

## Economic Development Funding Resources

January 2026

The following list of resources is not exhaustive and is updated on an ongoing basis. Note that funding opportunities may have application windows that have changed or are not listed in this document. This document is to be considered a snapshot in time. "NEW" simply indicates a program being added to this document since the last update.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Alberta Trade Speaker Series **NEW**

Location: Online

Date: Ongoing

The Trade Speaker Series is a resource that advances the knowledge of Alberta's trade ecosystem. If you would like to receive future invitations, contact Kyle Gingras, Senior Trade Advisor, Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigrations at [kyle.gingras@gov.ab.ca](mailto:kyle.gingras@gov.ab.ca)

- January 21 - PrairiesCan Regional Tariff Response Initiative (11am)

#### Alberta Export Awards **NEW**

Location: Queen Elizabeth II Building, Edmonton

Date: January 29 from 6:00-9:30 PM MST

Registration is now open for the Alberta Export Awards, which will celebrate excellence in international trade and recognize Alberta companies and organizations that are driving export success.

#### Procurement Assistance Canada Webinars

Location: Online

Date: Ongoing

Procurement Assistance Canada participates in a variety of events and offers free seminars to businesses interested in learning about the procurement process and how to sell goods and services to the Government of Canada.

### [EDA Ask an Expert Luncheon Webinar Series](#)

Location: Online

Date: Ongoing

Designed to let community economic development practitioners ask an expert, or panel of experts, for guidance, insight, and information about possible strategies, solutions and/or resources in real time. They are scheduled every other month over the lunch hour. At these forums, participants are able to better understand hot or current/emerging topics relevant to community economic development practitioners; source information gained by others who have 'been there, done that'; explore different solutions proposed by experts on different topics; leverage relevant experience of the expert(s) to solve challenges and capitalize on opportunities; understand how to correct gaps, leverage opportunities, and achieve goals; and gain constructive feedback to build professional growth.

- [January 28- Unpacking EDA's Community Investment Readiness Tool](#)

### [Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium \(EMC\) Employer Programs Information Session](#) **NEW**

Location: Online

Date: January 28, 2026

Join the Workforce Consultant Team from the Government of Alberta for a FREE 1-hour webinar featuring the Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC). EMC is committed to helping manufacturers grow and become more competitive. In this session, you'll discover programs and resources designed to meet Alberta employers' workforce needs such as wage subsidies, WIL Works, and other initiatives that help businesses attract, develop, and retain top talent.

### [Growing the North](#) **NEW**

Location: County of Grande Prairie

Date: February 17 - 19, 2026

Since its inception in 2010, Growing the North has been helping elected officials and entrepreneurs explore economic development opportunities and examine innovation in our region. Growing the North offers attendees valuable information on a variety of issues; a mix of informative speakers covering various topics; and a platform for networking with municipal leaders and businesspeople from many communities throughout northwestern Alberta and beyond. Today's connections are tomorrow's opportunities!

### [International Indigenous Tourism Conference](#)

Location: Edmonton

Date: February 17-19, 2026

IITC is a gathering of industry professionals, community leaders, entrepreneurs and partners dedicated to promoting and celebrating the richness of Indigenous tourism. The goal is to highlight the diversity of cultures, traditions and tourism experiences offered by Indigenous communities in Canada and beyond.

### [EDA Xperience 2026](#) **NEW**

Location: Kananaskis

Date: April 15 - 17, 2026

Get ready for Alberta's premier economic development event, EDA Xperience 2026! Where leaders, innovators, and community builders come together to shape what's next for Alberta. This year's theme, "Fresh Ideas, Bold Futures," sets the stage for a mix of inspiring plenaries, hands-on workshops, dynamic panels, and powerful networking opportunities, designed to spark innovation, build connections, and celebrate Alberta's entrepreneurial spirit. Hear from industry experts and local leaders tackling frontier topics from digital transformation and energy transition to rural innovation, workforce development, and mental well-being. Between sessions, enjoy interactive learning experiences, casual networking receptions, and lively social events that make it easy to connect, collaborate, and recharge. Whether you're a municipal leader, economic development professional, or industry partner, this conference will leave you inspired and equipped with practical tools to turn fresh ideas into bold action.

