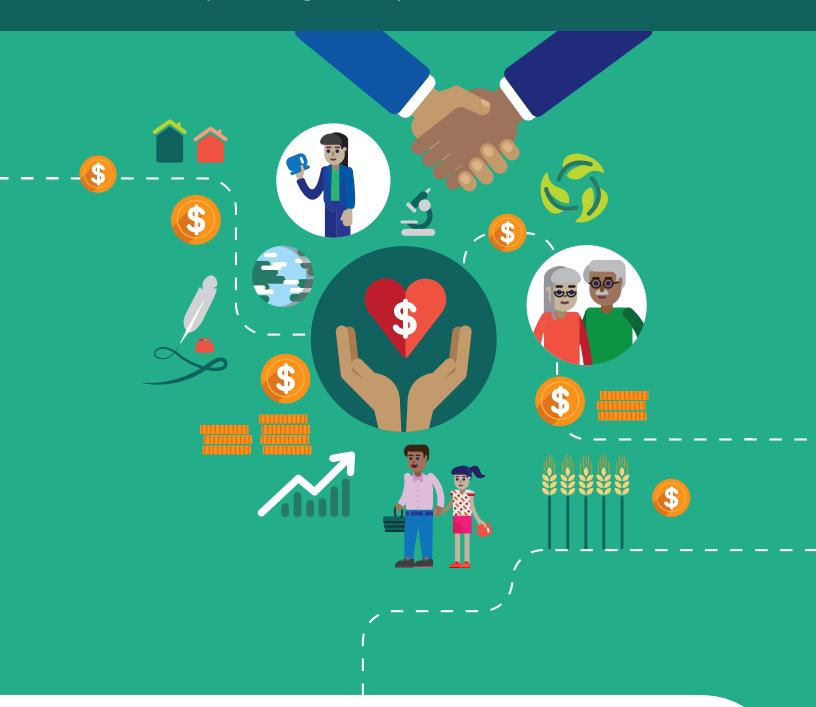
### **Funding List for Social Enterprises in Northern Ontario**

A social entrepreneurs guide to quick wins





Social Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Northern Region Partnership



### **Funding List for Social Enterprises**

This resource has been created by **Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (SEE)**Northern Region Partnership to provide a guide to funding organizations. The goal is to assist social enterprises in the search for funding that is applicable to the unique context of social enterprises in Northern Ontario. Funding is organized into sector themes (example 'Agriculture and Environment') as well as funding type (internships) that may be of interest to social enterprises. Please note that the funding list is not exhaustive and we encourage social entrepreneurs to look at all sources of funding available to them.

Resources developed by SEE include Designing a Social Enterprise Workbook, Social Enterprise Boot Camp Toolkit, as well as this Funding List for Social Enterprises. All resources have been tailored to social enterprise needs and are available in French.





#### What is SEE?

SEE (Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship) Northern Region Partnership initiative is a collaborative project across Northern Ontario. The catchment area stretches throughout Northern Ontario from Parry Sound to the Manitoba border and all areas in between. The goal of the project is to support further development of social enterprises and social entrepreneurs across the region.

SEE is a partnership between NORDIK Institute, PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise, YouLaunch On Campus Entrepreneurial Activities Program, Timmins Community Development Corporation, and Northwest Innovation Centre.

Once you have identified a social enterprise, please feel free to contact a service provider in your area or SEE for further assistance. Check out our website at **www.seethechange.ca** or **realiserlechangement.ca** for more resources tailored to social enterprise needs.





Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs













#### **Service Providers in Northern Ontario**

#### **Regional Innovation Centres**

Innovation Initiatives Ontario North in North Bay
Northern Centre for Advanced Technology in Sudbury

**Northwest Ontario Innovation Centre in Thunder Bay** 

Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre in Sault Ste. Marie

#### **Small Business Enterprise Centres**

**Enterprise Temiskaming in Haileybury** 

**Northwest Business Centre in Kenora** 

The Business Centre - Nipissing Parry Sound Inc. in North Bay

The Business Centre - Nipissing Parry Sound Inc. in Parry Sound

Millworks Centre for Entrepreneurship in Sault Ste. Marie

**Regional Business Centre in Sudbury** 

Thunder Bay & District Entrepreneur Centre in Thunder Bay

**Business Enterprise Centre in Timmins** 

#### **Campus Linked Accelerators:**

YouLaunch in Sault Ste. Marie

**Sudbury Youth Entrepreneurship Hub in Sudbury** 

**Northern College Entrepreneurship Centre in Timmins** 

E-Hub and Startup Nipissing in North Bay

Partners in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Thunder Bay

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# AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT



#### **Various**

Agriculture and Agri-food Canada

This organization helps Canadian farmers and businesses produce the best possible food and agriculture products. Through the programs and services offered Agriculture and Agri-food Canada supports innovation, sustainable farming, business development, managing risk, trade and market development.

http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/?id=136267 5650980

#### Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

By collaborating with government researchers, you could increase your business' scientific capacity for R&D projects relating to fish health and environmental performance.

http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/acrdp-pcrda/info-eng.html

#### **Various**

Canadian Environmental Grantmakers' Network This network of funders is inspired by a vision of an environmentally sound and sustainable Canada and works to strengthen the impact of philanthropy in support of that vision. Together, the group represents private, public, community, and corporate foundations that share a desire to learn, collaborate, and leverage resources in pursuit of common priorities.

http://grants.cegn.org/?

#### **Conservation Fund**

Independent Electricity
System Operator

If you operate your corporation in Ontario, you may be eligible for financing to carry out innovative energy conservation projects and develop technology.

http://www.ieso.ca/en/get-involved/funding-programs/conservation-fund/cf-overview

#### **Various**

Crop-Up North

Whether you're looking to start or grow your farm business, there are many organizations that can help you access the funds you need.

http://www.cropupnorth.ca/find-support/

#### **EcoAction Fund**

**Environment Canada** 

Environmental protection/rehabilitation that builds capacity in community to maintain the program. Matching \$ up to \$100,000.

https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/ecoaction-community-program.html

#### **Various**

Farm Credit Canada

FCC provides specialized financial services, products and resources for businesses that support primary producers on both sides of the farm gate.

https://www.fcc-fac.ca/home.html

# Habitat Stewardship for Species at Risk

**Environment Canada** 

Recovery and prevention with funds ranging from \$30,000 to \$100,000.

https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/publications/ecoaction-community-program-applicant-guide/chapter-15.html

# Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program provides financial assistance to producers whose livestock, poultry and honey bees have been damaged by wildlife.

http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/predation/owdcguideJan17.htm

## Regional Tile Drainage & Land Clearing Program

Rural Agri-Innovation Network

Funding is available to install tile drainage on agricultural land or clear land for agricultural use. 50% of total contractor costs can be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$500 per acre. A farm business registration number or registered business number is required.

http://rainalgoma.ca/infrastructure/

#### Sustainable New Agri-Food Products & Productivity (SNAPP) Program

Rural Agri-Innovation Network

The Sustainable New Agri-Food Products and Productivity (SNAPP) Program is for northern Ontario agriculture and food producers, businesses and collaborations to provide up to \$5,000 at 75% cost-share towards the purchase of equipment for eligible activities. Collaborations of three or more entities can be eligible for up to \$15,000 at 75% cost-share towards equipment purchases.

www.raingalgoma.ca/SNAPP

#### The SD Tech Fund

Sustainable Development Technology Canada If you create technology that deals with climate change issues, clean air, clean water or soil quality, you could get funding to cover up to 33% of the costs involved in developing and testing your product.

https://www.sdtc.ca/en/apply/sd-tech-fund



### **ARTS AND CULTURE**

#### **Various**

Canadian Council for the Arts

Canada's national, arm's length, arts funding agency provides grants to individual professional artists and arts organizations, endowments, prizes and is also involved in research.

