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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**For British Columbian Agriculture and Agri-Food Producers,
Processors, Innovators and Associations.**



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*The intent of this booklet is to provide an overview of the funding opportunities available to B.C. agricultural producers, processors, innovators and associations. The programs listed are funded through a variety of sources, including the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia and the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (a \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector).

LIST OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Advance Payments Program

This program provides eligible agricultural producers with easy access to low-interest cash advances based on the value of the commodities that they will produce or have in storage. Producers can apply for an APP advance through 33 third-party administrators across Canada. APP administrator information can be obtained on the federal APP website.

Contact
ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-866-367-8506
Email: aafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/advance-payments-program>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

AgriAssurance Program: National Industry Association

Provides non-repayable funding to help national industry associations develop and adopt systems, standards and tools to support quality attributes, health, and safety claims about Canadian agricultural and agri-food products.

Contact
AGRIASSURANCE
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.assurance.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriassurance-program-national-industry-association-component>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriAssurance Program: Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Component

Provides non-repayable funding to companies to help obtain third-party certification projects that address international market requirements, thus helping expand export opportunities for Canadian agricultural and agri-food products.

Contact
AGRIASSURANCE
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.assurance.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriassurance-small-and-medium-sized-enterprise-component>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriCommunication Program

Provides non-repayable contributions to associations and Indigenous groups for projects that promote consumer awareness of Canada's agriculture sector and help enhance Canadians' trust in sustainability, animal care, and efforts to reduce food waste.

Contact
AGRICOMMUNICATION PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.agricompetitivenessagri-competitivite.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agricommunication-program>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)



AgriCompetitiveness Program

Provides non-repayable funding to help agricultural associations and Indigenous groups to leverage, coordinate and build on existing capacity, share best practices, and provide mentorship opportunities in the agricultural sector. The program also provides financial support to promote the benefits of a career in agriculture and to enhance the public's perception of agriculture and its role in the economy.

Contact
AGRICOMPETITIVENESS
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.agricompetitivenessagri-competitivite.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agricompetitiveness-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Agriculture Income and Savings Account (AgriInvest)

Provides matching funding to individual producers or companies who make annual deposits to an AgriInvest account to help manage income declines or make investments to mitigate risks or improve market income.

Contact
AGRIINVEST
Toll Free: 1-866-367-8506
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriinvest>

Funding provided by:

Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Agriculture Clean Technology Program: Adoption Stream

Provides non-repayable funding to farm businesses, agri-food processors, Indigenous groups and not-for-profit organizations to support the purchase and installation of commercially available clean technologies and processes with a priority given to those that show evidence of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and other environmental co-benefits.

Contact
AGRICULTURAL CLEAN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.act-a-tpa-a.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agricultural-clean-technology-program-adoption-stream>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

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Agriculture Clean Technology Program: Research and Innovation Stream

Provides repayable and non-repayable funding to agri-food processors, Indigenous groups and not-for-profit organizations to support pre-market innovation, including research, development, demonstration and commercialization activities, to develop transformative clean technologies and enable the expansion of current technologies.

Contact
AGRICULTURAL CLEAN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.act-ri-tpa-ri.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agricultural-clean-technology-program-research-and-innovation-stream>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

Agriculture Income Protection (AgriStability)

Provides income support to individual producers and companies who experience a large margin decline in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES
Toll Free: 1-877-343-2767
Email: agristability@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/agriculture-insurance-and-income-protection-programs/agriculture-income-protection-agristability>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriDiversity Program

Provides matching funding to associations, Indigenous groups or official language minority communities for activities that leverage the potential offered by youth, women, Indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities and supports participation in the agricultural sector. The program also provides funding to promote the benefits of a career in agriculture and to enhance the public's perceptions of agriculture and its role in the economy.

Contact
AGRIDIVERSITY
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.agridiversityagri-diversite.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agridiversity-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriInnovate Program

Provides repayable funding for companies and co-operatives working on projects that aim to accelerate the demonstration, commercialization and/or adoption of innovative products, technologies, processes or services that increase agri-sector competitiveness and sustainability.

Contact
AGRIINNOVATE
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aaafc.cap-aip.pca-pai.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriinnovate-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriMarketing Program

Provides non-repayable funding to Canadian national industry associations to increase and diversify exports to international markets and seize domestic market opportunities through industry-led promotional activities.

