Government and Non-government Business Support Information

Resource Categories	Organization/ Program Name	Description	Form of Support	Service Area	Main Contact	Website
Provincial Government Programs and Services	**Venture Capital Tax Credit Program (VCP)**	The Venture Capital Tax Credit Program (VCP) provides a 30 percent tax credit to investors who make venture capital investments in eligible start-up and early-stage B.C. companies involved in R&D, technology, and manufacturing activities. The tax credit is intended to offset some of the risk associated with venture capital investments to make a larger pool of early-stage capital available to small B.C. businesses.	The VCP has an annual tax credit budget of $53.5 million which, with a 30 percent tax credit, can leverage up to $178.33 million of equity investment in qualified B.C. companies. • 30% tax credit on investment in a venture capital corporation (VCC) or an eligible business corporation (EBC)	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 250-952-0136; 1-800-665-6597 Email: InvestmentCapital@gov.bc.ca	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/investment-capital/venture-capital-programs
	Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit (IDMTC)	The Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit (IDMTC) is for eligible registered corporations that develop interactive digital media products in B.C. after August 31, 2010 and before September 1, 2023.	The credit is calculated as 17.5% of eligible salary and wages incurred in the tax year. • Corporations must register with the Ministry of Finance and pay the application fee for each tax year that it wants to claim the IDMTC.	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 250-387-3332; 1-877-387-3332 Email: ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/corporate/credits/interactive-digital-media
	Scientific Research & Experimental Development Tax Credit (SR&ED)	The scientific research and experimental development (SR&ED) tax credit is for qualifying corporations that carry on SR&ED in B.C. before September 1, 2027.	Qualifying corporations that are Canadian-controlled private corporations (CCPCs) may claim a refundable tax credit of 10% of the lesser of: • The corporation's SR&ED qualified B.C. expenditures for the tax year, or • The expenditure limit (generally $3 million), as defined in the federal Income Tax Act	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 250-387-3332; 1-877-387-3332 Email: ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/corporate/credits/scientific-research-development
	Corporate Income Tax Credits	Corporations that maintain a permanent establishment in B.C. at any time during the tax year must file an income tax return. Corporate income tax is administered in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). There are a number of tax credits a corporation may qualify for.	Qualifying Tax Credits: • Book Publishing • Farmers' Food Donation • Film and Television • Foreign • Interactive Digital Media • Logging Tax • Mining Exploration • Natural Gas • Political Contribution • Production Services • Qualifying Environmental Trust • Scientific Research and Experimental Development • Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industry • Small Business Venture Capital • Training	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 250-387-3332; 1-877-387-3332 Email: ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/corporate/credits
	Economic Development Funding & Grants	Find financial support for your economic development initiatives by easily searching our database.	Enter a keyword related to a community, region, business, or program into the search bar above. Then refine your search by subject area, funding source and/or Ministry. Example search terms include: • Local Government • Small Business • Non-Profit • Tourism	Support businesses across B.C.	Various	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/funding-and-grants

	BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (MJF)	The BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (MJF) will help manufacturing companies modernize, innovate, and grow by providing grants for capital projects in regional and Indigenous communities in B.C.	MJF will invest up to $90 million in manufacturing projects outside of Metro Vancouver and the Capital Regional District. • The Fund will provide grants ranging from $100,000 to $10 million for established businesses and for-profit organizations to plan and launch capital projects that will bring near-term benefits to local workers and communities throughout B.C.	Support businesses across B.C.	Email: ManufacturingJobsFund@gov.bc.ca	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/rural-economic-development/manufacturing-jobs-fund
Federal Government Programs and Services	**Innovation Canada**	From funding to expert advice to driving new collaborations, Innovation Canada's programs and services are designed to help businesses innovate, create jobs and grow Canada's economy. It's the place to go to get a tailored list of everything that government can do for your business.	Business support, programs, and services: • Innovative Superclusters Initiative • Strategic Innovation Fund • Innovative Solutions Canada • ExploreIP • Clean Growth Hub • Accelerated Growth Service	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-833-201-4358 TTY: 1-866-694-8389	https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/s/?language=en
	Trade Commissioner Service (TCS)	The Trade Commissioner Service (TCS) is helping companies sell their products and services outside Canada by connecting them with its funding and support programs, international opportunities and its network of trade commissioners in more than 160 cities worldwide.	Through TCS's services, and by connecting you to other useful Government of Canada programs, TCS can help you grow abroad, even in these challenging times.	Support businesses across Canada	B.C. E-mail: pacific-pacifique.tcs-sdc@international.gc.ca Message through the website: https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/contact-us-contactez-nous.aspx?lang=eng	https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/about-a_propos/index.aspx?lang=eng