http://canadacouncil.ca/funding

#### **Canadian Heritage**

Canada

Apply to one of a myriad of funding programs that support culture, history, heritage, sport and official languages in Canada.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage.html?S\_ S20RCH.l1ng91g3=eng&t3mpl1t34d=2&S\_SFC.v1l93=001&S\_ S20RCH.p1r1m3tr5cF53lds=PCH\_BREADCRUMB&S\_8S2S\_ P0R0M2TR4C.v1l93=true

## **Documentary Heritage Communities Program**

Library and Archives Canada

The Documentary Heritage Community Program ensures that Canada's continuing memory is documented and accessible to current and future generations by adopting a more collaborative approach with local documentary heritage communities.

- https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/services/documentary-heritage-communities-program/Pages/dhcp-portal.aspx

#### Heritage Organization Development Grant

Ontario

The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is an annual, statutory-based operating grant designed to promote public awareness of Ontario's rich and diverse heritage.

http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005136

#### **Various**

**Ontario Arts Council** 

OAC offers more than 50 funding programs for artists and arts organizations based in Ontario, with funds from the Ontario government. OAC also offers awards, prizes and scholarships from private funds managed by the Ontario Arts Foundation.

http://www.arts.on.ca/

#### **Ontario Music Fund**

Ontario Media Development Corporation

The Fund is designed to drive activity and investment and to support Ontario's music companies and organizations in expanding their economic and cultural footprints within Canada and around the world.

http://www.omdc.on.ca/music/the\_ontario\_music\_fund.htm



### **BUSINESS**

#### **Access to Capital**

Community Futures
Development Corporations

Through Government of Canada funding, CFDCs administer local investment funds to help finance new or existing small businesses and social enterprises for start-up, expansion or stabilization plans that help maintain or create jobs.

https://www.cfontario.ca/public-information/access-to-capital

# Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario

FedNor

FedNor's investment through the Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario will enable recipient communities and First Nations to increase the number of community and/or regional economic development initiatives implemented leading to increased business investment; job creation; and increased regional collaboration and partnerships among communities.

http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn04333.html

## Northern Community Capacity Building Program

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund

The Community Capacity-Building Program helps northern communities develop the capacity to promote, attract, and support economic growth in the existing and emerging priority economic sectors identified in the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario.

http://nohfc.ca/en/programs



### **COMMUNITY**

#### **Various**

Aviva

The Aviva Community Fund helps passionate people, like you, create positive change in your community.

https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/voting/user/aboutthecompetition

#### **Various**

**Ontario Trillium Foundation** 

OTF's core business is making grants in community-based initiatives that help build healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario.

www.otf.ca/what-we-fund/investment-streams



### **CO-OPERATIVES**

# Canadian Co-operative Investment Fund (program)

Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada

#### **Various**

Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario

#### **Various**

The Ontario Co-operative Association

The CCIF will provide financing for new and expanding Canadian co-operatives in Canada.

http://canada.coop/en/programs/co-op-development/canadian-co-operative-investment-fund-ccif

Funding for register not-for-profits or cooperatives.

http://www.cco.coop/fr/

Maintains lists of co-operatives and other organizations providing loans, grants and technical assistance funding. Contact the Co-op Development manager for more information.

http://www.ontario.coop/



# FRANCOPHONE SPECIFIC

### **Economic Development Initiative**

**FedNor** 

Learn about the funding available for activities related to business and economic development that encourage growth in Northern Ontario's Francophone communities.

http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h\_fn03152.html

#### Musicaction

La Foundation Musicaction

As a French-language songwriter, composer, artist, or recording business owner, you may be eligible for financing.

http://musicaction.ca/

#### Official Languages Funding Program

Canada

Official Languages Funding Programs promote French and English languages in Canadian society and encourage the development of Francophone and Anglophone communities in minority situations.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/official-languages.html

