

REDIP Program FAQ (FY 2026/27)

What is the REDIP program?

The Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) is a grant offered by B.C.'s Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth (JEG). Since its launch in November 2022, REDIP has helped rural communities strengthen their local economies by funding projects that support business growth, build economic infrastructure, and encourage economic diversification.

What's new for the 2026-27 intake?

The program has undergone several changes to align with current provincial priorities. This includes supporting projects that demonstrate strong alignment with the [Look West Economic Strategy](#) and/or B.C.'s [Major Projects](#), create immediate employment, and support communities impacted by tariff-related sector downturns. Key updates include:

- The Capacity stream (formerly REDIP-EC) has been removed.
- Application forms were revised to include additional questions and documentation requirements related to the Look West Economic Strategy.

Why have we made this change? - Changes to the program are to align with current provincial priorities, including the Look West Economic Strategy and B.C.'s Major Projects. The revisions to the application form and documentation requirements are meant to help applicants submit more relevant information, leading to stronger applications.

When can we apply?

The current application intake for Fiscal Year 2026–27 opened on September 18, 2026, and closes November 20, 2026, at 11:59 PM PST. Funding decisions are expected in Spring 2027.

Who can apply for REDIP funding?

To better represent the diversity of rural communities in B.C., eligibility for REDIP will be guided by the Province's Eligibility Matrix. This matrix classifies communities into six categories: three rural and three urban, based on population size and remoteness scores from Statistics Canada. Please see the Program Guide on the [REDIP website](#) for more information.

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To make things easier for applicants, the REDIP team created the [Eligibility Lookup Tool](#) to help determine your eligibility for REDIP. Funding eligibility for each stream is as follows:

Development Stream:

- Municipal governments and Regional Districts designated as Rural 1, 2, or 3.

- First Nation governments and First Nation Economic Development Corporations.
- Not-for-profit organizations with projects located in areas categorized as Rural 1, 2, or 3.

Implementation Stream:

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Community Transition Stream:

- Eligibility for this stream is not based on the matrix. The Community Transition stream supports communities experiencing a major economic change resulting from the loss of a major employer or urgent need related to a major economic project with significance for the region and province.
- Eligible applicants must be actively participating in a current Community Transition event supported by JEG's Regional Economic Operations Branch or be able to demonstrate direct linkage to a major project and its economic significance.
- Prospective applicants for this stream are encouraged to contact the program directly to discuss eligibility.

What types of organizations are not eligible for REDIP funding?

For-profit businesses, Limited Partnerships, communities designated Urban 1, 2, or 3 in the [Eligibility Matrix](#) and registered charities are all ineligible for funding. However, they can partner on an application with an eligible lead applicant so long as they provide proof of partnership and maintain an active role in the project.

Can Indigenous communities apply?

Yes. All Indigenous communities in B.C. are eligible for all REDIP funding streams.

What types of projects can receive funding?

Development funding supports planning activities such as feasibility studies, environmental assessments, engineering designs, market analyses, and business cases. Implementation funding supports economic infrastructure, infrastructure upgrades, equipment purchases linked to business development, and other shovel-ready economic projects.

In general, REDIP funds projects that build rural economic strength, help plan for future economic growth, or create new services and infrastructure that benefit the local rural economy. Each of the streams support different kinds of projects.

Development Stream:

- Supports planning activities that enable infrastructure, capital, or economic development projects to proceed within six months of project completion.

- Projects must directly align with the Province's Look West strategy or support Major Project-related investment opportunities.
- Examples include: feasibility studies, business cases, archaeology assessments, environmental assessments, market analyses, and engineered design documents.

Implementation Stream:

- Supports industrial land and infrastructure projects that directly align with the Look West Economic Strategy or Major Project-related business investment.
- Planning should already be complete, and projects should be ready for implementation or shovel-ready.
- Examples include: creation of new infrastructure, improvement of existing infrastructure, machinery for training or business scale-up, and support for business development.

Additionally, if you are interested in past examples of successfully funded REDIP projects from your region, you can find links to them at the top left-hand side of our website.

What projects are not eligible?