	National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP)	The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP) is Canada's leading innovation assistance program for small and medium-sized businesses. It provides financial support to qualified small and medium-sized enterprises in Canada to help them undertake technology innovation.	Program and services: • Help small and medium-sized businesses in Canada develop and commercialize technologies • Collaborate with regional and national organizations on initiatives that support small and medium-sized businesses	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-877-994-4727 Email: info@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca Online Feedback Form: https://nrc.canada.ca/en/corporate/contact-us/feedback-form	https://nrc.canada.ca/en/support-technology-innovation/about-nrc-industrial-research-assistance-program
	Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program (SR&ED)	The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program uses tax incentives to encourage Canadian businesses of all sizes and in all sectors to conduct research and development (R&D) in Canada. These tax incentives come in three forms: an income tax deduction, an investment tax credit (ITC), and, in certain circumstances, a refund.	The SR&ED Program provides more than $3 billion in tax incentives to over 20,000 claimants annually, making it the single largest federal program that supports business R&D in Canada. The program is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-866-317-0473	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/scientific-research-experimental-development-tax-incentive-program.html
	Pacific Economic Development Canada	Pacific Economic Development Canada (PacifiCan) is the regional development agency focused on British Columbia's evolving economy. PacifiCan leads in building a strong, competitive Canadian economy by supporting business, innovation and community economic development unique to British Columbia.	Get business support: • Advice, resources, training, capital, mentoring, networking to grow your business and your community's economy. Apply for funding: • Start, grow and market your business globally, innovate, create jobs, boost economic development in your community.	Support businesses across B.C.	Telephone: 604-666-6256 Toll Free: 1-888-338-9378 Fax: 604-666-2353 Teletypewriter (TTY): 1-877-303-3388 Email: info@pacifican.gc.ca	https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development.html
	Jobs and Growth Fund in Western Canada	The Jobs and Growth Fund provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth.	The Fund, delivered by Canada's regional development agencies (RDAs), provides $700 million nationally over 3 years, which includes up to $70 million dedicated to businesses created after January 2020 that meet eligibility criteria.	Support businesses across Western Canada	Phone: 1-800-622-6232	https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20183.asp

Provincial Crown Corporations	**Innovate BC**	Innovate BC is a Crown Corporation of the Government of British Columbia. It funds entrepreneurial support programs in the province. Innovate BC focuses on supporting technology start-ups and entrepreneurs through programs, sponsorship, and competitions that facilitate technology commercialization.	Funding, programs, tools, etc.: • Get funding (up to $300,000): Ignite Program • Launch business idea (up to $275,000 in capital and in-kind business services): New Ventures BC Competition Venture Acceleration Program (VAP): • BC Acceleration Network • Delivered by a team of Executives in Residence (EIRs) and supported by a province-wide network of partners and entrepreneurs	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 604-952-5035 Toll free: 1-800-570-7957 General Inquiries: info@innovatebc.ca Program Inquiries: programs@innovatebc.ca	https://innovatebc.ca/
Federal Crown Corporations	**Export Development Canada (EDC)**	Export Development Canada (EDC) offers businesses expert advice as well as insurance and financial support. They have expanded their offering in response to increased demand during these challenging times. Working in collaboration with federal partners and Canadian financial institutions, EDC is helping Canadian companies to swiftly access capital and protect their business.	Financial support, expert advice, etc.: • EDC Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) Guarantee • EDC Credit Insurance • Export Guarantee Program • Foreign Exchange Facility Guarantee • Account Performance Security Guarantee EDC Advance Payment Insurance (CapEx)	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-800-229-0575 Email through the website: https://www.edc.ca/en/contact-us.html	https://www.edc.ca/en/homepage.html
	Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)	Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) provides various support programs to help entrepreneurs including business loans for projects and working capital to protect cash flow.	Financial relief for entrepreneurs: • Access to credit through the Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) • Other relief programs Benefit from advisory services with regards to: • online sales optimization • operations and cash flow resiliency • workplace health risk mitigation	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-877-232-2269 Email through the website: https://www.bdc.ca/en/contact_us/pages/form-contact-us.aspx	https://www.bdc.ca/en/pages/home.aspx
Region Specific Organizations	**Accelerate Okanagan (AO)**	Accelerate Okanagan (AO) is a not-for-profit organization that gives entrepreneurs the mentorship, connections, and community they need to build technology driven ventures.	Resources, funding, tools, etc.: • Grants and Funding Opportunities • Capital or Financing Support • Training for Entrepreneurs & Teams • Introductions to Members • Remote Working Resources • Discounts for Tools and Services Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative	Kelowna, BC/ Support businesses in the Okanagan Region	Phone: 250-870-9028 Message through the website: https://www.accelerateokanagan.com/contact-us/	https://accelerateokanagan.com/
	Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC)	The Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC) program provides non-repayable funding for municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, registered non-profit societies, institutions, and industry associations to support regionally strategic investments in economic development projects that will have long-lasting and measurable regional benefits for the Southern Interior.	Funding Programs: • Loan and Equity Funding • Grant Funding • Education	Kelowna, BC/ Support businesses in the Southern Interior of B.C.	Phone: 236-420-3680 ext. 0 Email: info@etsi-bc.ca	https://www.etsi-bc.ca
	Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)	The Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) is an independent, non-profit corporation; a catalyst stimulating economic growth through investments in grassroots, community-led projects. NDIT offers funding programs to support economic development priorities in central and northern British Columbia.	Feature Funding Programs: • Business Development • Capacity Building • Community Development • Housing Programs • Partner Programs	Prince George, BC/ Support businesses in the Northern Region of B.C.	Phone: 250-561-2525 Email: info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca Message through the website: https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/about/contact-us/	https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/

	Columbia Basin Trust (CBT)	The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is mandated under the Columbia Basin Trust Act to manage assets for the ongoing economic, environmental and social benefit of the region, without relieving governments of any obligations in the region. They are also mandated under the Columbia Basin Management Plan to include the people of the Basin in planning for the management of the assets and to work with others to coordinate activities related to the purpose of the Trust.	Support Programs: • Affordable Housing Initiative • Basin Business Advisors • Basin PLAYS Initiative • Basin Youth Network • Child Care Support Program • Ecosystem Enhancement Program • First Nations Housing Sustainability Initiative • Heritage Planner • Non-profit Advisors Program	Castlegar, BC/ Support businesses in the Columbia Basin	Phone: 1-800-505-8998 Email: info@ourtrust.org Message through the website: https://ourtrust.org/contact/	https://ourtrust.org/
	Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET)	Created and capitalized by the Province of British Columbia in 2006, the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) has been at the forefront of economic diversification, planning and regional revitalization in the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast region for the past twelve years. Through a community centered decision-making process, funds are invested in a wide range of economic development and community building initiatives.	Funding Programs: • Economic Infrastructure and Innovation Program • Economic Development Readiness Program Regional Support Programs: • Bursaries • Sponsorships • Internship	Courtenay, BC/ Support businesses in the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast region	General Email: info@islandcoastaltrust.ca Amanda Fortier Phone: 250-871-7797 (Ext. 232) Email: Amanda.fortier@islandcoastaltrust.ca	http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/
	Innovation Island Technology Association (IITA)	Innovation Island Technology Association (IITA) is a regional non-profit partner of the BC Acceleration Network. IITA delivers the Innovate BC Venture Acceleration Program in communities outside of Victoria, including: The Cowichan Valley, Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Port Alberni, Ucluelet, Tofino, Cumberland, Courtenay, Comox, Campbell River, North Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands & the Sunshine Coast.	BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP): • A structured approach and insight to growing a company • Ongoing coaching from experienced Executives in Residence (EIRs) • Access to knowledgeable mentors and their networks • Valuable opportunities for networking	Nanaimo, BC/ Support businesses outside of Victoria and focus extensively on Rest of Island	Phone: 250-753-8324 Email: info@innovationisland.ca	https://innovationisland.ca/
	Kootenay Association for Science & Technology (KAST)	Kootenay Association for Science & Technology (KAST) is a connector of five regional districts, five First Nations, 29 municipalities, nine school districts, three postsecondary institutions, dozens of non-profits, hundreds of small businesses, thousands of tech workers and one of the largest natural resource companies in the world.	Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative • StartupBasics Program – Developed by Accelerate Okanagan • RevUp Program – Developed by Accelerate Okanagan	Rossland, BC/ Support businesses in the Kootenay region	Phone: 250-362-5052 Email: info@kast.com	www.kast.com
	Kamloops Innovation	Kamloops Innovation offers affordable programs that guide, coach and mentor entrepreneurs at various stages of their journey, and our open and collaborative office spaces are designed to facilitate useful connections and boost a sense of community.	Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative	Kamloops, BC/ Support businesses in Central Interior of B.C.	Phone: 250-434-0200 Email: info@kamloopsinnovation.ca	www.kamloopsinnovation.ca
	Venture Kamloops	Venture Kamloops is an economic development organization providing information a full spectrum of support services to investors and entrepreneurs and to those interested in starting their business in Kamloops or expanding operations into the city.	Programs: • VK Accelerate • Start Here • VK Advisors • VK Real Estate Map • Labour Attraction Partnership • VK Inside Track • LinkUp	Kamloops, BC/ Support businesses in Kamloops	Phone: 250-828-6818; 1-888-526-5667	https://www.venturekamloops.com/
	Hubspace	Hubspace is Northern B.C.'s accelerator and coworking space. They are a community of coworking professionals and tech entrepreneurs. They provide a	Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative	Prince George, BC/ Support businesses in	Phone: 1-236-423-0113 Email: executivedirector@hubspace.ca	www.hubspace.ca

		collaborative environment and business programs to foster a thriving coworking community.		the North Central of B.C.		
