

## April 2023 Funding Summary

**\*NEW** indicates programs added to this list since the March email

### FOR MUNICIPALITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

- **[Alberta Real Estate Foundation](#): Development Grant Intake: Open, Investment Grant Deadline: September 4, 2023**  
The Alberta Real Estate Foundation funds initiatives that support and advance education, research, law reform, and other activities related to real estate across our three focus areas of Real Estate Leadership, Built Environment, and Land.
- **[Affordable Housing Partnership Program](#): Open**  
The Affordable Housing Partnership Program aims to bring together partners from public, private, and non-profit organizations to provide more affordable housing where it is needed most. Alberta's [Stronger Foundations affordable housing strategy](#) is committed to taking a renewed, people-first approach to protect vulnerable Albertans, get the best value for taxpayer dollars, and increase the long-term sustainability of the housing system.
- **[Crowdfunding Alberta Platform](#)**: Alberta-based non-profits can create campaigns and invite supporters to share on social media and donate. The non-profit receives all donations raised, less 3rd party payment processing fees and optional platform fees. Eligible recipients may also receive 30% matching funds from the Government of Alberta, up to \$15K.
- **[Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation \(CMHC\) Funding Programs](#): Varies**  
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is Canada's national housing agency.
- **[Community Facility Enhancement Funding Stream \(Large Stream\)](#): Closes June 15, 2023**  
CFEP funding provides financial assistance to acquire, build, purchase, repair, renovate, upgrade, or expand sports, recreational, cultural, or other related public-use community facilities. The CFEP Large Funding stream is for projects requesting over \$125,001 and up to \$1 million.
- **[NEW Fortis Alberta Community Grants](#): Annual Intake**  
Do you have a project designed to save energy or help the environment? Our annual community grants can help you plant trees, naturalize an area or create energy efficiency. Grants range in value from \$500 to \$5,000 and are available to municipalities within the Fortis [service area](#).
- **[Government of Alberta- Alberta Community Partnership](#): Open**  
This program helps municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity-building initiatives.
- **[Government of Alberta - Child Care – Space Creation Grant](#): Open**  
Applications for grant funding are open to non-profit groups interested in creating new childcare spaces or starting new childcare programs.
- **[Government of Alberta- Community Revitalization Levy](#): Open**  
Allows municipalities to borrow against future property tax revenues to help pay for infrastructure development required in a specific area. The levy is typically in place for 20 years, and no longer than 40 years.
- **[Government of Alberta- Culture, and Status of Women Grants](#): Varies**  
Funding opportunities for projects in the areas of arts, culture, community, heritage, recreation, sport, and diversity and inclusion.
- **[Government of Canada- Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage](#): Varies**

Provides funding to local groups for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans, or heritage performers. This includes the celebration of LGBTQ2+ communities and Indigenous cultural celebrations.