#### **Social Enterprise Ontario**

Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario

As a social enterprise with an environmental or social goal you may be eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$16,000 or a loan of up to \$40,000 towards business start-up or growth. You will also get personalized business support.

http://coopontariofr.nationbuilder.com/entreprise\_sociale\_ontario



### INDIGENOUS SPECIFIC

## Aboriginal Peoples Program

Canada

The Aboriginal Peoples' Program promotes Indigenous languages, strengthens cultural identity and increases Indigenous participation in Canadian society.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/aboriginal-peoples.html

#### Canada/Ontario Resource Development Agreement

Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

Promote the management and conservation of our natural resources on our traditional territories through funding up to \$35,000 for projects.

http://www.aiai.on.ca/policy-areas/canadaontario-resource -development-agreement-corda/

#### **Various**

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is helping Aboriginal communities get the most from their economic development potential by investing in community readiness, entrepreneurs and businesses, land management, and strategic partnerships. The Department is also removing legislative barriers to ensure large-scale projects on reserve promoted by First Nations can proceed.

http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032790/1100100032794

## **Indigenous Communities** in Ontario Energy Sector

Independent Electricity
System Operator

Funding for education and capacity building programs, energy partnerships, and Aboriginal community energy plans.

http://www.ieso.ca/get-involved/indigenous-relations/overview

### Indigenous Innovation Demonstration Fund

National Association of Friendship Centres

The Indigenous Innovation Demonstration Fund (IIDF) provides support to organizations seeking to develop or expand their Indigenous social innovation and social enterprise projects with the goal of unlocking much-needed capital for these early-stage, high potential innovations.

http://nafc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/IIDF-Backgrounder-formatted.pdf

#### **Various**

**Inspirit Foundation** 

Grant organization which believes in building a more inclusive and pluralist Canada. Change-Up grants offer impact investment in your mission.

https://inspiritfoundation.org/

#### **Various**

**Metis Nation of Ontario** 

The MNO established a province-wide infrastructure to deliver programs, services, and funds for Métis people in Ontario, in the areas of healing and wellness, education, labour market development, housing, Duty to Consult and Accommodate, community relations, traditional knowledge, intergovernmental relations, economic development, finance, communications, human resources and information technology.

www.metisnation.org/programs/offices-and-staff/

#### **Various**

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Includes Aboriginal health and wellness strategy, youth work exchange and internship programs, education strategies, housing, legal help, and Northern Ontario roads.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/programs-and-funding-indigenous-people

#### **Various**

Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund is a non-profit Aboriginal corporation providing loans, tools and business support services to Aboriginal entrepreneurs looking to start, expand or acquire a business in remote, rural and urban communities across Northern Ontario.

http://www.nadf.org/article/financing-233.asp

#### **Various**

Waubetek Business
Development Corporation

The Waubetek Business Development Corporation delivers business financing and economic support services to Indigenous (Status and Non-Status, Metis, and Inuit) entrepreneurs and First Nation communities. Additionally, WBDC delivers the Social Enterprise Development Fund (available until August 2018), which is an interest free loan, with deferred payment for up to 6 months, in an amount that covers 45% of the total business start-up costs up to a maximum of \$70,000. This amount may also be augmented by, or combined with, Waubetek's regular business financing (commercial loans and conditional contributions) based on eligibility and the viability of the business plan.

www.waubetek.com

# INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY



# Broadband for E-business and Marketing (BEAM) Grant

FedNor

BEAM is a grant, not a loan and is therefore not repayable. It is a time-limited funding opportunity for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises/businesses. (SMEs). BEAM provides a framework to help business owners define their business objectives and ensure that the right technology, in relation to e-business, is implemented to achieve the desired outcomes. The program provides a rebate for 75% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000. The grant is for investments in e-business, which is the use of the Internet or any related technology to assist in your normal business operations.

Available through the Regional Innovation Centres.