Contact
AGRIMARKETING
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.agrimarketingagri-marketing.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agrimarketing-program/applicant-guide>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriRecovery

Provides financial payments to help agricultural producers with the extraordinary costs of resuming business operations or otherwise containing the impacts of a disaster.

Contact
AGRIRECOVERY
Toll Free: 1-855-773-0241
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agrirecovery>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriRisk Initiatives: Administrative Capacity Building Stream

Provides non-repayable and conditionally-repayable funding to industry associations and provincial and territorial governments to build administrative capacity for the delivery of new risk management tools.

Contact
AGRIRISK
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.ari-iar.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agrisk-initiatives-administrative-capacity-building-stream>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriRisk Initiatives: Microgrants

Provides microgrants to academic institutions for research proposals that address issues relevant to business risk management in the Canadian agriculture sector.

Contact
AGRIRISK
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.ari-iar.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agrisk-initiatives-microgrants>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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AgriRisk Initiatives: Research and Development Contribution Funding Stream

Provides non-repayable funding to non-profit associations, including Indigenous groups and co-ops, to support industry-led research and the development of new risk management tools.

Contact
AGRIRISK
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.ari-iar.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agririsk-initiatives-research-and-development-contribution-funding-stream>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriScience Program: Projects

Provides non-repayable funding and collaborative support with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research scientists for pre-commercial science activities and research. AgriScience Projects aim to support specific shorter-term research activities to help industry overcome challenges and address fiscal barriers experienced by small and emerging sectors.

Contact
AGRISCIENCE
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.agriscienceprogram-programmeagri-science.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriscience-program-projects>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

AgriTalent

Provides agricultural employers with a wage subsidy of up to \$7500 to hire post-secondary students from diverse academic backgrounds. This funding opportunity is meant to draw young talent into the agricultural sector and inspire under-represented groups such as women, Indigenous persons, disabled persons, and newcomers to engage in the industry.

Contact
NADEE IMRAN
Phone: 1-343-999-3953
Email: nimran@cahrc-ccrha.ca
<https://cahrc-ccrha.ca/programs/agritalent>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council)

Agritech Concierge Program

Provides support services for B.C. AgriTech businesses, including:

- Assistance to develop strategies and opportunities to grow and scale businesses in B.C.;
- Support for navigating existing programs to scale up, become export ready and attract investment;
- Assistance to identify strategic sites throughout B.C. to locate and expand;
- Support navigating government processes;
- Connections to municipal, regional, federal and foreign governments, as well as potential industry partners and other collaborators.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES
Phone: 236-478-3761
Email: BC.Agritech.Concierge.Service@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/agritech-concierge>

Funding provided by: Government of B.C.



B.C. Agri-Business Planning Program

Provides non-repayable funding to producers and processors to acquire business consultants, disaster recovery planning services, and coaching.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES
Toll Free: 1-888-221-7141
Email: agribusiness@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/agri-business-planning-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

B.C. Agrifood and Seafood Market Development Program

Provides non-refundable funding for producers, processors, cooperatives and industry associations to help identify, assess, target and develop domestic and international market opportunities and increase sales outside of B.C.

Contact
INVESTMENT AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION
Phone: 250-940-6150
Email: funding@iafbc.ca
<https://iafbc.ca/market-development/>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

B.C. Bred Heifer Associations Loan Guarantee Program and the B.C. Feeder Associations Loan Guarantee Program

Provides loan guarantees to help B.C. ranchers purchase livestock.

Contact
B.C. BREEDER & FEEDER ASSOCIATION
Phone: 250-992-8483
Email: bearvilly@telus.net
www.bcbfa.ca

Funding provided by:
Government of B.C.

B.C. Employer Training Grant

Provides matching grants for employers to support skills training for current and new employees. This includes developing new skills and obtaining certification, and upgrading skills because of automation or to enhance productivity. Also provides support to current and former employees in a sector where job opportunities have been most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Contact
WORK B.C.
Phone: 250-952-6914
Toll Free: 1-877-952-6914
Email: ETG@gov.bc.ca
www.workbc.ca/Employer-Resources/BC-Employer-Training-Grant.aspx

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Employment and Social Development Canada / B.C. Workforce Development Agreement)

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B.C. Indigenous Agriculture Development Program

Provides non-repayable funding to any Indigenous entrepreneurs, governments, communities or organizations for the services of business consultants to develop agricultural and agri-food opportunities.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES
Toll Free: 1-888-221-7141
Email: agribusiness@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/indigenous-agriculture-development-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

B.C. Land Matching Program

Provides land-matching and business support services to new farmers looking for land to farm, as well as landowners interested in finding someone to farm their land.