	Okanagan Young Professionals Collective	Okanagan Young Professionals Collective is creating a dynamic, vibrant culture and community that attracts and retains young professionals to the Central Okanagan region through a variety of volunteer, social, professional, sports, arts, cultural events and activities.	Connect with your community by finding professional, social, volunteer and lifestyle opportunities and activities in the Central Okanagan. • Connector Program	Kelowna, BC/ Support businesses in the Central Okanagan region	Phone: 250-469-6280	https://oypcollective.com/
	Salmon Arm Innovation Centre	Salmon Arm Innovation Centre promotes innovation and creativity by facilitating access to learning, skills training, tools for technology.	Services: • Coworking space • Makerspace	Salmon Arm, BC/ Support businesses in Salmon Arm	Phone: 250-833-0608 Email: info@saeds.ca	https://www.innovatesa.ca/
	Capital Investment Network	Capital Investment Network is dedicated to connecting, growing, and strengthening the local angel investor community in Victoria BC.	Capital Investment Network provides entrepreneurs an opportunity to connect with angel investors, access local resources, and increase your business' visibility. Events	Victoria, BC/ Support businesses in Victoria, B.C.	Phone: 250-240-8600 Email: jordanschley@gmail.com	https://www.capinvestment.net/
	Startup Revelstoke	StartUp Revelstoke was formed in 2017 to nurture a startup ecosystem that supports the diversification and growth of the economy. With funding from Community Futures Revelstoke, the organization is overseen by a committee of local business leaders and employs one part-time staff.	An entrepreneur ecosystem programming initiative: • Funding • Advice & Education • Networking • Form & Launch • Prove Product – Make Fit Prepare to Scale	Revelstoke, BC/ Support businesses in Revelstoke	Email through the website: https://www.startuprevelstoke.ca/contact/	https://www.startuprevelstoke.ca/
	Victoria Innovation, Advanced Technology and Entrepreneurship Council (VIATEC)	Victoria Innovation, Advanced Technology and Entrepreneurship Council (VIATEC) offers a variety of events, programs and services. Focus areas including regional and sector promotion, talent, networking and connections, education and mentoring.	Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative • Resources and Government Support Programs & Information	Victoria, BC/ Support businesses in Victoria, BC	Phone: 250-483-3214 Email: info@viatec.ca Dan Gunn: dgunn@viatec.ca	https://www.viatec.ca/
First Nations	**Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program (ABED)**	Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program (ABED) works with Aboriginal entrepreneurs and its partners to provide services and support for the Aboriginal business sector.	The program provides Indigenous businesses with access to non-repayable contributions for: • supporting eligible business proposals • leveraging additional funds	Support Indigenous businesses across Canada	Phone: 613-688-0894; 1-844-827-0327 Email: info@nacca.ca	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1610797286236
	First Citizens Fund Business Loan Program	First Citizens Fund Business Loan Program provides business loans for Aboriginal entrepreneurs in British Columbia.	All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO) delivers the Aboriginal Business Loan Program in partnership with four Aboriginal Capital Corporations: • All Nations Trust Company • Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation • Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation • Tribal Resources Investment Corporation	Support Indigenous businesses across B.C.	Phone: 1-800-880-1022 Email: IRRInfo@gov.bc.ca	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/economic-development/business-loan-program
	Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society (NKDFS)	Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society (NKDFS) assists the people of North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village, by investing in sustainable economic and community stability projects.	Programs and Grants: • Economic Development Grants • Infrastructure • Planning and Research • Human Development • Promotion and Brokering	Support Indigenous businesses in the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village of B.C.	Dan Boudreau: 250-964-4066; 1-877-478-3863 Email: manager@nkdf.org	http://www.nkdf.org/
	National Aboriginal Capital Corporations	National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) is a national association for a network of Aboriginal Financial Institutions, or AFIs. NACCA	Programs and Grants: • Indigenous Growth Fund • Events	Support Indigenous businesses across Canada	Phone: 613-688-0894; 1-844-827-0327 Email: info@nacca.ca	https://nacca.ca/

	Association (NACCA)	supports the AFI network, which offers financing to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit businesses and communities.	• NACCA Webinar Series • Indigenous Prosperity Forum 2020			
	Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations (CFDC of CIFN)	The Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations (CFDC of CIFN) promotes and provides community economic development support services to First Nations people within the Central Interior area.	Programs and Grants: • True Colors Assessments • Pre-employment Training Programs • Indigenous Entrepreneurial Certificate Program • Pre-entrepreneurial Training • Introduction to Small Business • Small Business Management etc.	Support Indigenous businesses within the Central Interior of B.C.	Phone: 250-828-9833 Email: info@cfdcofcifn.com	http://cfdcofcifn.com/
	Burns Lake Native Development Corporation (BLNDC)	The Burns Lake Native Development Corporation (BLNDC) provides assistance with business plan development, government grant applications, and general advisory services.	Programs and Grants: • Training • Employment Search • Grant Assistance • Loan Provision and Counseling • Business Plan Development • Entrepreneur Development etc.	Support Indigenous businesses of Northern BC's Lakes District	Phone: 250-692-3188 Email through the website: https://blndc.ca/	https://blndc.ca/
	Coast Economic Development Society (Coast Funds)	Coast Economic Development Society (Coast Funds) supports First Nations in achieving their goals for sustainable economic development and conservation management in the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii.	Programs and Grants: • Annual Conservation Funding • Conservation Project Funding • Economic Development Funding	Support Indigenous businesses in the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii	Phone: 1-604-684-0223 Email: info@coastfunds.ca	https://coastfunds.ca/first-nations/
	All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO)	All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO) is an Aboriginal owned financial institution, providing developmental business loans.	Services: • Financing • Grants • Advisory Services • Emergency Loan Application	Support Indigenous businesses across Canada	Phone: 778-471-4110; 1-800-663-2959 Email: antco@antco.ca	https://www.antco.ca/
	Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC)	Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) promotes and assists in the development and establishment of new and existing business enterprises on Vancouver Island.	Programs and Services: • Commercial Funding • Business Planning • Supporting Entrepreneurs	Support Indigenous businesses on Vancouver Island	Phone: 1-866-444-6332	https://www.nedc.info/
	Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC)	Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC) provides Small Business Financing and support services to Aboriginals within traditional Coast Salish Territory, as well as Campbell River, Comox, and Lil'wat.	Programs and Services: • Financing • Funding • Client Care • Community Visits • Workshops	Support Indigenous businesses within Coast Salish Territory, Campbell River, Comox, and Lil'wat	Phone: 604-926-5626; 1-800-779-7199 Email: info@tacc.ca	https://www.tacc.ca/
	Tribal Resource Investment Corporation (Tricorp)	Tribal Resource Investment Corporation (Tricorp) provides financial services to First Nations entrepreneurs in Northwestern British Columbia.	Programs and Services: • Tricorp Business Development Loans • Tricorp Employment and Skills Training Services • Workplace Essential Skills Trades Training • Tricorp Employer Benefit Lending	Support Indigenous businesses in Northwestern B.C.	Phone: 250-624-3535; 1-800-665-3201	http://www.tricorp.ca/
Other Small Business and Entrepreneurship Support Organizations	**Alacrity Canada**	Alacrity Canada has contributed to B.C.'s technology ecosystem by offering innovative initiatives that address the ever-evolving needs of the world's tech economy. Alacrity has collaborated with governments at all levels to empower business owners and	Programs: • Cleantech Program • Digital Marketing Bootcamp • Startup Visa Program • Launch Online	Support businesses in Western Canada	Admission Inquiry: https://www.alacritycanada.com/contact/	https://www.alacritycanada.com/programs/

		entrepreneurs and has helped many gain recognition globally for contributions in their fields.	• Grow Your Businesses Online			
	Creative Destruction Lab (CDL)	Creative Destruction Lab (CDL) is a non-profit organization that delivers an objectives-based program for massively scalable, seed-stage, science- and technology-based companies.	The Program involves: • Mentorship from select entrepreneurs and angel investors: Fellows and Associates • Opportunities to raise capital • Advice on technology roadmaps from CDL's Chief Scientists • Business development support from top MBA students	Vancouver, BC/ Support businesses globally	General Inquiries: info@creativedestructionlab.com Vancouver Office Email: cdl-west@creativedestructionlab.com	https://www.creativedestructionlab.com/
	Futurpreneur Canada	Futurpreneur Canada has been fueling the entrepreneurial passions of Canada's young enterprise for two decades. They are the only national, non-profit organization that provides financing, mentoring and support tools to aspiring business owners aged 18-39.	How They Help Entrepreneurs: • Pre-launch Coaching • Online Resources • Financing • Mentoring	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-866-646-2922 B.C. Office Phone: 604-598-2923 Email: info@futurpreneur.ca	https://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/