### [Canadian Hydrogen Convention](#) **NEW**

Location: Edmonton

Date: April 21 - 23, 2026

Hosted by DMG Events, the Canadian Hydrogen Convention is Canada's largest hydrogen event and aims to advance hydrogen as a key pillar in the global energy transition. The event brings together industry leaders, innovators, policymakers, researchers, and investors from across Canada and around the world to explore the latest technologies, market opportunities, and partnerships shaping the hydrogen economy.

### [Alberta Aviation, Aerospace & Defence Summit](#) **NEW**

Location: Edmonton

Date: May 3 - 5, 2026

Explore emerging technologies and strategies shaping the aerospace & defence sectors. Connect with industry leaders and innovators driving advancements in aviation. Showcase technical expertise & problem-solving skills in this exciting, hands-on competition.

### [Global Energy Show Canada](#) **NEW**

Location: Calgary

Date: June 9 - 11, 2026

Canada's national energy exhibition and conference bringing technology, innovation and the transfer of knowledge under one roof. Hosting five halls of exhibition space, two conferences and an awards gala, Global Energy Show Canada fosters innovation, leadership and synergy between all energy verticals within three fully-packed days.

### [Taste of Place Summit](#)

Location: Edmonton

Date: June 15-16, 2026

Edmonton is set to take center stage in Canada's culinary and agritourism movement. The Taste of Place Summit, the nation's only conference dedicated to culinary and agritourism, will land in Alberta's capital on June 15 + 16, 2026 promising two unforgettable days of immersive experiences, bold ideas, and national collaboration. (Note: at the time of adding this to the newsletter, the conference website [tasteofplace.ca](http://tasteofplace.ca) was down. The link above is to the news release about the event)

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## Funding Programs

### [Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation](#)

Intake: Ongoing

Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation (AIOC) exists to help Indigenous groups and communities across our province transform ideas and innovation into action. We invest in natural resources, agriculture, telecommunication and transportation projects, using up to \$3 billion in loan guarantees to help make it easier to access capital, improve lending terms and make financing more affordable. We aim to create economic prosperity and strengthen communities – here and now and for future generations.

### [Alberta Innovates Funding Programs](#)

Intake: Varies

Alberta Innovates provides a number of funding programs to support research, the growth of business, and help the start-up community to build new technology and drive new ideas.

### [Alberta Real Estate Foundation](#)

Development Grant Intake: Open

Investment Grant Intake: March 24, 2026 and August 25, 2026

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.

### [Canada Food Innovation Network](#)

Intake: Varies

CFIN is open to organizations across Canada's food ecosystem. Join more than 1500 members, including manufacturers, processors, distributors, retailers, funders, and innovators.

### [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation \(CMHC\) Funding Programs](#)

Intake: Varies

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is Canada's national housing agency.

### [Eco Canada- Wage Funding Eco Employment Programs](#)

Intake: Varies

Employment programs that stimulate environmental career pathways, skill development, career growth, workforce support, and workforce advancement through wage and training funding.

### [Emissions Reduction Alberta- Clean Energy Transition Partnership's \(CETPartnership\) Joint Call 2025](#)

Intake: Full proposals due March 12, 2026

The CETPartnership is a transnational initiative for joint research, technological development, and innovation (RTDI) programming to boost and accelerate the energy transition. ERA's funding is sourced from the Government of Alberta's Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) fund.

### [Emissions Reduction Alberta- Drilling Technology Challenge](#)

Intake: Open until January 29, 2026

Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA) is investing up to \$35 million to accelerate the development and commercialization of innovative drilling technologies. This investment will help advance emerging opportunities in geothermal energy, carbon capture and storage (CCS), critical minerals extraction, oil and gas, and more, while reducing costs and emissions associated with resource access and extraction.

### [Emissions Reduction Alberta- Technology Funding](#)

Intake: Call for Proposals Process

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.

### [Enbridge- Safe Community First Responder Program](#)

Intake: Open

The program awards grants for safety equipment, professional training, or safety education programs to emergency response organizations including fire departments, emergency medical and rescue services, emergency management organizations, 9-1-1 centers, ambulance services and law enforcement organizations.

#### [Government of Alberta- Alberta Agri-processing Investment Tax Credit](#)

Intake: Open

The Agri-processing Investment Tax Credit (APITC) provides a 12% non-refundable tax credit against eligible capital expenditures for corporations investing \$10 million or more to build or expand agri-processing facilities in Alberta.