- **[Government of Canada- Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program](#): Continuous**  
The Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program (CASPP) supports the Canadian agricultural sector's participation in the Government of Canada's growth and policy objectives, by investing in the sector's design, development and implementation of tools and strategies to respond to and seize opportunities created by these objectives.
- **[Government of Canada- Community Economic Development and Diversification](#): Ongoing**  
Through this program, PrairiesCan enables communities to leverage their capacity and strengths to respond to economic development opportunities and to adjust to changing and challenging economic circumstances (e.g., inter-city bus transportation, wildfires, and floods)
- **[Government of Canada - Cultural Spaces Fund](#): Open**  
The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment, and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces. Not-for-profits, heritage organizations, provincial and territorial governments, municipal governments and agencies, and Indigenous peoples' institutions or organizations are eligible.
- **[Government of Canada- Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund](#): Closes July 19, 2023**  
Communities across Canada have experienced – and will continue to experience – significant weather-related events or disasters triggered by natural hazards. The impacts of climate change are evident, including observed changes in air temperature, precipitation, snow and ice cover, and others. In response to these threats, through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), the Government of Canada has committed to invest in public infrastructure that mitigates the potential economic, environmental, and social impacts of climate change, and strengthens community resilience to disasters triggered by natural hazards and extreme weather events.
- **[Government of Canada - Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships](#): Ongoing**  
The Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships (INRP) Program aims to increase the economic participation of Indigenous communities and organizations in the development of natural resource projects that support the transition to a clean energy future.
- **[NEW Government of Canada - Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#): Open**  
The first federal fund to target the development of transit solutions in rural and remote communities. From on-demand services, to publicly-owned ride shares, and volunteer community car-pooling, funding will help rural, remote, Northern, and Indigenous communities to develop and offer new public transit options to their residents. Eligible organizations representing these communities can seek support through two program streams depending on the nature of their project:
  - **[Planning and Design Projects stream](#)**: Through this stream, eligible applicants can seek grants of up to \$50,000 in support of communities' projects to plan and design new or expanded transit solutions for their communities.
  - **[Capital Projects stream](#)**: Through this stream, eligible applicants can seek contributions of up to \$3 million to help cover the capital costs of a new or expanded transit solution (e.g., purchase of vehicles or digital platforms), and up to \$5 million to support zero-emission transit solutions (e.g., for the purchase of a zero-emission vehicles).
- **[Government of Canada - Strategic Partnerships Initiative](#): Open**  
The Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) provides a way for federal partners to coordinate their efforts, reduce administrative burden, and pool resources in support of Indigenous communities. This approach fills gaps in other funding programs that might create a barrier to Indigenous

involvement in economic opportunities. SPI initiatives can span multiple years, have regional economic impacts, and serve multiple communities.

- **[Government of Canada - Zero Emission Transit Fund](#): Open**  
Planning and capital projects are eligible to apply for the fund of \$2.75 billion over five years going towards creating more environmentally friendly public transport fleets. Applications are open to provinces and territories, municipal or regional governments, transit agencies, and public bodies (e.g., school boards), private-sector school bus operators, and private accessible transit transportation providers (e.g., paratransit services).
- **[NEW Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative](#): Open**
  - **[Cultural Stream](#)**: Funds Indigenous-led initiatives that enhance, protect, or revitalize Indigenous languages, heritage, culture and arts.
  - **[Economic Stream](#)**: Funds Indigenous-led capacity and opportunity development projects that improve economic outcomes for communities.
- **[Rural Project Funding Session Recording](#)**: In case you missed Athabasca University's online session, you can view the recording [online](#). Learn more about the funding programs offered by the [Alberta Real Estate Foundation](#), [CMHC](#), [PrairiesCan](#), the [Government of Alberta](#), and [Mitacs](#).

#### FOR BUSINESSES:

- **[NEW Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation](#): Ongoing**  
With up to \$1 billion in loan guarantees available, we enable access to capital, make financing more affordable and improve lending terms to create economic prosperity and social improvements in communities – not only for the short term but also for generations to come.
- **[Alberta Innovates Funding Programs](#): Varies**  
Alberta Innovates provides several funding programs to support research, the growth of business, and help the start-up community to build new technology and drive new ideas.
- **[Alberta Municipalities – Clean Energy Improvement Program](#)**  
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- **[AIIC Grant for Status Entrepreneurs](#): Open**  
This program provides equity assistance for the start-up or the expansion of small businesses for Status individuals.
- **[Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program \(AEP\)](#): Open**  
Access to capital and access to business opportunities for Indigenous entrepreneurs and business owners in Canada.
- **[Ag for Life - Agriculture Labour Task Force Grant Program](#): Open**  
To support producers and processors, Alberta, in partnership with the federal government, is providing \$2.5 million to Agriculture for Life to help companies recruit, hire, and retain workers in the agriculture and agri-food industry. The funding will provide eligible companies with grants to increase public awareness of agricultural career opportunities, as well as human resources training to support worker retention. To learn more, choose a grant stream below.
  - **[Improve Awareness of Agriculture and Agri-food Related Careers](#)**
  - **[Support the Improvement of Human Resources Practices and Capacity](#)**
- **[Agri-Food and Bioindustrial Innovation Program](#): Open**