Recreation projects (e.g. playgrounds, splash pads, tennis courts), community emergency response assets (e.g. fire halls and ambulance stations), municipal utility improvements, residential housing construction projects, and community planning projects (e.g. strategic community planning) are just some of the projects that are ineligible for REDIP. See the Program Guide on the [REDIP website](#) for a more examples of ineligible projects.

How much funding is available through each REDIP funding stream?

Development Stream:

- Up to \$100,000, delivered as a one-time grant.

Implementation Stream:

- Up to \$1 million delivered as a one-time grant.

Community Transition Stream

- Limited eligibility; see more info below.

How do we apply?

Applications to Development and Implementation streams must be submitted via an online application portal. Links can be found on the [REDIP website](#). You will need a [Business BCeID](#) account to apply. It's recommended to talk to REDIP staff before applying, especially for large projects.

Please note that there are MS Word versions of the REDIP application forms available on the Program website. These documents are optional and can be used to develop a draft of the application to support collaboration amongst team members or applicant partners. While the MS Word documents cannot be submitted for adjudication the information can be pasted into the online application portal to reduce duplication.

What about the Community Transition Stream? How do we apply?

The Community Transition stream is only accessible to a limited number of communities experiencing a major economic change resulting from the loss of a major employer or urgent need related to a major economic project with significance for the region and province. Eligible applicants must be actively participating in a current Community Transition event supported by JEG's Regional Economic Operations Branch or be able to demonstrate direct linkage to a major project and its economic significance. Please contact the program team if you would like to discuss whether your project is eligible for the Community Transition Stream.

Can we receive a faster decision on our application if we apply earlier?

No. REDIP applications in the Development and Implementation streams are collected through the regular public intake and reviewed and ranked relative to each other to determine which ones are funded. All applications submitted within the designated timeframe will be adjudicated together once the intake is closed. All decisions are communicated in spring 2027.

What documents do we need to include?

All projects require a detailed budget (using the REDIP budget template), a direct deposit form including void cheque, and partnership letters if applicable. Projects may also require additional documentation such as quotes, feasibility studies or environmental assessments. See the REDIP Program Guide on the [REDIP website](#) for a complete list of requirements

Do we need to provide matching funds?

Development Stream:

- Applicants must contribute 20% of the total project costs.

Implementation Stream:

- If total project costs are under \$500,000, applicants must contribute 20% of the total project costs.
- If total project costs are \$500,000 or more, applicants must contribute 40% of the total project costs.

See the REDIP Program Guide on the [REDIP website](#) for complete details and examples of what can constitute matching funds.

Can we partner with a business or non-profit?

Yes, partnerships are allowed so long as the lead applicant is eligible for REDIP. Additionally, partners must have an active role in the project and provide proof of partnership (such as an email or letter) confirming their role and commitment to the project.

Can we submit more than one application or apply for multiple funding categories?

No, each applicant can only submit one application per intake. Regional districts can submit one application on behalf of each eligible electoral area.

Can we apply for REDIP again this year if we received funding in previous years?

Yes, however, your previous REDIP project must be complete and all required reporting must be submitted to and approved by our office by December 31, 2026.

Is the application intake competitive?

Yes. The program is highly competitive and has historically been heavily oversubscribed. As such, all applications are carefully reviewed and only the highest scoring projects that best align with program objectives and provide the most complete responses are funded.

Is funding allocated by region?

While REDIP aims to support projects throughout rural British Columbia, there are no set funding allocations per region.

What happens after we are approved?

You'll sign a grant agreement before receiving the funds. Progress updates will be required throughout the project duration, and a final report upon completion. See the REDIP Program Guide on the [REDIP website](#) for detailed reporting requirements.

Will we get feedback if we are not approved?

All applicants can request feedback from REDIP staff to improve future applications.

Do we need to acknowledge funding publicly?

Any promotional events and materials (print and online) must acknowledge the provincial government's support. The grant agreement for successful applicants contains further information on these requirements.

What kind of resources are available to help with applications?

The Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth also has Regional Managers located throughout the Province to work directly with communities to support the development and implementation of economic priorities. Regional Managers can help identify potential REDIP projects and provide support in the application process.

Who do we contact for help?

Email RuralDevelopment@gov.bc.ca or call 250-356-7950.