#### [Government of Alberta- Alberta Community Partnership](#)

Mediation and Cooperative Processes Deadline: Open until February 3, 2026

This program helps municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives.

#### [Government of Alberta- Alberta Export and Expansion Program](#)

Intake: Open

Funding to help export-ready companies and non-profit organizations enhance access to international markets and attract global buyers.

#### [Government of Alberta/Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters- Alberta Manufacturing Productivity Grant](#)

Intake: This program ends on March 31, 2027. Depending on funding availability we will continue to accept applications until October 31, 2026, with a completion date of no later than December 31, 2026.

Through the AMPG, over \$4 million is available for eligible small- and medium-sized manufacturing businesses, which includes access to advice, expertise and up to \$30,000 in matching funding for technology upgrades and new machinery and equipment. These investments in long-term production assets and technology will aim to enhance manufacturing businesses' productivity, capacity and market entry. This funding will help to provide successful applicants with the resources they need to boost their

productivity. The grant will empower local business owners to invest in new technologies, machinery and equipment while driving job creation and accelerating growth in Alberta's manufacturing sector. The pilot program is expected to support approximately 130 small- and medium-sized businesses.

#### [Government of Alberta- Alberta Media Fund](#)

Intake: 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- Alberta Municipal Water/wastewater Partnership](#)

Intake: Open until November 30 for funding in the following year.

The Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP), which launched in 1991, provides cost-shared funding to eligible municipalities to help build municipal facilities for water supply and treatment, and wastewater treatment and disposal.

#### [Government of Alberta- Art, Culture, and Sports Grants](#)

Intake: Varies

Funding opportunities for projects in the areas of arts, culture, community, heritage, recreation, sport, and diversity and inclusion.

#### [Government of Alberta- Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant](#)

Intake: Open

The Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant (CAPG) helps employers invest in training that focuses on enhancing productivity skills for their current and future employees that aligns with the needs of their business. It is an employer-driven program meant to partially reimburse the cost for an employer to send their employee(s) for training.

#### [Government of Alberta- Economic Development Funding and Grants](#)

Intake: Varies

Tax credits, grants and other funding programs to stimulate regional economic development.

#### [Government of Alberta- Film and Television Tax Credit](#)

Intake: Open

Tax credit to support medium and large-scale productions filming in Alberta.

#### [Government of Alberta- First Nations Development Fund](#)

Intake: Applications must be received and approved by the FNDF Officer prior to March 31

Provincial lottery grant program designed specifically for First Nations in Alberta to fund economic, social and community projects.

#### [Government of Alberta- Indigenous Employment Training Partnerships Program](#)

Intake: Open

Indigenous Employment Training Partnerships provides grant funding to Indigenous communities and organizations to deliver group-training projects designed in partnership with employers and other partners. These partnerships will assist unemployed or under-employed Indigenous individuals to gain the necessary skills training and work experience to obtain and maintain long-term employment.

#### [Government of Alberta- Innovation Employment Grant](#)

Intake: Eligible corporations will be able to claim the grant when they file their annual corporate tax returns.

Companies can receive a grant of up to 20% toward qualifying research and development expenditures.

#### [Government of Alberta- Workforce Partnerships Grants](#)

Intake: Open

Eligible organizations with common labour market needs can get funding to support workforce initiatives.

### [Government of Canada/PrairiesCan Funding Programs](#)

Intake: Varies

Funding for businesses and not-for-profit organizations with projects that advance economic growth and diversity in the Prairie provinces: Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

### [Government of Canada- AgriStability](#)

Intake: Open

AgriStability is one of the Business Risk Management programs under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). AgriStability protects Canadian producers against large declines in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions. AgriStability is a margin based program designed to help producers manage large income declines.

### [Government of Canada- Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage](#)

Intake: 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- Business Scale-up and Productivity](#)

Intake: Ongoing (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- Canada Cultural Spaces Fund](#)

Intake: Ongoing

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture and creative innovation. The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces.

#### [Government of Canada- Canada Retraining and Opportunities Initiative](#)

Intake: Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until funding is fully committed.

The Canada Retraining and Opportunities Initiative supports workforce planning and skills training in communities significantly impacted by a mass layoff. It provides funding for community-based projects that help workers develop the skills they need to transition to new jobs.