	Community Futures British Columbia	Community Futures provides financing alternatives to small and medium enterprises when access to credit is a challenge to starting or growing their business. Community Futures also provides the Export Navigator Program to help businesses with export opportunities.	Each of their 34 Community Futures offices provide flexible and affordable small business loans, business coaching/training services and business management tools for people wanting to start, expand, franchise or sell a rural business. • Business Loans • Self Employment Program • Business Tools and Tips • Export Navigator Program	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 604-289-4222; 1-888-303-2232 Message through the website: https://www.communityfutures.ca/contact-us	https://www.communityfutures.ca/
	Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)	The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is the country's champion of small business. CFIB provides specialized business resources, including on-call counsellors, to help business owners navigate the daily challenges of running business. CFIB is in every province, coast to coast.	Resources, funding, tools, etc.: • Business Community • Financial Support • Human Resources	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-888-234-2232 B.C. Phone: 604-684-5325 B.C. Toll Free: 1-866-684-5325	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en
	Women's Enterprise Centre - Business Loans	Women's Enterprise Centre is a non-profit organization devoted to helping BC women start, lead and grow their own business. They provide business loans up to $150K, with access to an additional $100K through a partnership with BDC.	Two Main Loan Programs: • Primary Lending Program • Specialty Loans, including Youth Business Loan	Support women-owned businesses in B.C.	Phone: 1-800-643-7014 Email: inquiry@womensenterprise.ca	https://we-bc.ca/
	Startup Canada	Through digital programs and flagship events, Startup Canada is the network promoting, inspiring, educating, connecting and giving a voice to Canada's entrepreneurs; supporting them to start, operate and scale businesses that build a better Canada for the world today and for future generations.	Programs: • Women Entrepreneurs Program • Social Impact Program • Canadian Export Challenge • CANIE Awards • Startup Canada Day on the Hill Digital Programs	Support businesses across Canada	Email: hello@startupcan.ca	https://www.startupcan.ca/
	entrepreneurship @UBC	entrepreneurship@UBC offers two different foundational venture building programs, Lab2Launch and CORE, as well as two additional streams, Social Venture and Climate Venture Studio, to provide support tailored to the specific needs of business venture.	Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative • Venture Building Programs and Streams • HATCH Accelerator Program	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 1-604-822-0600 Email: info@entrepreneurship.ubc.ca	www.start.entrepreneurship.ubc.ca
	Foresight Cleantech Accelerator Centre	Foresight is a not-for-profit corporation that fosters the growth of SMEs that are developing technology that improve environmental results and reduce GHG emissions. Since 2013, Foresight's flagship accelerator	Participants benefit from: • Mentorship • Educational Programs • Investor Introduction Opportunities	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 1-604-245-0042 Email: jjackson@foresightcac.com	www.foresightcac.com

		programs have provided entrepreneurs with the resources, insight and visibility to launch and scale their cleantech solutions.	• Networking Events Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative			
	New Ventures BC (NVBC)	New Ventures BC (NVBC) is a non-profit organization that can help tech startup grow. Through government and corporate support, their programs provide the education, tools, networking, and grant funding businesses need to succeed.	Programs and Funding: • 20th Annual New Ventures BC Competition • Online Market Validation Training • ISI Grant program Distance Venture Acceleration Program	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 1-604-602-5202 Email: contact@newventuresbc.com	www.newventuresbc.com
	VentureLabs	VentureLabs accelerates science, technology, and innovation-based companies that have winning value propositions and strong potential to scale up. Based in Vancouver, their programs and services are tailored to each company's needs to not just grow but grow smart.	Programs: • BC Venture Acceleration Program (VAP) – An Innovate BC Initiative • Networking for Startups • Market Validation Program • Scale Up Program	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 1-604-729-4747 Email: info@venturelabs.ca	https://venturelabs.ca/
	Youth Social Innovation Capital Fund	Youth Social Innovation Capital Fund impacts investing fund that supports young entrepreneurs. They finance investments using an instrument called the Revenue Reach, an alternative to traditional debt and equity that better aligns the interests of investors and entrepreneurs.	Programs and Services: • Provide young social entrepreneurs with financing and resources that facilitate successful venture growth • Offer investment opportunities that generate financial returns and positive impact	Support young entrepreneurs across Canada	Email: info@youthsocialinnovation.org	https://www.youthsocialinnovation.org/