# Innovation Funding and Support

**FedNor** 

Funding and advisory support for research and development (R&D), innovation and commercialization projects.

http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn03444.html

#### **Innovation Programs**

**Ontario Centres of Excellence** 

By helping Ontario's technology-based companies commercialize research discoveries, OCE is helping create jobs and drive prosperity. The program suite covers three key areas: Industry-Academic R&D Collaboration, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship. Other key OCE initiatives are the IBM High Performance Computing Initiative and Colleges Ontario Network for Industry Innovation (CONII).

http://www.oce-ontario.org/programs

#### **SmartStart Seed Fund**

**Ontario Centres of Excellence** 

You could be eligible for a grant of up to \$60,000 to move your tech or innovation-based business through its validation stage. You could also receive \$7,500 towards the costs of business training and other professional support services.

http://www.oce-ontario.org/programs/entrepreneurship-programs/smartstart-seed-fund/how-it-works

### Strategic Innovation Fund

Canada

The Strategic Innovation Fund allocates repayable and non-repayable contributions to firms of all sizes across all of Canada's industrial and technology sectors. The Strategic Innovation Fund's objective is to spur innovation for a better Canada. Specifically, it serves to simplify application processes, accelerate processing, and provide assistance that is more responsive and focused on results.

https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/strategic-innovation-fund.html

#### Sustainable Development Technology Fund

Sustainable Development Technology Canada The SD Tech Fund supports projects that are pre-commercial and have the potential to demonstrate significant and quantifiable environmental and economic benefits in one or more of the following areas: climate change, clean air, clean water and clean soil.

https://www.sdtc.ca/en/apply/sd-tech-fund



### **INTERNSHIPS**

#### Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative Program

Agriculture and Agri-food Canada

The Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative will help fund internships for post-secondary graduates and high school students working in the agriculture industry. These internships would include activities or projects that benefit the environment.

http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/list-of-programs-and-services/agricultural-youth-green-jobs-initiative/?id=1459879253586

#### Canadian Conservation Institute Internship

Canada

The Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) offers Paid Post-graduate Internships and Curriculum Internships that provide learning opportunities for the environmental conservation community in Canada and abroad.

https://www.canada.ca/en/conservation-institute/services/canadian-conservation-institute-training-programs-internships/internship-programs.html

#### **Clean Tech Internships**

Environment and Climate Change Canada Employers can hire an intern for 6 –12 months in a position related to the use or development of clean tech, and CICan will contribute up to 70% of the intern's salary, to a maximum of \$15,000.

https://careerlauncher.collegesinstitutes.ca/cleantech/

# **Environmental Youth Corps Internship Program**

Environment and Climate Change Canada and Natural Resources Canada If your business is in the science, technology, engineering or mathematics fields, you may be eligible to hire a young professional for a full-time environmental position.

https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding.html

http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/funding/4943

#### **Experience Awards**

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada If your research company operates in Canada, you could get up to \$4,500 when you hire a natural sciences or engineering student for a 12 to 16-week term.

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/ Experience-Experience\_eng.asp

#### Housing Internship Initiative for First Nations and Inuit Youth

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

A youth employment initiative providing work experience and on-the-job training for First Nations and Inuit Youth. The goal of the program is to assist youth in pursuing long-term employment in the housing sector.

https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/first-nation/financial-assistance/housing-internship-initiative-first-nations-inuit-youth.cfm

#### **Mitacs Accelerate**

Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems Learn how your business could receive specialized expertise by recruiting a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow to research your technology project for 4 or more months.

http://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate

#### **Mitacs Career Connect**

Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems If your organization has a project that addresses environmental or climate change-related issues, you could be eligible for a wage subsidy of up to \$12,500 to hire a post-secondary graduate.

http://www.mitacs.ca/en/career-connect

#### **Mitacs Elevate**

Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems You could get the help of a PhD fellow to work on your research projects for up to two years through this cost-shared program.

https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/program-details

#### Northern Ontario Internship Program

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation The intent of the Northern Ontario Internship Program is to strengthen Northern Ontario's competitive advantage and build economic development capacity by attracting and retaining graduates in the North. The program provides recent graduates who are interested in launching and building their careers in Northern Ontario access to internships.

https://nohfc.ca/

## Ontario Job Creation Partnership

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development

If you need an employee for a new business project, you may be eligible for this program. You can apply to hire an employee who will be paid by the program.