Contact
YOUNG AGRARIANS
Toll Free: 1-855-561-4633
Email: land@youngagrarians.org
<https://youngagrarians.org/tools/land/bc-land-matching-program>

Funding provided by:
Government of B.C.

B.C. Lean for Food Processors Program

Provides matching funding to food and beverage processors for hiring business consultants to improve decision making, optimize operating procedures, and improve production capacity and labour productivity.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES
Toll Free: 1-888-221-7141
Email: Agribusiness@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/bc-lean-for-food-processors-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Beneficial Management Practices Program

Provides matching funding to producers for implementing actions in their on-farm environmental action plans. This program is for producers that have completed an Environmental Farm Plan.

For more information, please contact the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries's Agriculture and seafood programs website at **<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs>**



Business Benefits Finder - Program Search Tool

Business Benefits Finder – Program Search Tool is Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada's (ISED) interactive portal to information on over 900 programs and services to help Canadian businesses grow. ISED is the federal institution that works with Canadians across all parts of the economy to improve conditions for investment, enhance Canada's innovation performance, increase Canada's share of global trade, and build a fair, efficient and competitive marketplace.

Contact
INNOVATION, SCIENCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA
<https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/s/?language=en>

Business Development Bank of Canada

Provides access to financing, advisory services, and investment capital for entrepreneurs in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

Contact
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA
Toll Free: 1-888-463-6232
www.bdc.ca

Business Scale-up and Productivity Program

Provides interest-free repayable funding to high-growth businesses that are scaling up and producing innovative goods, services or technologies and want to be competitive in both domestic and global markets.

Contact
PACIFIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA
Phone: 604-666-6256
Toll Free: 1-888-338-9378
Email: info_bc@pacifican.gc.ca
<https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/business-scale-up-productivity.html>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Pacific Economic Development Canada)

Buy B.C. Partnership Program

Provides matching funding and a recognizable Buy B.C. logo to B.C. producers, processors, and associations to help market products and increase sales within the province.

Contact
INVESTMENT AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION
Phone: 250-940-6150
Email: buybc@iafbc.ca
<http://iafbc.ca/buy-bc/cost-shared-funding>

Funding provided by:
Government of B.C.

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Canada Pavilion Program

Coordinates participation for agriculture and agri-food companies at flagship international food and beverage trade shows, and provides funding to offset the direct cost of exhibiting.

Contact
AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA
Email: aaafc.mas-sam.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/international-trade/trade-show-service/canada-pavilion-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Canada Small Business Financing Program

Aids small businesses (including small food processors) in acquiring loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders. For farming businesses, see the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program (below).

Contact
SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING PROGRAM DIRECTORATE
Toll Free: 1-866-959-1699
www.ic.gc.ca/csbfp

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)



Canada-B.C. Agri-Innovation Program

Provides matching funding to B.C. innovators for projects including late stage research and pilots leading to the commercialization or adoption of innovative products, technologies and practices.

Contact
INVESTMENT AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION
Phone: 250-940-6150
Email: aaafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/canadian-agricultural-loans-act-program>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program

Provides a loan guarantee designed to increase the availability of loans to farmers and agricultural co-operatives. Farmers can use these loans to establish, improve, and develop farms, while agricultural co-operatives may also access loans to process, distribute, or market the products of farming.

Contact
CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL LOANS ACT PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-866-367-8506
Email: aaafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/canadian-agricultural-loans-act-program>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)



Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program

Provides non-repayable funding to not-for-profit organizations for projects that are national or sector-wide in scope and linked to one of the following program priorities: adaptation to new technology, environmental sustainability, strategic planning and capacity building, and emerging issues for the agriculture sector.

Contact
CANADA AGRICULTURAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aaafc.caspp-pcpsa.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/canadian-agricultural-strategic-priorities-program>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)



Canadian Fish and Seafood Opportunities Fund

Provides non-repayable funding to non-profit organizations for promoting branding and recognition opportunities for the Canadian fish and seafood sector.

