.ca/">https://showcasebc.ca/</a></p>	
Fairs, Festivals and Events Recovery Fund.	<p>The Government of B.C. is providing up to \$12.9 million in one-time grants to eligible event organizers to support their efforts to resume safely. Grant amounts for each event will be up to 20% of the total event budget, to a maximum of \$250,000 per application.</p> <p>Eligible events include sport, arts and culture events, community celebrations, agricultural fairs, rodeos and exhibitions. Applications submitted by organizations will be required to demonstrate local or regional support and show the economic and social benefits for the community.</p> <p>Applications are being accepted until Oct. 1, 2021, for eligible events that take place between July 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021TACS0059-001687.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021TACS0059-001687.htm</a></p>	Applications are now open and close on October 1 2021.
Reel Focus BC program	<p>Province’s domestic motion picture fund, Reel Focus BC, is launching its first development program with \$200,000 targeted to emerging and equity seeking B.C. filmmakers. Creators can get a grant of up to \$10,000 to cover the cost of bringing together a development team to do research, develop a concept or write a script. The grants are available for a wide range of content including feature films, television shows, series, documentaries, and animated content. Eligible filmmakers include emerging filmmakers in BC, and equity-seeking filmmakers in BC (emerging or established). The goal of this program is to support equity and diversity in B.C.’s domestic motion picture sector by increasing access to funding for under-represented filmmakers. It is also focused on fostering new talent and growth in the domestic motion picture industry by helping new filmmakers get their projects off the ground.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021TACS0013-000321.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021TACS0013-000321.htm</a></p>	
Grant for destination marketing organizations	<p>Fifty-nine B.C. community destination marketing organizations (DMOs) severely impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions will be supported with a \$10-million grant from the Province.</p> <p>B.C.’s community DMOs are not-for-profit organizations that promote tourism to their regions. They rely on funds generated by the municipal and regional district tax (MRDT), which is charged to visitors by hotels and other types of accommodation. Without this relief funding, community DMOs would be unable to operate and support economic recovery efforts in the tourism sector.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0022-000927">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0022-000927</a></p>	

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B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service	<p>Small Business BC has launched the B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service, in partnership with the Province of B.C. and the Government of Canada. This one-stop resource has been created to answer questions about supports available to businesses from the provincial and federal governments, industry and community partners. Advisors are available Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm PT, and Saturday from 10am to 4pm PT at 1-833-254-4357.</p> <p><a href="https://covid.smallbusinessbc.ca/hc/en-us">https://covid.smallbusinessbc.ca/hc/en-us</a></p>	Service available now
Buy BC e-commerce	<p>The new Buy BC e-commerce funding is available to help the province's farmers and food and beverage processors overcome some lost sales during the COVID-19 pandemic by moving their products online. The B.C. government is providing \$300,000 to support industry-led Buy BC e-commerce activities. The funding is under the Ministry of Agriculture's Buy BC Partnership Program. It helps farmers, ranchers and food and beverage processors market their products as locally grown, raised, harvested or produced, making it easy for British Columbians to Buy BC.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AGRI0017-000857">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AGRI0017-000857</a></p>	
Support for animal care facilities	<p>Funding is available for animal hygiene, habitat upkeep, veterinarian care, limited transportation, and repairs to equipment required to ensure the welfare of animals in case. B.C. shelters, animal refuges, aquariums and rehabilitation centres that lack the revenue to ensure animals in their care will not be in distress are eligible to apply for funding.</p> <p>To inquire about funding eligibility, email: <a href="mailto:BRMB.General.Inquiries@gov.bc.ca">BRMB.General.Inquiries@gov.bc.ca</a></p>	
WorkSafeBC Guidelines	<p>As B.C. enters Phase 2 of its economic restart plan, the release of the initial set of WorkSafeBC guidelines will help businesses and organizations develop their plans to reopen safely.</p> <p>WorkSafeBC has released industry-specific guidelines and resources for the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• restaurants, cafes and pubs;</li> <li>• salons and personal services;</li> <li>• museums, art galleries and libraries, real estate;</li> <li>• education;</li> <li>• health services;</li> <li>• retail;</li> <li>• in-person counselling;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parks and outdoor spaces; and</li> <li>• office space.</li> </ul> <p>Businesses in all sectors are required to use these guidelines and resources to develop their COVID-19 safety plans and post those plans for employees and customers as they resume operations. Additionally, businesses in sectors under health orders limiting service (such as restaurants, pubs, salons and personal services) will not be able to open until those orders are lifted or modified.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0015-000895">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0015-000895</a></p>	
Reduced annual license fee for taxi industry	<p>Taxi and limousine operators will pay less to keep their vehicles on the road as part of the Province's ongoing work to support the industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. On June 22, 2020, the annual licence renewal fee was reduced for commercial operators who hold a Passenger Directed Vehicle Authorization, which includes taxi and limousine operators. In the past, these licensees paid an annual fee of \$100 per vehicle with no overall fee cap. It has been reduced to \$50 per vehicle with a licence fee cap of \$5,000.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2020TRAN0095-001191.htm">https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2020TRAN0095-001191.htm</a></p>	Effective June 22, 2020
Period 2 EquipCare BC	<p>EquipCare BC is a new program that will provide \$10 million to enhance infection prevention and control and improve quality and safety in long-term care and assisted living homes throughout the province. Funds in Period 2 will open up further eligible items for publicly funded applicants primarily serving seniors, including such items as lifts, beds, urgent-response systems and quality-of-life items, such as snoezelen rooms, sensory equipment, lighting and visual aids, music therapy and ergonomic furniture.</p> <p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0299-001815">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0299-001815</a></p>	Applications now available.