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employers/jobCreation.html

#### Green Jobs Science and Techonology Internship Program

Natural Resources Canada

If you operate a business in the geomatics, geology, mining, forestry or energy industry, you could get up to \$13,200 to hire a recent university or college graduate in a natural science field for an internship of up to 52 weeks.

http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/87

#### **SKILLS Link**

Service Canada

You could get up to \$25,000 per participant to hire and train youth between the ages 15 – 30 who face barriers to employment.

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/skills-link/application-guide.html?=undefined&wbdisable=true

#### **Young Canada Works**

Canada

Young Canada Works offers a variety of summer job and internship programs to job seekers and employers.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/young-canada-works.html

# Youth Employment Programs

National Research Council Canada Through federal departments and agencies, among others, the Youth Employment Strategy assists employers in hiring young Canadians.

https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/services/youth\_initiatives.html

#### **Youth Internships**

**FedNor** 

Through its Youth Internship Initiative, FedNor helps post-secondary graduates, 30 and under, get crucial work experience. At the same time, FedNor also helps Northern Ontario businesses access educated and motivated young people to help support their goals.

http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h\_fn04418.html

#### **Youth Job Connection**

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development

If you are interested in offering job placement and training to an Ontario high school student or a youth you could be eligible for funding to offset your costs.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/hire-young-person



### **MULTICULTURALISM**

#### Celebrate Canada

Canadian Heritage

Celebrate Canada provides funding for activities organized on National Aboriginal Day, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Canadian Multiculturalism Day and Canada Day.

http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/careers/87

#### **Commemorate Canada**

Canada

Commemorate Canada provides financial support to initiatives that commemorate Canada's significant people, places, achievements and life events.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/commemorate-canada.html

#### Inter-Action Multiulturalism Funding Program

Canada

The Inter-Action: Multiculturalism Funding Program supports the socio-economic integration of individuals and communities and helps them to contribute to building an integrated, socially-cohesive society.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/interaction.html

# Multicultural Community Capacity Grant

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration

This program provides funding to not-for-profit organizations that focus on newcomers and ethno-cultural groups for projects that promote diversity and inclusion.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-citizenship-and-immigration



### **POVERTY**

### Atkinson Decent Work Fund

**Atkinson Foundation** 

The Atkinson Decent Work Fund is a grants program that takes aim at growing income and wealth inequality. It's an investment in changing this reality. It's also a sign of confidence in the people who are demonstrating that a just society and inclusive economy are possible, and inviting many others to join them in their efforts.

http://atkinsonfoundation.ca/grants/atkinson-decent-work-fund/

# Community Matters – Community

CIBC

CIBC is committed to supporting organizations assisting Canadians in need by encouraging leadership, civic engagement and independent living; celebrating the diversity of our communities and encouraging the volunteer spirit of our employees.

https://www.cibc.com/en/about-cibc/corporate-responsibility/community-and-sponsorship/community-investment/community.html

### **Local Poverty Reduction Fund**

Ontario

The Local Poverty Reduction Fund provides funding to organizations and communities to: support and evaluate their poverty reduction initiatives; create partnerships; and build a body of evidence of programs that work for Ontarians living in poverty.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/local-poverty-reduction-fund

#### **Various**

Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association

One-stop hub of potential funding opportunities for members.

https://www.onpha.on.ca/web/Resources/Funding\_opportunities/Content/Resources/Funding\_opportunities\_.aspx?hkey=e6536630-4113-4940-9f86-ec6ec29909d2





Ministry of Seniors Affairs

The Seniors Community Grant Program gives funding to groups and organizations for projects that encourage seniors to be active, healthy and engaged in their communities. It is the first grant program in Ontario dedicated to seniors.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-seniors-affairs