	YMCA - Self Employment	In conjunction with the new Employment Program of BC and the YWCA, the Self Employment program is designed to help small businesses through training, financial support and connections to networks and agencies.	Programs and Services: • Self Employment Program • Workshops	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 604-320-5847 Email: gila.schroeder@gv.ymca.ca	https://ymca.ethoscmg.com/
Tech Industry Associations	**Life Sciences BC**	LifeSciences BC is a not-for-profit, non-government, industry association that supports and represents the life sciences community of British Columbia through leadership, facilitation of investment and partnering, advocacy, and promotion of our world-class science and industry.	Programs and Services: • Trade Accelerator Program (TAP) • Educational Programs • Events and Conferences	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 604-669-9909 Email: admin@lifesciencesbc.ca	https://lifesciencesbc.ca/
	BC Tech Association	BC Tech Association is an industry-funded organization supporting the growth of British Columbia's strong knowledge economy. BC Tech is driven to make B.C. the best place to grow a tech company by helping firms grow and scale into anchors—the large companies that drive both B.C.'s tech sector and the economy.	Programs: • HyperGrowth • HyperGlobal • HyperScale • HyperScale AI • HyperTalent • HyperTech	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 604-683-6159 Questions through the website: https://wearebctech.com/who-we-are/contact-us/	https://wearebctech.com/
	Genome BC	Genome BC, a non-profit research organization, leads genomics innovation on Canada's West Coast and facilitates the adoption of genomics into society. Their major investors are the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada through Genome Canada and Western Economic Diversification Canada. This funding is complemented by partnerships with many national and international public and private funding organizations to drive BC's bioeconomy.	Current Funding Opportunities: • Sector Innovation Program • Rapid Response Funding • GeneSolve Program • Societal Issues Competition • Industry Innovation Program (I^2)	Support businesses across B.C.	Phone: 604-738-8072	https://www.genomebc.ca/
	DigiBC	DigiBC - The Interactive & Digital Media Industry Association of British Columbia - is a member-supported, non-profit organization, based in Vancouver, BC, Canada. They were incorporated in 2010 and have	Digi Music and Programs: • Play to Learn • Digi Music • IndigiGeeks	Support businesses across B.C.	Email: team@digibc.org	https://www.digibc.org/cpages/home

		previous history under the two banners of the Wireless Information Network (WIN) and New Media BC. They represent the creative tech sector which is made up of the video games and interactive, visual effects, animation, and VR/AR industries.				
	ACETECH	Acetech is a not-for-profit organization for leaders of companies innovating with technology. They fuel the growth of tech leaders so they can accelerate the path of their company's success.	Programs and Services: • Annual Acetech Whistler Summit • Workshops and Events • Webinars	Support businesses across B.C.	Email: info@acetechleadership.com	https://acetechleadership.com/
	Vancouver Entrepreneurs Forum (VEF)	The Vancouver Entrepreneurs Forum (VEF) is an online and offline platform for entrepreneurs within the technology realm. Through monthly forums, they bring together like-minded people to cultivate connections and create conversations designed to stimulate ideas.	Eight events per calendar year – topics include: • Angel Investment, Cloud Computing, Wearable Tech, Machine Learning, Cyber Security, Mergers & Acquisitions, Cleantech, Digital Media, New Technologies and more.	Support businesses across B.C.	Email: admin@vef.org	https://www.vef.org/
Cross-industry Collaborations	**Canada's Digital Technology Supercluster**	The Digital Technology Supercluster is a cross-industry collaboration of diverse organizations, including some of Canada's biggest names in healthcare, communications, natural resources, technology, and transportation.	Programs and resources: • Capacity Building • Data Commons • Digital Twins • Precision Health	Vancouver, BC/ Support businesses across Canada	Emails: info@digitalsupercluster.ca	https://www.digitalsupercluster.ca/
	Canadian Business Resilience Network	The Canadian Chamber of Commerce established the Canadian Business Resilience Network to bring together its vast network of over 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, and over 100 of Canada's leading business and industry associations to help the business community prepare, persevere and ultimately, prosper.	Resources and other support: • Health and Safety • Tips and Advice • Financial Support • Reopening the Economy • Data and Research • News and Insights • Toolkits, Videos and Webinars, Recovery	Support businesses across Canada	Email: info@chamber.ca	https://chamber.ca/