Contact
FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA
Toll Free: 1-844-795-9718
Email: DFO.opportunities-initiatives.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/initiatives/opportunities-fund-fonds-initiatives/sip-application-page01-eng.html>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Government of B.C.



Canadian International Innovation Program

Provides matching funding for innovators to foster and support collaborative industrial research and development projects with high potential for commercialization between Canada and partner countries.

Contact
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION DIVISION, GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA
Email: innovation@international.gc.ca
www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/ciip-pcii/index.aspx?lang=eng

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Global Affairs Canada)



CanExport Program: Innovation

Provides non-repayable funding to Canadian small or medium-sized enterprises, academic institutions and non-government research centres to pursue collaborative international research and development opportunities through partnerships with key players in foreign markets.

Contact
GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA
Email: CanExportInnovation@international.gc.ca
<https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/innovation/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Global Affairs Canada)

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CanExport Program: National Industry Associations

Provides non-repayable funding to Canadian national trade associations to develop or expand their international business development activities.

Contact
GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA
Email: CanExportAssociations@international.gc.ca
https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/associations/index.aspx?lang=eng

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Global Affairs Canada)

CanExport Program: Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Provides non-repayable funding to Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises to help them develop export opportunities for their products or services in new international markets.

Contact
GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA
Email: CanExportSMEs@international.gc.ca
https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/sme-pme/index.aspx?lang=eng

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Global Affairs Canada)

Cleanfarms Recycling Program

This program is free-of-charge and arranges empty container recycling (up to 23L), unwanted pesticide disposal and animal health medication collection sites.

Contact
CLEANFARMS
Toll Free: 1-877-622-4460
Email: info@cleanfarms.ca
https://cleanfarms.ca

Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations

Promotes and provides community economic development support services to Indigenous groups within the Central Interior of B.C. Programs include pre-employment, entrepreneurial, financial and business management courses. The Corporation also provides small business loans including for agricultural initiatives.

Contact
COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF CENTRAL INTERIOR FIRST NATIONS
Phone: 250-828-9833
Email: info@cfdcfcifn.com
http://cfdcfcifn.com

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada
(Pacific Economic Development Canada)



Crop and Livestock Loss or Damage Due to Wildlife (Agriculture Wildlife Program)

Provides producers who are enrolled in the Agriculture Wildlife Program compensation for wildlife damage to some harvested and unharvested crops.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Abbotsford: 604-556-3001
Toll Free: 1-888-221-7141

Cranbrook: 250-420-6203
Toll Free: N/A

Dawson Creek: 250-784-2236
Toll Free: 1-877-772-2200

Fort St. John: 250-787-3240
Toll Free: 1-888-822-1345

Kamloops: 250-828-4506
Toll Free: 1-888-823-3355

Kelowna: 250-712-3797
Toll Free: 1-888-332-3352

Oliver: 250-498-5250
Toll Free: 1-888-812-8811

Williams Lake: 250-398-4500
Toll Free: 1-800-474-6133

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/crop-loss-damage-due-to-wildlife

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior

Provides grants, loans and matching contributions for economic development priorities in the southern interior of B.C., including agriculture.

For more information, please contact the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries's Agriculture and seafood programs website at **https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs**

Funding provided by: Government of B.C.

Environmental Farm Plan Program

Provides non-repayable funding for a qualified planning advisor to complete agri-environmental risk assessments. The assessments can be completed at an individual or group level.

For more information, please contact the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries's Agriculture and seafood programs website at **https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs**

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Export Navigator

This program offers free advisory services on exporting to businesses located outside of Greater Vancouver or Greater Victoria. Advisory services include:

- Strategic planning;
- Market specific connections and information;
- Resources on interprovincial or international exporting;
- Export readiness assessments.

Contact
EXPORT NAVIGATOR
Toll Free: 1-855-667-2270
Email: info@exportnavigator.ca
https://exportnavigator.ca/

Express to Success: Agri-Food and Beverage Processing Training Program

Provides paid training to individuals who would like to get jobs in the agri-food and beverage processing manufacturing fields. Provides a means for employers to obtain well-trained employees while reducing the usual start-up costs associated with new hires.

Contact
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SKILLS STRATEGY)
Phone: 604-427-1991
Email: ets-langley@missioncsc.org
www.missioncsc.org/express-to-success

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada
(Youth Employment Strategy)

Farm Credit Canada

Provides financing, insurance, software, learning programs and other business services to producers, agribusinesses and agri-food operations. Farm Credit Canada is a financially self-sustaining federal commercial Crown corporation.