#### [Government of Canada- Community Economic Development and Diversification](#)

Intake: 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- Critical Minerals Infrastructure Funding](#) **NEW**

Intake: Contribution Funding- Shovel ready open until open until March 4, 2026.

The Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund (CMIF) will provide up to \$1.5 billion in federal funding over 7 years for clean energy and transportation infrastructure projects necessary to enable the sustainable development and expansion of critical minerals in Canada. There will be calls for proposals launched over the course of this 7-year program.

#### [Government of Canada- Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative](#)

Intake: Open

The Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative (RAII) will provide support through two streams: AI productization and commercialization will help AI start-ups and growing firms scale up and address common challenges on their journey from lab prototypes to real-world applications, including securing

growth capital, hiring the right people, managing data, and navigating regulatory frameworks. Adoption of AI applications across critical sectors will address the AI adoption lag among Canadian businesses and help enhance productivity, growth and competitiveness. Support will focus on addressing challenges faced by SMEs, such as skills gaps, AI integration complexities, and compliance with regulatory and industry standards. Through the RAIL, ACOA is helping to bridge the gap between cutting-edge AI research and broader marketplace consumption with support for Atlantic Canadian businesses.

### [Government of Canada- Regional Defence Investment Initiative](#) **NEW**

Intake: Open until December 31, 2027, or until all funding is used.

The Regional Defence Investment Initiative (RDII) is a \$357.7 million, three-year national initiative delivered by Canada's seven Regional Development Agencies (RDAs). The RDII is part of a broader whole-of-government strategic approach to building sovereign defence capacity while reinforcing industrial strength across the country. The RDII will help to accelerate the integration of businesses, focusing on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and regional ecosystems, into defence supply chains and strengthen their industrial and innovation capacity in support of Canada's defence and security needs.

### [Government of Canada- Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative](#)

Intake: Open until March 31, 2026 or until funding has been fully committed

The RHII aims to change the way houses are built and provide more Canadians with a place to call home faster. It provides repayable contributions directly to businesses to help enhance local and regional housing supply chain and advance innovation in the residential construction sector.

### [Government of Canada- Regional Tariff Response Initiative \(RTRI\) in the Prairie provinces](#)

Intake: Apply any time before December 31, 2027, or until all funding is used.

With \$1 billion in targeted support, the RTRI strengthens the competitiveness of impacted small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) by helping them diversify their markets, create new export revenue sources, adopt innovative technologies to boost productivity and competitiveness, and build more resilient supply chains. To that end, RTRI will equip businesses, and the organizations that support them, to seize new opportunities, adapt to global trade disruptions, and boost domestic trade. These investments will contribute to long-term economic resilience in the face of continued global uncertainty.

### [Government of Canada- Strategic Innovation Fund](#)

Intake: Ongoing

Making sure that Canada is a top destination for businesses to invest, grow and create jobs and prosperity for Canadians is one of the Government's top priorities. 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- Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership \(Sustainable CAP\)](#)

Intake: Varies

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) is a 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. The agreement includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion in cost-shared programs and activities funded by federal, provincial and territorial governments.

### [Municipal Climate Change Action Centre- Municipal Electricity Generation Program](#)

Intake: Open until March 2026 or upon funding becoming fully allocated, whichever comes first.

The Municipal Electricity Generation Program (MEG) provides financial rebates to Alberta municipalities to install grid-connected alternative electricity generation systems on municipally owned facilities or land. The MEG Program builds upon previous on-site electricity generation initiatives and will help facilities save energy, money, and emissions.

### [Municipal Climate Change Action Centre- Community Energy Conservation Program](#)

Intake: Open until March 2026 or upon funding becoming fully allocated, whichever comes first

The Community Energy Conservation (CEC) program provides financial rebates to municipalities to help identify energy-saving opportunities and implement retrofit projects in municipally-owned facilities. The CEC program helps facilities save energy, save money, and become more comfortable.

### [Telus Pollinator Fund for Good](#)

Intake: Open

The TELUS Pollinator Fund, launched with an initial \$100M, is one of the world's largest corporate social impact funds. We deliver on TELUS' commitment to social capitalism by investing in early stage, for-profit companies that have the potential to change the world for the better.