Private Sector Financing	**National Angel Capital Organization (NACO)**	By connecting individuals, groups, and other partners that support early-stage investing, NACO accelerates a thriving, early-stage investment ecosystem. NACO provides intelligence, tools, and resources for its members; facilitates key connections across networks, borders and industries; and helps to inform policy affecting the Angel asset-class.	Industry Events: • National Angel Summits • Co-Investment Summits • Professional Development Workshops Professional Development Related Tools Research and Programs	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-416-581-0009 Events Email: events@nacocanada.com Contact Email: contact@nacocanada.com	https://nacocanada.com/
	Angel Forum	Angel Forum is western Canada's pre-eminent angel investor community with a focus on connecting promising tech start-ups with accredited angel capital.	Industry Events: • Educational workshops / webinars for Investors and Founders • Forums are pitch events (for Members and their guests only) • Summits, community events with companies presenting alongside panelists and speakers (for Investors and Founders)	Support businesses across Western Canada	Email: hello@angelforum.ca	https://www.angelforum.ca/
	Vancouver Angel Technology Network (VANTEC)	Vancouver Angel Technology Network (VANTEC) is a group of angel investors who support promising BC-based entrepreneurs in technology ventures with angel investment, advice and connections.	Industry Events: • Pitching to Angel Investors • Pre-Pitch & Investor Meeting Support	Vancouver, BC/ Support businesses across B.C.	Email through the website: https://www.vantec.ca/cpages/contact	https://www.vantec.ca/cpages/homepage
Major Canadian Banks	**Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) – Industry Expertise**	For your business to reach its full potential, you need more than just banking products. Get specialized support and guidance from industry specialists that have built meaningful relationships with some of Canada's most important sector-leading organizations.	Programs and Services: • Show trends and industry shifts • Help position business to save money, seize opportunities and reduce risk • Provide full-picture support • Connect business with other specialist teams	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-888-905-1789 Contact a business specialist: https://www.rbcroyalbank.com/business/advice/industry-expertise.html	https://www.rbcroyalbank.com/business/advice/industry-expertise.html

	Bank of Montreal (BMO) – Technology & Innovation Experts	With BMO's sophisticated solutions and global reach, they help technology companies accelerate their growth and expand internationally. Whether you're starting up, scaling or planning for an exit they recognize that you need a financial partner that understands the challenges a high growth technology company faces.	Programs and Services: • Provide advice and a full suite of solutions for every stage of business lifecycle • Provide a range of solutions including venture debt, acquisition financing, lines of credit and recurring revenue-based facilities	Support businesses across Canada	Devon Dayton: 416-867-3120 Andre Salvi: 416-643-4414 Email through the website: https://commercial.bmo.com/en/industry-expertise/technology/	https://commercial.bmo.com/en/industry-expertise/technology/
	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) – Innovation Banking	CIBC Innovation Banking is a trusted financial partner to entrepreneurs and investors. Backed by the strength of CIBC, Innovation Banking can provide financial capital, rich network of connections, and insightful service that give their clients an edge in the innovation economy.	Programs and Services: • Deploy capital and expertise to help tech companies grow and scale their business effectively	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-888-947-7736 Email: Mailbox.CIBCInnovationBanking@cibc.com Joe Timlin (Vancouver, BC): joe.timlin@cibc.com	https://www.cibc.com/en/commercial/areas-of-specialization/innovation-banking.html
	National Bank of Canada (NBC) – Fostering Innovation in Technology	The National Bank Technology Group is a team of experts dedicated to supporting companies whose core business is technology. The Group's mission is to offer support, advice and financial services1 tailored to the needs of the business—whether it's in the start-up, growth or maturity phase.	Start up IT business: • Short-term financing (operating line of credit, tax credit and contract financing) • Term financing for marketing and expansion Growing business abroad	Support businesses across Canada	Phone: 1-888-440-5811 Email through the website: https://www.nbc.ca/forms/ibsb/contact-us.html	https://www.nbc.ca/business/banking/sectors/technology.html
Others	**Aviva Community Fund**	Aviva Community Fund opens to entrepreneurs between 18 and 25 who can offer a unique solution to the problems of climate change or an idea benefiting Canada's environmental legacy.	Building more resilient communities: • $9.5 million funding in 400 communities across Canada since 2009 to help local organizations to bring great ideas to life	Support young entrepreneurs across Canada	Phone: 1-800-387-4518 Email through the website: https://www.aviva.ca/en/about-aviva/contact-us/	https://www.aviva.ca/en/tools/acf/aviva-community-fund/

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