### **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

#### **Various**

Canadian Alternative
Investments Foundation

CAIF provides access to low-cost capital to registered charities with projects of social benefit who are unable to obtain financing from conventional sources.

http://caifoundation.ca/caiffunds.html

#### **Catalyst Fund**

MaRS

We support ventures that have a social or environmental mission at the heart of everything they do, targeting complex challenges that governments simply cannot fund on their own.

https://www.marscatalystfund.com/about/

## Community Economic Development Fund

The Cooperators

Contributes to the financial security of Canadian communities. Focus on employability of marginalized youth and those experiencing mental health issues.

https://www.cooperators.ca/en/About-Us/foundation/ced.aspx

### Community Forward Fund

**Community Forward Fund** 

Our loans help charities and non-profits manage growth, build and renovate facilities, balance grants and contract payments and bridge capital campaigns, so organizations can thrive and grow.

http://www.communityforwardfund.ca/for-charitiesnonprofits/loans/

#### Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund

Centre for Social Innovation

The Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund enables social entrepreneurs and innovators to grow their world-changing enterprises with access to capital and CSI's existing programming and services.

https://socialinnovation.org/accelerator/catapult/

### Social Enterprise Northern Ontario

PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise

SENO inspires community drive through multidisciplinary approaches to learning, creating and EXCELerating in social entrepreneurship.

http://paro.ca/2013/paro-services/social-enterprises-northern-ontario-seno/

# SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY



#### **Abilities Connect Fund**

**Ontario Chamber of Commerce** 

Through the Abilities Connect Fund, Accessibility Works provides financial assistance to employers in order to create experiential learning employment opportunities for persons with a disability.

http://www.occ.ca/programs/accessibility-works/abilities-connect/application-guide/

### Community Matters - Cures

CIBC

Cancer is a cause that deeply affects Canadians, touching families coast to coast. CIBC is committed to working with organizations to support research and services for people affected by cancer, and whose programs are working towards prevention, early detection, treatment and ultimately finding a cure.

https://www.cibc.com/en/about-cibc/corporate-responsibility/community-and-sponsorship/community-investment/cures.html

# Enabling Accessibility in the Workplace and in Communities

Canada

The Enabling Accessibility Fund supports the capital costs of construction and renovations related to improving physical accessibility and safety for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces.

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund.html

#### Ontario Disability Support Program

Ministry of Community and Social Services

You could get help with your preparations for starting a business if you are an entrepreneur with a disability.

http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/employment\_support/available\_Supports.aspx

#### Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities

Canada

Through funding for organizations, the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities (OF) program helps people with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain employment or self-employment.

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/disability-opportunity.html

#### **Small Business Loans**

Rise Asset Development

Rise provides low interest small business loans, training, and mentorship to entrepreneurs with a history of mental health or addiction challenges.

http://www.riseassetdevelopment.com/



### **TAX CREDITS**

Cooperative Education Tax Credit

**Ministry of Finance** 

Hire a student for a minimum of 10 weeks, up to a maximum of four months; Apply for a refund up to \$3,000 per placement. Contact your nearest college or university for more information.

https://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/cetc/index.html



### **WAGE SUBSIDIES**

#### **Canada Summer Jobs**

Service Canada

This wage subsidy could help you pay up to 50% of the salary to an eligible full-time student.

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/youth-summer-job.html

#### **Career Focus**

Service Canada

You could get financial assistance if you can offer careerrelated work experience to young people between the ages of 15 and 30.

