COMMUNITY TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE RESOURCES

TOURISM & MARKETING

DESTINATION BC
CO-OP MARKETING PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM
Application-based program that provides co-operative marketing and promotion support to community organizations that market their destination.
Annual intake
☎ 604-953-6737 ⚬ Coop@destinationbc.ca
www.destinationbc.ca

MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE
TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAM
Provides supplemental funding for marketing, promotional, and advertising activities for events that attract visitors to BC. Biannual intake
☎ TourismEventsProgram@gov.bc.ca
www.destinationbc.ca

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL DISTRICT TAX PROGRAM
MRDT is an up-to 3% tax applied to sales of short-term accommodation on behalf of local governments, First Nations, or eligible organizations to fund local tourism marketing, programs, & projects.
Continuous intake
☎ 604-953-6744 ⚬ MRDT@destinationbc.ca
www.destinationbc.ca

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
CANADIAN EXPERIENCES FUND
Supports communities across Canada as they create and enhance tourism products, facilities, and experiences. Delivered through Canada’s Regional Development Agencies, this two-year fund helps Canada’s tourism sector innovate and grow by providing targeted investments based on regional priorities.
Check program website for next intake
☎ 604-666-6256 ⚬ Wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca
www.ic.gc.ca

INFRASTRUCTURE

MINISTRY OF FLNRO
BC RURAL DIVIDEND PROGRAM
Assists rural communities with a population of 25,000 or less to strengthen and diversify their local economies. Check program website for next intake.
☎ 250-356-7950 ⚬ Ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca

MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING
COMMUNITY, CULTURE & RECREATION PROGRAM & RURAL & NORTHERN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
Provides cost-sharing investments in community infrastructure projects. Intake varies by program
☎ 250-387-4060 ⚬ Infra@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca

MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING
BC AIR ACCESS PROGRAM
Provides cost-sharing capital funding for aviation facility operators to invest in safety and infrastructure improvements. Annual intake
☎ 778-974-5468 ⚬ BCAAP@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca

NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST
CONNECTING BRITISH COLUMBIA PROGRAM
Rural and remote areas can apply for funds to develop strategies or infrastructure to deliver high-speed Internet. Check program website for next intake
☎ 250-561-2525 ⚬ Info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca
www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca

CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE BANK
CO-INVESTMENTS IN NEW INFRASTRUCTURE
Supports private sector co-investments with local governments and First Nations on major infrastructure projects. Continuous intake
☎ 1-833-551-5245 ⚬ Contact@cib-bic.ca
www.cib-bic.ca

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE

BC ARTS COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAMS
Offers operating assistance and project grants for artistic development, community arts organizations, museum activities, and performance events.
Intake varies by program
☎ 250-387-4099  ✉ BCArtsCouncil@gov.bc.ca
www.bcartscouncil.ca

CREATIVE BC

AMPLIFY BC PROGRAMS
Supports performances, business development, venue upgrades, marketing & research for musicians and venues.
Intake varies by program
☎ 604-730-2254  ✉ KReining@creativebc.com
www.creativebc.com

VIASPORT

HOSTING BC GRANT
Supports not-for-profits hosting eligible sporting events.
Triannual intake
☎ 1-800-335-7549  ✉ Info@viasport.ca
www.viasport.ca

MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE

BC MULTICULTURALISM GRANT
Provides funding for organizations working to build cross-cultural interactions, trust, and understanding.
Annual intake
✉ Multiculturalism@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca

HERITAGE BC

HERITAGE LEGACY FUND
Supports the conservation and appreciation of BC heritage including Indigenous repatriation, language revitalization, apprenticeships, community events, and other activities.
Annual intake
✉ 778-995-7243  ✉ LSaretsky@heritagebc.ca
www.heritagebc.ca

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

FUNDING - CULTURE, HISTORY & SPORT
Portal with a variety of federal programs that support communities and organizations with preserving and strengthening culture and languages through museum assistance, celebration events, and more.
Intake varies by program
www.canada.ca

MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

CLEANBC COMMUNITIES FUND
Provides cost-sharing investments to develop green infrastructure projects in renewable energy, clean energy transportation, and energy efficiency.
Check website for next intake
☎ 250-387-4060  ✉ Infra@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
Provides cost-sharing investments in cycling and pedestrian pathways as well as projects and programs promoting safety, healthy living, and GHG reductions.
Annual intake
☎ 778-974-5469  ✉ ActiveTransportation@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca

CLEAN BC & FRASER BASIN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ENERGY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Supports local government and First Nation investments in energy efficiency and clean energy projects.
Check program website for next intake
☎ 604-897-5350  ✉ Celp@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca

HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION

HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST GRANTS
Provides funding for a variety of conservation projects to protect or restore habitats, enhance wildlife populations, and provide environmental education in BC.
Intake varies by program
☎ 1-800-387-9853
www.hctf.ca

REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION

REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION GRANTS
Provides grants to support public and professional education, applied research, law and policy analysis related to land use and real estate in BC.
Biannual intake
☎ 604-688-6800  ✉ Info@refbc.com
www.refbc.com

BC REHAB

BC REHAB FOUNDATION PROJECT GRANT
Supports initiatives that create inclusive communities for people with physical disabilities.
Quarterly intake
☎ 604-737-6383  ✉ Trynka@bcrehab.com
www.bcrehab.com
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & INVESTMENT**

**AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION OF BC**

Various programs provide support for agricultural business diversification, agricultural business innovation, bee health projects, & Buy BC marketing activities. **Intake varies**

☎ 250-940-6150 ✉ Funding@iafbc.ca

www.iafbc.ca

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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**WORK BC**

**COMMUNITY WORKFORCE RESPONSE GRANT**

Supports communities and industries with in-demand skills training for unemployed or underemployed people.

**Intake varies by program**

☎ 1-877-952-6914 ✉ CWRG@gov.bc.ca

www.workbc.ca

**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY REDUCTION**

**COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS**

Supports a wide range of initiatives and projects such as community improvements (affordable housing, historic site restoration, and research), environmental restoration (trail building, wildfire recovery, community gardens), and skills training (early childcare education training, persons with disabilities mentorship), and more. **Continuous intake**

✉ CEPTEAM@gov.bc.ca

www.workbc.ca

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES**

**UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES FUNDING PROGRAMS**

Various funding programs support local government and First Nation initiatives such as emergency preparedness, resiliency, community forums, and more. **Intake varies**

☎ 250-356-2947 ✉ Lgps@ubcm.ca

www.ubcm.ca

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**MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**

**COMMUNITY GAMING GRANTS**

Funding for not-for-profits that provide community programs in arts, sport, safety, environment, and social services. **Intake varies by program**

☎ 250-387-5311 ✉ CommunityGamingGrants@gov.bc.ca

www.gov.bc.ca

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**TRADE COMMISSIONER SERVICE**

**CANEXPORT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS**

Supports Canadian communities’ efforts to attract, retain and expand foreign direct investment. **Annual intake**

www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca

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www.ubcm.ca

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**ISLAND COASTAL ECONOMIC TRUST**

**FUNDING AND REGIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Supports regional economic development in infrastructure, innovation, and capacity-building. **Intake varies by program**

☎ 250-871-7797 ✉ Info@islandcoastaltrust.ca

www.islandcoastaltrust.ca

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**NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST**

**NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PROGRAMS**

Supports regional economic development through housing, business, and community programs. **Intake varies**

☎ 250-561-2525 ✉ Info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca

www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca

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**SOUTHERN INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST**

**SIDIT FUNDING PROGRAMS**

Supports economic development through job creation, retention, enhancement, & sustainability. **Continuous intake**

☎ 236-420-3680 ✉ Admin@sidit-bc.ca

www.sidit-bc.ca

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**NECHAKO-KITIMAAT DEVELOPMENT FUND SOCIETY**

**NECHAKO-KITIMAAT DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Supports economic development in job creation, sustainable employment & community interrelationships. **Quarterly intake**

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www.nkdf.org

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*Check program websites regularly for the most accurate information*
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