Contact
FARM CREDIT CANADA
Abbotsford: 604-870-2417
bcabbots@fcc-fac.ca
Dawson Creek: 250-782-1346
bcdawsoncreek@fcc-fac.ca
Duncan: 250-715-2304
bcduncan@fcc-fac.ca
Kelowna: 250-470-5050
bckelowna@fcc-fac.ca
Surrey: 604-576-3577
bcsurrey@fcc-fac.ca
www.fcc-fac.ca

Food Hub Work Experience

Provides paid training and work experience to youth who want to work within the food industry.

Contact
MISSION COMMUNITY SKILLS CENTRE (LANGLEY OFFICE)
Phone: 604-427-1991
Email: ets-langley@missioncsc.org
https://www.missioncsc.org/food-hub-work-experience/

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada
(Youth Employment Skills Strategy)



Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative

Provides matching funding to support economic development opportunities for Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs who are ready to launch agriculture and food systems projects, and others who want to build their capacity to participate in the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector.

Contact
AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA
Toll Free: 1-866-367-8506
Email: aafc.iafsi-isaaa.aac@agr.gc.ca
https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/indigenous-agriculture-and-food-systems-initiative

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

Indigenous Pathfinder Service

Provides tailored for advice and referral to help Indigenous clients (i.e. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals and organizations, including businesses and non-profit associations) navigate the relevant information, tools and supports available from Agriculture and Agri-food Canada to start or expand activities in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

Contact
INDIGENOUS PATHFINDER SERVICE
Toll Free: 1-866-367-8506
Email: aafc.indigenouspathfinder-explorateurautochtone.aac@agr.gc.ca
https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/indigenous-pathfinder-service

Innovate B.C. Ignite Program

Provides matching funding to academic and industry partnerships conducting research projects addressing a significant, demonstrated problem faced by the natural resources and applied sciences sectors in B.C. that will commercialize within a three year timeframe.

Contact
INNOVATE B.C.
Phone: 604-602-5205
Email: programs@innovatebc.ca
https://www.innovatebc.ca/programs/research-grants/

Funding provided by:
Government of B.C.

Island Coastal Economic Trust

Provides grants and services for economic development on Vancouver Island and in the Sunshine Coast region including agriculture. Programs include support for economic infrastructure and innovation, economic readiness support, bursaries towards select economic development courses and networking events, and sponsorship for regionally significant development or sectoral events.

Contact
ISLAND COASTAL ECONOMIC TRUST
Phone: 250-871-7797
Email: info@islandcoastaltrust.ca
www.islandcoastaltrust.ca

Funding provided by: Government of B.C.

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Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF)

Provides repayable and non-repayable funding to businesses (primarily SMEs) and not-for-profit organizations to assist with near-term job creation and long-term resilience through projects that will:

- Transition to a green economy;
- Foster an inclusive recovery -preserve Canada's competitiveness;
- Future-proof SMEs and enhance resilience through productivity improvement and digital adoption;
- Strengthen capacity in sectors critical to Canada's recovery and growth.

Contact
PACIFIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA
Toll Free: 1-888-338-9378
Phone: 604-666-6256
Email: info_bc@pacifican.gc.ca
<https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/jobs-growth-fund.html>

Funding provided by: Government of Canada (Pacific Economic Development Canada)



Knowledge and Technology Transfer Program

KTTP increases the competitiveness, resiliency, and innovation of the B.C. agriculture and food sector through facilitated knowledge and technology transfer. The cost-shared reimbursement program is intended to strategically support B.C.'s producers and processors to innovate and adapt to changing environmental, production, and market conditions through practical, applied knowledge and skill development to ensure behaviour change.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Toll Free: 1-888-221-7141
Email: knowledge.transfer@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/knowledge-transfer-events>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Livestock Price Insurance

Livestock Price Insurance (LPI) allows producers to purchase price protection on cattle and hogs in the form of an insurance policy. It provides producers with protection against an unexpected drop in prices over a defined period of time.

Contact
LIVESTOCK PRICE INSURANCE
Toll Free: 1-844-782-5747
<https://lpi.ca/>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Livestock Tag Reader Rebate

Offers a rebate to livestock operators who purchase and install approved tag readers.