#### [Trucking HR Canada- Career ExpressWay](#)

Intake: Varies

Trucking HR Canada's Career ExpressWay Program supports employers with recruitment efforts, helping them take advantage of industry specific financial incentives while connecting them with career seekers.

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Economic Development Resources

Economic Strategy

#### [Selling Alberta to the world: An Investment and Growth Strategy](#)

This strategy supports Alberta's Recovery Plan by identifying actions to create jobs and diversify the economy.

Listings, Catalogues, and Portals

#### [Alberta Agri-Food Products and Services Export Catalogue](#)

Connecting international buyers with Alberta product and service suppliers.

#### [Alberta Film Commission Resource Directory](#)

This tool enables the province's Screen-based industry workforce and support service companies to showcase their skills and services to industry professionals considering filming in our province. All industry professionals, including pre-production resources, production staff and technical crew, producers and production companies, equipment and stages, postproduction facilities, venues and support services are encouraged to register.

### [Alberta food directories](#)

Connecting Alberta-based food processors and producers with buyers to promote locally-produced food.

### [Alberta Major Projects](#)

An inventory of private and public sector projects in Alberta valued at \$5 million or greater.

### [Agri-food and local food](#)

Information about the agri-food industry, food processing and farmers' markets.

### [BizPaL permit and licence search](#)

Federal, provincial, territorial and municipal business permits and licences in Canada.

### [Building Business Resiliency](#)

We're dedicated to supporting businesses across Alberta to swiftly respond and adapt to disruptions or unplanned changes affecting operations, people, assets, or reputation. Find live emergency updates and resources to support your business.

### [Business License \(Alberta\)](#)

Search for a business, charitable organization or fundraiser provincially licensed or registered in Alberta.

### [Directories of Canadian Companies](#)

Registering as a Canadian supplier, searching for competitors and checking a company's incorporation status.

### [Economic development funding and grants](#)

Tax credits, grants and other funding programs to stimulate regional economic development.

### [Municipal locations and codes](#)

Municipal locations in Alberta, and municipal codes and information systems and datasets.

### [National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map](#)

The map is a comprehensive database of current and planned Internet service availability across Canada. It is a key tool in showing the Government of Canada's progress in getting all Canadians connected to high-speed Internet as well as a key reference document on the implementation of broadband services.

### [Open government portal \(Alberta\)](#)

Collection of datasets and publications by (Alberta) government departments and agencies.

### [Open Government \(Canada\)](#)

Collection of datasets and publications by (Canada) government departments and agencies.

### [Public Engagements](#)

Help shape the future of (Alberta) government policies, programs and services.

Networks, NGOs, and Crown Corporations

### [Clean Resource Innovation Network \(CRIN\) - Resources](#)

Resources from pan-Canadian network focused on ensuring Canada's oil and gas resources can be sustainably developed and integrated into the global energy supply.

### [Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation \(CRRF\)](#)

Contributes to the revitalization and sustainability of rural Canada through collaborative research for rural leaders in the community, private sector, and in all levels of government. Click here [CRRF Newsletter](#) - to sign up for newsletter or access past CRRF newsletters.

### [Farm Credit Corporation \(FCC\)](#)

A federal commercial Crown corporation reporting to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. FCC provides financing, knowledge, and software to almost 102,000 customers with a team of 2,200 employees operating from 102 offices located primarily in rural Canada and its corporate office in Regina, SK. [See news releases here.](#)

#### News Sources

##### Alberta Cleantech Newsletter

To receive the newsletter, contact Julia Mah with a request to be put on the mailing list.

Julia Mah, Trade and Export Development

Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

Phone: 403-297-8904 Email [julia.mah@gov.ab.ca](mailto:julia.mah@gov.ab.ca)

##### Alberta Energy Industry Newsletter

To receive the newsletter, contact Darcy Kirtzinger with a request to be put on the mailing list.

Darcy Kirtzinger, Senior Trade and Investment Officer

Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

Phone: 780-415-8819 Email [Darcy.Kirtzinger@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Darcy.Kirtzinger@gov.ab.ca)

##### [Alberta Municipalities](#)

News from Alberta Municipalities, formerly Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA).

##### Alberta Technology Sector Newsletter

To receive the newsletter, contact Svenja Chenikel with a request to be put on the mailing list.