The Agri-Food and Bioindustrial Innovation Program (ABIP) supports the development and advancement of technologies that increase productivity, enhance competitiveness, boost the value of agriculture and forestry commodities, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

- **[Canada Food Innovation Network](#): **Varies****  
CFIN is open to organizations across Canada's food ecosystem. Join more than 1500 members, including manufacturers, processors, distributors, retailers, funders, and innovators.
- **[Canadian Growth Fund](#): **Early 2023 Release****  
First announced in Budget 2022, the Fall Economic Statement indicated that the Canada Growth Fund will launch before the end of the year. The goal of the fund is to reduce emissions and achieve Canada's climate targets; to accelerate the deployment of key technologies, such as low-carbon hydrogen and carbon capture, utilization, and storage; and to scale up companies that will create jobs, drive clean growth, and retain IP.
- **[Emissions Reduction Alberta- Energy Saving For Business](#): **September 30, 2023 (Extended)****  
Energy Savings for Business helps Alberta businesses improve their efficiency and reduce emissions by supplying funding for commercial cost- and energy-saving technologies.
- **[Emissions Reduction Alberta- Technology Funding](#): **Varies****  
ERA is investing in a diverse portfolio of transformative, sustainable technologies that reduce GHG emissions and position Alberta for success in a lower emissions economy.
- **[NEW Emissions Reduction Alberta- Reshaping Energy Systems](#): **Deadline June 15, 2023****  
The \$50 million Reshaping Energy Systems funding competition is exploring energy transport and distribution technology, energy storage, digital solutions for energy management, demonstrating net-zero and net-zero ready buildings, low-emission vehicle infrastructure and fleets, and more.
- **[Government of Alberta- Alberta Export and Expansion Program](#): **Open****  
Funding to help export-ready companies and non-profit organizations enhance access to international markets and attract global buyers.
- **[Government of Alberta- Alberta Media Fund](#): **Varies****  
The Alberta Media Fund (AMF) offers a variety of grants to help support the growth, sustainability, competitiveness, and business attraction of our province's cultural industries.
- **[Government of Alberta- Economic Development Funding and Grants](#): **Varies****  
Tax credits, grants, and other funding programs to stimulate regional economic development.
- **[Government of Alberta- Film and Television Tax Credit](#): **Open****  
Tax credit to support medium and large-scale productions filming in Alberta.
- **[Government of Alberta- Innovation Employment Grant](#): **Open****  
Companies can receive a grant of up to 20% toward qualifying research and development expenditures.
- **[Government of Canada- Business Scale-up and Productivity](#): **Expression of Interest****  
It supports high-growth businesses that are seeking to improve productivity, scale-up and commercialize technology. It offers interest-free, repayable funding to incorporated businesses.
- **[Government of Canada- Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program](#): **Continuous****  
The Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program (CASPP) supports the Canadian agricultural sector's participation in the Government of Canada's growth and policy objectives.
- **[Government of Canada- Community Economic Development and Diversification](#): **Ongoing****  
The CEDD program supports economic development initiatives that contribute to the economic growth and diversification of communities across the Prairie Provinces. Through this program, PrairiesCan enables communities to leverage their capacity and strengths to respond to economic development opportunities and to adjust to changing and challenging economic circumstances (e.g. inter-city bus transportation, wildfires, and floods)