Contact
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS
Phone: 604-484-3490
Email: bctraceability@ca.pwc.com
<https://bctraceability.ca/livestock-tag-reader>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Livestock Tax Deferral Provision

This provision allows farmers who sell part of their breeding herd due to drought or flooding in prescribed drought or flood regions to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year.

Contact
LIVESTOCK TAX DEFERRAL PROVISION
Email: aafc.taxdeferral-reportdelimpot.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agriculture-and-environment/drought-watch-and-agroclimate/livestock-tax-deferral-provision>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada
(Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)



Local Food Infrastructure Fund

Provides non-repayable funding to community-based, not-for-profit organizations and Indigenous groups for projects that improve their local food systems. Projects may range from simple infrastructure requests such as purchasing a refrigerator for a food bank, to more complex requests that integrate multiple areas of the value chain through the creation of partnerships.

Contact
LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aafc.foodprograms-programmesalimentaires.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/local-food-infrastructure-fund>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)



National Research Council of Canada – Industrial Research Assistance Program

Offers direct technical assistance to Canadian small and medium-sized businesses to increase their innovation and take ideas to market. Assistance includes access to technological advances, expertise, facilities, resources and may also provide matching contributions for technical projects.

Contact
Toll Free: 1-877-994-4727
<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/support-technology-innovation>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (National Research Council of Canada)

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Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC): Partnership Options for Companies

NSERC assists companies in finding research solutions through a suite of targeted partnership offerings that connect to experts at Canada’s universities and colleges. NSERC is a federal agency responsible for funding natural sciences and engineering research in Canada.

Contact
NSERC - PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE
Phone: 604-666-8818
Toll Free: 1-855-275-2861
Email: nserc-pacific@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Business-Enterprise/Avantages-Avantages/index_eng.asp

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada)

Northern Development Initiative Trust

Provides non-repayable funding for businesses and associations that pursue agriculture projects in line with economic development priorities in central and northern B.C. Various programs are available including innovation funding, consulting service rebates and infrastructure support.

Contact
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST
Phone: 250-561-2525
Email: info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca
www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca

Funding provided by: Government of B.C.

Northern Industries Innovation Fund

Provides matching funding to northern B.C. small and medium-sized companies engaged in agriculture and traditional industries, to support applied research and development, new or improved products and services, and testing of innovative equipment or technologies.

Contact
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST
Phone: 250-561-2525
Email: info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca
www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/business-development/northern-industries-innovation-fund

Funding provided by:
Government of B.C.

On-Farm Food Safety Program

Provides 70% matching contributions to eligible B.C. farm-based businesses to encourage food safety improvements through equipment purchases, facility modifications and good agriculture practices. Also supports obtaining one or more HACCP-based certifications.

Contact
FOOD PROCESSING SKILLS CANADA
Toll Free: 1-877-963-7472
Email: DPoulin@fpssc-ctac.com
<http://bconfarmfoodsafety.com/>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Post-Farm Food Safety Program

Provides 70% cost-shared funding up to a maximum of \$20K to eligible B.C. processors, value adding producers, wholesalers, importers and distributors, to address existing food safety issues, increase implementation of food safety practices and to meet national and international food safety requirements.

Contact
FOOD PROCESSING SKILLS CANADA
Toll Free: 1-877-963-7472
Email: DPoulin@fpssc-ctac.com
<http://bcpostfarmfoodsafety.com/>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Poultry and Egg on-farm investment program

Provides non-repayable contributions to help supply-managed poultry and egg producers adapt to market changes resulting from the implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Contact
POULTRY AND EGG ON-FARM INVESTMENT PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-877-246-4682
Email: aaafc.pefip-pifvo.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/poultry-and-egg-farm-investment-program>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada
(Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

Poultry Biosecurity Program

Provides non-repayable cost-shared funding for projects that address the following areas identified in the Poultry Industry Biosecurity/ Emergency Response Strategic Plan:

- Implement enhanced bio-security protocols;
- Develop an emergency response management plan that links to the provincial FADES plan;
- Develop an effective and comprehensive risk management program.

Contact
INVESTMENT AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION
Phone: 250-940-6150
Email: funding@iafbc.ca
<https://iafbc.ca/other-programs/>

Funding provided by: Government of B.C.

