

BC Rural Dividend Program

Presentation to
May 9, 2016

Now accepting applications!

First intake:

April 4 – May 31

Second intake:

October 3 – October 31



Program Overview

- \$25 million a year, for three years
- Provide benefits to rural communities -reinvigorate and diversify local economies, contribute to overall wellness and sustainability
- Support community identified projects



Rural Advisory Council (RAC)

- Advises government on how to support rural communities
- 13 individuals from rural communities across B.C.
- Provided input into program development



Eligible Applicants

- Local Governments
- First Nations
- Community Based Not-for-Profit Organizations



Eligible Communities

- A community with a population of 25,000 or less, located outside of Metro Vancouver and the Capital Regional District.
- An unincorporated area with a population of 25,000 people or less.



Eligible Projects

1. Community Capacity Building
2. Workforce Development
3. Community and Economic Development
4. Business Sector Development



Funding Streams



- Project Development
 - Up to \$10,000
 - Feasibility studies, business cases
 - Up to 100% of costs
- Single Applicant
 - Up to \$100,000
 - Up to 80% of costs
- Partnerships*
 - Up to \$500,000
 - Up to 60% of costs

* For-profit entities allowed as partners (not applicants).

Review and Assessment

- Selection Criteria:
 - Community resiliency
 - Job creation and retention
 - Building partnerships/shared prosperity
 - Project feasibility, timeliness, and sustainability
 - Impact on rural communities
 - Communities in need
- Phased Decision Making:
 - Eligibility assessment
 - Partnership across Ministries
 - Minister decision making



Funding Announcements

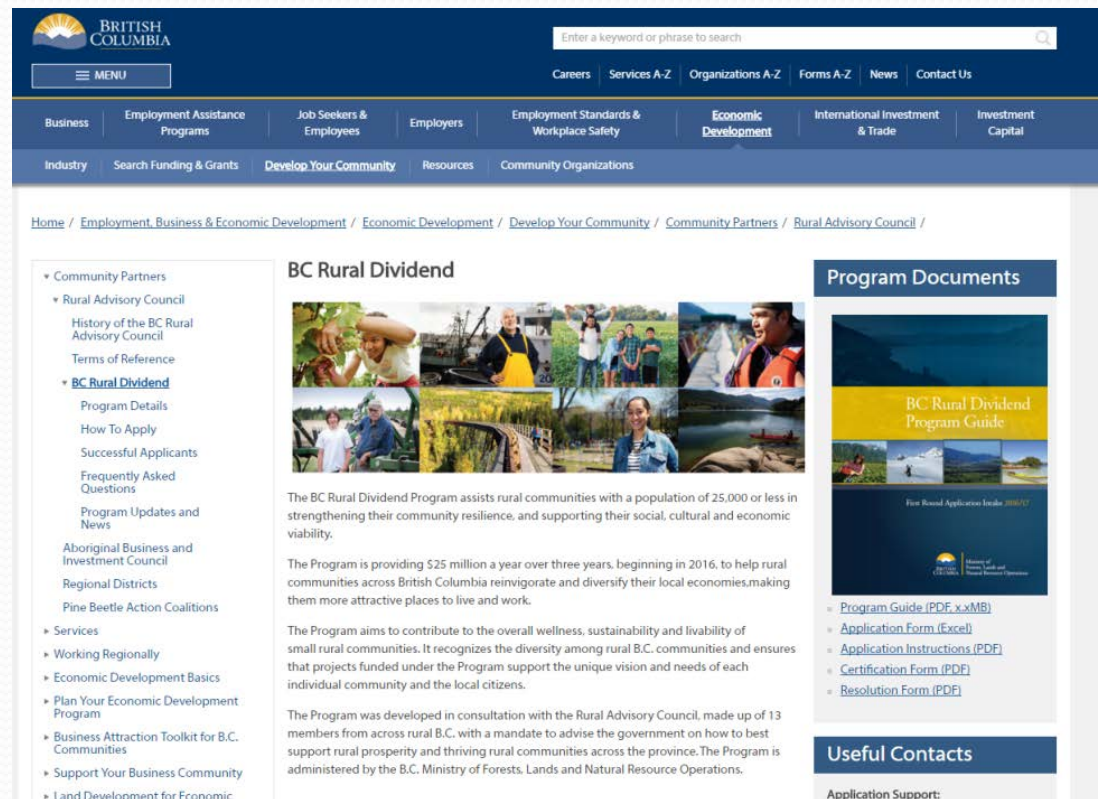
- Project Development Applications
 - Early Summer (July)
- Single and Partnership Applications
 - End of September