Svenja Chenikel, Trade Relations Unit

Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

Cell: 780-934-2750 Email [svenja.chenikel@gov.ab.ca](mailto:svenja.chenikel@gov.ab.ca)

### Alberta Defence and Aerospace Newsletter **NEW**

To receive the newsletter, contact Chris Smith with a request to be put on the mailing list.

Chris Smith, Senior Trade Officer

Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

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### Agri-News

This week in Alberta agriculture.

### Betakit Newsletters

Canadian Startup News & Tech Innovation

### Tourism Industry Association of Alberta (TIAA) News, Research, Reports & Submissions

What's happening in tourism by the TIAA, a not-for-profit tourism association that advocates on behalf of all segments of Alberta's tourism economy.

### Alberta Chambers of Commerce

[News](#), [Events](#), and [Chamber Directory](#).

### Canadian Chamber of Commerce

[News](#), [Events](#)

### Edmonton Global

News from Edmonton Global.

[Invest Alberta](#)

News from Invest Alberta Corporation.

[Monthly Economic Letter, Business Development Bank of Canada \(BDC\)](#)

Monthly source of news on economic issues

[Rural Municipalities of Alberta \(RMA\) Latest News](#)

Press releases from RMA.

Statistics & Economic Outlook

[Alberta Regional Dashboard](#)

Helps answer your questions about living, working, investing, and doing business in Alberta's diverse regions.

[Alberta Economic Dashboard](#)

Compilation of Alberta economy's most important indicators of businesses in one place. Get a quick snapshot of Alberta's current economic state or explore each indicator in more detail.

Economic Outlook

[Alberta Treasury Branches \(ATB\)](#)

[Royal Bank of Canada \(RBC\)](#)

[Toronto-Dominion Bank \(TD\)](#)

[Labour market information](#)

Wage and salary information and job market forecasts, trends, statistics and profiles.

### [Population statistics](#)

Population estimates, projects, components of change, demographic spotlight reports and a list of demographic terms.

### Surveys and Polls

#### [Rural Municipalities of Alberta \(RMA\) - Universal Broadband Fund Survey Live](#)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) is seeking input on connectivity grants as well as information on rural internet speeds.

### Toolkits

#### [Rural Alberta Municipalities - Rural Economic Development Toolkit](#)

This is designed to support municipal leaders shape and advance economic development efforts. Whether you are establishing a new economic development initiative or refining an existing program, this toolkit provides practical guidance, best practices, and tools to help navigate the process. [More details here.](#)

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### Innovation Resources

#### Events

#### [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Agricultural Clean Technology Program: Research and Innovation Stream](#)

Supports pre-market innovation including research, development, demonstration and commercialization of agricultural clean technologies. Intake period: OPEN

#### [Alberta Innovates](#)

The province's full-service innovation engine. Coaching & community, funding & grants, workshops & events, programs. Discover the programs [here](#). See also [Connectica](#), Alberta Innovates' government funded source for information on funding, facilities, and services. [InnoTech Alberta](#), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alberta Innovates, it was established to be a key component of Alberta Innovates' Pathway to Commercialization. Its aim is to be recognized as a leading provider of applied research, development, and innovation services. Continuous intake innovation programs:

[Micro voucher - grants to hire service providers \(\\$10k\)](#)

[Voucher \(\\$100k\)](#)

[R&D Associates \(up to \\$105k to cover one-year term salary cost\)](#)

[Industry Commercialization Associates Program \(\\$120k to cover salary cost\)](#)

[Accelerating Innovations into CarE \(AICE\)](#)

[Alberta ScaleUp and Growth Accelerators Program](#)

ScaleUp and Growth Accelerators help businesses transform at a faster rate. These accelerators provide intensive learning experiences where mentors compress years of experiential learning into a few months. Alberta ScaleUp and Growth Accelerator Program (ScaleUp GAP) will accelerate Alberta's companies to scale and grow and to propel digital transformation. These programs are open to companies from Alberta, Canada and around the world.

[Canadian Technology Accelerators](#)

Sector activities include Cleantech, Digital industries and Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), and Life sciences and digital health.

[Community Innovation Connector](#)

The Connector is an openly accessible online portal connecting entrepreneurs, industry, investors, and students to innovation and entrepreneurship programs, advisors, and support. The space also integrates an online meeting platform for hosting virtual conferences and events.