Premises ID Program

The Premises Identification (ID) Program links livestock, poultry and bees to specific geographic locations. In the event of an emergency, premises ID information improves the ability of governments and industry to rapidly notify animal owners, contain animal disease outbreaks and more effectively respond to natural disasters like floods or fires. Types of premises registered with the program are wide-ranging: from small-scale or hobby farms with a few animals to large commingling sites such as feedlots, auction yards and abattoirs. There is no cost to participate in the program. The Premises ID Program will become mandatory in 2022.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Phone: 1-888-221-7141
Email: bcpid@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/premises-id>

Funding provided by: Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Price Pooling Program

Provides a price guarantee that protects marketing agencies and producers against unanticipated declines in the market price of their products.

Contact
PRICE POOLING PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-866-367-8506
Email: aafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/price-pooling-program>

Funding provided by: Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

Production Insurance

Provides producers with insurance coverage for natural hazards to minimize the financial implications of production or asset losses. Includes crop loss and damage due to wildlife, livestock price insurance and production insurance.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Abbotsford: 604-556-3001
Toll Free: 1-888-221-7141
Cranbrook: 250-420-6203
Dawson Creek: 250-784-2236
Toll Free: 1-877-772-2200
Fort St. John: 250-787-3240
Toll Free: 1-888-822-1345
Kamloops: 250-828-4506
Toll Free: 1-888-823-3355
Kelowna: 250-712-3797
Toll Free: 1-888-332-3352
Oliver: 250-498-5250
Toll Free: 1-888-812-8811

Williams Lake: 250-398-4213
Toll Free: 1-800-474-6133

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/redirect-production-insurance>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Regional Innovation Ecosystems

Provides non-repayable funding to not-for-profit organizations that support businesses in priority sectors to advance the development of regional innovation ecosystems.

Contact
PACIFIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA
Phone: 604-666-6256
Toll Free: 1-888-338-9378
Email: info@pacifican.gc.ca
<https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/regional-innovation-ecosystems.html>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada
(Pacific Economic Development Canada)



Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program

Allows businesses to deduct research and development expenditures from their income for tax purposes.

Contact
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Toll Free: 1-866-317-0473
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/scientific-research-experimental-development-tax-incentive-program.html>

Funding provided by:
Government of Canada (Canadian Revenue Agency)

Small Business B.C.

Provides small businesses with programs, products, services and support to aid development and growth, improve productivity, increase profitability and benefit from new opportunities.

Contact
SMALL BUSINESS B.C.
Phone: 604-775-5525
Toll Free: 1-800-667-2272
Email: askus@smallbusinessbc.ca
www.smallbusinessbc.ca

Strategic Innovation Fund

Offers repayable and non-repayable funding for projects with Canadian companies to encourage and accelerate innovative and growth-orientated initiatives.

Contact
STRATEGIC INNOVATION FUND
Toll Free: 1-800-328-6189
<https://ic.gc.ca/eic/site/125.nsf/eng/home>

Funding provided by: Government of Canada (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada)

Traceability Adoption Program

Provides matching funding to agriculture, agri-food and seafood businesses to implement facility-based traceability systems, practices, technologies and infrastructure.

Contact
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS
Email: ca_bctraceability@pwc.com
<https://bctraceability.ca/>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Traceability Knowledge Transfer Program

Provides matching funding to agri-food and seafood industry organizations to educate their membership about traceability systems, practices, infrastructure and technologies through events such as workshops, seminars, presentations or demonstrations.

Contact
B.C. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Email: AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/traceability-knowledge-transfer>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Traceability Value Chain Program

Provides matching funding to agriculture, agri-food and seafood sector organizations and value-chains to implement sector-wide or value chain traceability systems, practices, technologies and infrastructure. Value chains are groups of three or more agri-food/seafood businesses connected along a supply chain (e.g. a business partnership among a producer, processor and distributor).

Contact
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS
Phone: 604-484-3490
Email: ca_bctraceability@pwc.com
<https://bctraceability.ca/>

Funding provided by:
Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Youth Employment and Skills Program

Provides a wage subsidy to employers who hire youth for agricultural jobs, and funding to offset the costs of employee relocation or barriers faced by youth.

Contact
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PROGRAM
Toll Free: 1-866-452-5558
Email: aaafc.yesp-pecj.aac@agr.gc.ca
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/youth-employment-and-skills-program>

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