- **[Government of Canada- Strategic Innovation Fund](#): Ongoing**  
The Strategic Innovation Fund's (SIF) objective is to spur innovation for a better Canada by providing funding for large projects and national innovation ecosystems.
- **[Government of Canada - Strategic Partnerships Initiative](#): Ongoing**  
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- **[NEW Green Municipal Fund \(FCM\) - Sustainable Housing](#): Open**  
Test innovative, ambitious solutions that generate deep energy efficiency outcomes and GHG reductions for existing affordable housing retrofits and new builds. Implement your replicable project with a SAH pilot project grant.
- **[Indigenous Tourism Alberta \(ITA\) Micro Fund](#): Open**  
This program is supported in partnership with Travel Alberta and Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan). ITA members can apply for up to \$40,000 in tourism relief funding.
- **[Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security \(IDEaS\)](#): Open**  
Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) is the Department of National Defence (DND) and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) access to innovation program. Help solve a challenge faced by the Canadian Armed Forces and get funding to advance your research. Get feedback on your technology from military experts and build your network.
- **[Métis Entrepreneurs' Assistance Program \(MEAP\)](#): Open**  
This program provides equity assistance for the start-up or the expansion of small businesses. The grant is for Métis, Inuit, or Non-Status individuals and is named The Métis Entrepreneurs' Assistance Program (MEAP).
- **[Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership \(Sustainable CAP\)](#): Varies**  
The new \$3.5-billion, 5-year agreement (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028), between the federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector.
  - **[NEW Emerging Opportunities Program](#): Open by Invitation**  
The Emerging Opportunities Grant Program supports the Government of Alberta's strategic objectives related to growth and development of Alberta's value-added agriculture sector. The program supports projects that focus on innovation and result in significant company growth and sector impact. Projects can include new technologies, best new practises, significant capacity expansions and new builds. Interested applicants can contact the program area directly to discuss if the project meets the objectives of the program.
  - **[NEW Value Added Program](#): Open April 3 -May 15**  
The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Value-Added Program supports the diversification and growth of Alberta's value-added food and bio-industrial processors through investment in projects that increase company sales and production capacity, expand market opportunities and create jobs in Alberta.

## FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- **[NEW Agriculture for Life- Addressing the Agriculture Labour Task Force Grant Program](#) : Ends March 31, 2024**

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- **NEW [Aviation Skills Grant](#): Open**  
The Aviation Skills Grant grows and diversifies the province's aviation and aerospace industry by creating more opportunities for Albertans to access training and strengthen the industry's workforce. The program supports training and re-skilling to help:
  - workers gain new skills to meet the needs of employers
  - employers in Alberta's aviation and aerospace industry gain the skills and talent to grow their businesses and Alberta's economy
- **[Government of Alberta - Canada-Alberta Jobs Grant](#): Open**  
Eligible employers can get government funding to help employees and unemployed Albertans access training opportunities.
- **[Government of Alberta Driving Back to work Grant Program](#): Open**  
Supports unemployed Albertans pursuing careers in the trucking industry.
- **[Government of Alberta- Workforce Partnerships Grants](#): Open**  
Eligible organizations with common labour market needs can get funding to support workforce initiatives.
- **[Government of Canada- Jobs and Growth Fund](#): Continuous**  
The Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF) provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs, and position Canada's economy for an inclusive recovery and long-term growth.
- **[Indigenous Employment and Training Partnerships Program](#): Proposals accepted on an ongoing basis**  
Supports First Nations on or off reserve, Metis groups on or off Settlements and other Indigenous communities and organizations, industry, and other governments to deliver group-training projects designed by the partnership. These partnerships will assist unemployed or under-employed Indigenous individuals to gain the necessary skills training and/or work experience to maintain long-term employment.
- **[McEwan University Community Engaged Learning Partnership](#): Open until filled**  
Community-Engaged Learning at MacEwan University is a project-based teaching-learning strategy. This strategy connects classroom theory to challenges experienced in the "real world" by our Community Partners (CP). It is a form of Work Integrated Learning. There is NO FEE to be a community partner.
- **NEW [Trucking HR Canada](#) - Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program: Open**  
Driver Training Grant Stream provides up to \$10,000 in driver training subsidy to train new drivers. Employers may also receive an additional \$10,000 financial incentive to employ the new driver. Wage Financial Incentive Stream provides up to \$10,000 for in demand, non-driving positions.
- **NEW [Trucking HR Canada](#) - Student Work Placement Program: Open for Summer 2023**  
Get on the Career ExpressWay and let Trucking HR Canada help you build your team through Canada's hidden pipeline to the newest top talent (Students). The Student Work Placement Program connects employers to post-secondary students who are eager to join the workforce through work-integrated learning and co-op positions. This program provides up to \$7,000 in financial incentives for EVERY eligible student hired. Hire across any department including logistics & warehouse, marketing & communications, sales & customer service, accounting, HR, IT, operations & safety and more.