Program Information

Website: www.gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend

- FAQs
- Program Guide
- Application Documents



The screenshot shows the official website for the BC Rural Dividend Program. The header features the British Columbia logo and a search bar. A navigation menu includes links for Business, Employment Assistance Programs, Job Seekers & Employees, Employers, Employment Standards & Workplace Safety, Economic Development, International Investment & Trade, and Investment Capital. Below this, a secondary menu lists Industry, Search Funding & Grants, Develop Your Community, Resources, and Community Organizations. The main content area is titled 'BC Rural Dividend' and includes a collage of images showing rural life and community activities. Text on the page describes the program's goal to assist rural communities with a population of 25,000 or less in strengthening their resilience. It also mentions the program's funding of \$25 million over three years, starting in 2016, to help rural communities across British Columbia. A sidebar on the left lists various resources and documents, including the BC Rural Dividend Program Guide, Application Form, and Certification Form. A 'Program Documents' section on the right provides links to these documents. A 'Useful Contacts' section at the bottom right lists application support contacts.

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Community Partners

- Rural Advisory Council
 - History of the BC Rural Advisory Council
 - Terms of Reference
 - **BC Rural Dividend**
 - Program Details
 - How To Apply
 - Successful Applicants
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Program Updates and News
 - Aboriginal Business and Investment Council
 - Regional Districts
 - Pine Beetle Action Coalitions
- Services
 - Working Regionally
 - Economic Development Basics
 - Plan Your Economic Development Program
 - Business Attraction Toolkit for B.C. Communities
 - Support Your Business Community
 - Land Development for Economic

BC Rural Dividend

The BC Rural Dividend Program assists rural communities with a population of 25,000 or less in strengthening their community resilience, and supporting their social, cultural and economic viability.

The Program is providing \$25 million a year over three years, beginning in 2016, to help rural communities across British Columbia reinvigorate and diversify their local economies, making them more attractive places to live and work.

The Program aims to contribute to the overall wellness, sustainability and livability of small rural communities. It recognizes the diversity among rural B.C. communities and ensures that projects funded under the Program support the unique vision and needs of each individual community and the local citizens.

The Program was developed in consultation with the Rural Advisory Council, made up of 13 members from across rural B.C., with a mandate to advise the government on how to best support rural prosperity and thriving rural communities across the province. The Program is administered by the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Program Documents

- Program Guide (PDF, x.xMB)
- Application Form (Excel)
- Application Instructions (PDF)
- Certification Form (PDF)
- Resolution Form (PDF)

Useful Contacts

Application Support:

Program Questions

Program Office:

250-356-7950

ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca



Project Development Support

- Executive Director, Rural Development (FLNRO)
- FLNRO staff (Regional Operations, Provincial staff)
- JTST staff (Regional Economic Development)



Application Support



Toll Free Number

1-877-855-3222

Frequently Asked Questions

- Eligible Applicants
 - How is the population of a community determined?
 - Are regional not-for-profit organizations able to apply?
- Eligible Projects
 - Are infrastructure projects eligible for funding?

Frequently Asked Questions

- Mandatory Supporting Documents
 - Are audited financial statements required?
- Project Development Application Form
 - Are Project Development applicants required to complete the full application form?

Questions?