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/career-focus.html

#### **Youth Job Connection**

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development

If you are interested in offering job placement and training to an Ontario high school student or a youth you could be eligible for funding to offset your costs.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/hire-young-person

# Youth Employment Programs

National Research Council Canada You could receive a financial contribution towards the salary of a post-secondary graduate to help you research, develop and commercialize new technologies, or to hire a youth to work on a green project.

https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/services/youth\_initiatives.html





#### Air Canada – In the Community

Air Canada

Air Canada has a proud history of supporting organizations that focus on improving the lives of Canadians. Our support of community organizations has made Air Canada an active participant in their efforts and in their successes.

https://www.aircanada.com/ca/en/aco/home/about/corporate-responsibility/community.html

#### **Change Up Grant**

**Inspirit Foundation** 

The \$10,000 one-time grants are for projects that implement creative strategies to open minds and shift attitudes that perpetuate prejudice and exclusion based on ethnicity, race or religion.

https://inspiritfoundation.org/grants-opportunities/

### Community Matters-Kids

CIBC

With more than 1 in 7 Canadian kids living in poverty, CIBC is committed to supporting organizations that provide underserved children and youth with education and training, mentoring, self-esteem and leadership skills as well as healthy and active lifestyles.

https://www.cibc.com/en/about-cibc/corporate-responsibility/community-and-sponsorship/community-investment/kids.html

#### **Exchanges Canada**

Canada

The Exchanges Canada program helps youth to enhance their knowledge and understanding of Canada, while connecting with other young Canadians.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/exchanges-canada.html

#### **Hook It Up**

School for Social Entrepreneurs

HiU provides access to \$1,500 in financial support, peer and expert mentorship, and various learning resources.

https://www.the-sse.ca/news/hook-it-up-program-launches/

# Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund

Ontario

The Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF) is a grant program that supports a vision of getting and keeping Ontarians active in community sport, recreation and physical activity.

http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR006918

#### **RBC Learn to Play**

Royal Bank of Canada

The RBC Learn to Play Project will provide grants to local organizations and communities in support of building the physical literacy of Canada's kids and youth. In 2016, RBC, ParticipACTION and the Public Health Agency of Canada will award \$2,000,000 in grants to support two types of programs.

http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/apply-for-funding/guidelines-and-eligibility/learn-to-play.html

#### TD Michaëlle Jean Bursaries

Michaëlle Jean Foundation

The TD Michaëlle Jean Bursaries provide up to \$10,000 to a young person, aged 18-30, who has demonstrated excellence in using the arts to address issues of concern in disadvantaged communities in Canada.

http://www.fmjf.ca/en/programming/social-innovation/td-michaelle-jean-bursaries/

#### **Young Arts Entrepreneur**

Michaëlle Jean Foundation

The Young Arts Entrepreneur program provided \$7,500 in start-up funds over 2 years to promising emerging artists or collectives of artists from disadvantaged backgrounds.

http://www.fmjf.ca/en/programming/social-innovation/young-arts-entrepreneur/

#### **Youth Education**

**Actuarial Foundation of Canada** 

The AFC is a registered charity founded in 2003 to support youth education, financial literacy, and research initiatives that utilize actuarial skills in the public interest.

http://www.afc-fac.ca/youth\_education\_application.php?lang=en

### Youth Entrepreneurship Grants

Ontario

The Youth Entrepreneurship Partnerships program gives money to non-profit organizations for projects that: give young people hands-on experience with small business, educate youth about being an entrepreneur.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/student-entrepreneurs-and-non-profits-grants

#### **Youth Opportunities Fund**

**Ontario Trillium Foundation** 

The Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) is an annual program that provides grants and capacity building supports to youth-led grassroots groups and community-based organizations serving young people who face multiple barriers to economic and social wellbeing.

http://otf.ca/what-we-fund/other-programs

## Youth Social Innovation Capital Fund

**Youth Social Innovation** 

YSI believes in the potential of young entrepreneurs and their ability to have a significant impact in shaping their communities. YSI is committed to providing you with the skills, connections, and financial resources to succeed.

http://www.youthsocialinnovation.org/for-si/apply-now/

# Youth Take Charge Program

Canada

The Youth Take Charge Program supports youth-led projects that exemplify the ability to strengthen youth attachment to Canada.

http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1452888265378