[Financial Support for Technology Innovation through NRC IRAP](#)

If you're a small or medium-sized Canadian business pursuing technology-driven innovation, you may be eligible for financial support from NRC IRAP. They provide this funding to qualified firms under their technology innovation projects and youth employment strategy programs.

#### [Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security](#)

Help solve challenges facing the Canadian Armed Forces and get funding to advance your research. Get feedback on your technology from military experts and build your network. Four new opportunities have just been added.

#### [Innovation Canada - Accelerated Growth Service](#)

Innovation Canada's programs and services, including the AGS, are designed to help businesses innovate, create jobs and grow Canada's economy. They work with colleagues and partners across the innovation and investment ecosystems to help businesses develop effective strategies and growth plans by connecting them with the right partners, programs and services they need to grow. In the AGS program they are looking for incorporated Canadian companies with year-over-year revenue growth, especially over the past three years, who are export and innovation-focused, generating at least \$3-5 million annually and have the capacity and willingness to grow.

#### [TechBOOST by Technology Alberta](#)

We have helped 1000s of Alberta Tech companies get the talent they need to take them forward and build momentum. Get the right person for your needs and grow your business. With job seeker connections across Alberta's innovation community and educational institutions, this is your chance to scale your company with local talent.

#### [Thrive Academy](#)

The THRIVE Academy is 12-week agri-food tech pre-accelerator program for idea stage entrepreneurs, early-stage startups and researchers looking to commercialize their innovations. Our immersive program will help you de-risk and validate your idea while preparing you to raise capital alongside building your go to market strategy.

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Services

[Agricultural economics, competitiveness and statistics](#)

Agriculture and agri-food business, trade and economics, and farm business management programs.

[Agri-processing business resources](#)

Guides, reports, documents and other resources for food and bio-processors starting or growing a business.

[Alberta Catalyzer](#)

Free program that supports entrepreneurs looking to start and grow a tech business in Alberta.

[Alberta Entrepreneur Centre](#)

Provides a set of tools to help business and personal finance grow together.

[Alberta Film Commission](#)

Provides customized scouting packages and services to clients exploring the advantages of creating in Alberta.

Film production resources are available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/film-production-resources.aspx> and an online resource directory, which showcases Alberta's screen-based industry workforce and support service companies, is available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/film-production-resources.aspx#jumplinks-10>

[Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\)](#)

Provides career, learning, and employment information that helps Albertans achieve success.

[Alberta Women Entrepreneurs](#)

Provides tools and resources to help women across the province succeed in starting or growing a business.

### [BDC Advisory Services](#)

Helping business owners build a successful, resilient business.

### [Biz Connect](#)

Provides supports to help Alberta entrepreneurs and small businesses start, grow and succeed.

### [Business Benefits Finder](#)

Find the right (federal) programs and services, whether you're starting out or scaling up.

### [Business Link](#)

Business support services include: Free one-on-one coaching and guidance; market research; resources, guidebooks, and interactive tools; education, training, and networking opportunities; specialized support for Indigenous and immigrant entrepreneurs.

### [Business Renewables Centre-Canada](#)

Provides community-based educational resources to simplify and accelerate the uptake of renewable energy in Canada.

### [Canada Business App](#)

Find government programs and services for your business.

- Search for federal, provincial and municipal government programs and services
- Receive notifications sent directly to your phone.
- New programs and services added monthly.
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### [Community Development Unit](#)

Delivers sessions and workshops to help organizations strengthen their services.

### [Community Futures Alberta](#)

Business loans, tools, mentoring, guidance, and support for rural small business owners and entrepreneurs in Alberta.

### [Contract opportunities with the Government of Alberta](#)

Bid on procurement opportunities for government goods, services and construction.

### [Destination Canada](#)

Provides intelligence, tools and resources that help the Canadian tourism industry reach domestic and international markets.

### [Economic outlook, analysis and statistics](#)

Alberta Activity Index, economic outlook, analysis, trends, labour market and Office of Statistics and Information publications and data.

### [Export Alberta](#)

Resources for those new to exporting or looking to grow their exports.

### [Financial services and fintech regulatory sandbox](#)

Making it simpler for businesses to test new products and services and expand offerings to customers.

### [Futurpreneur](#)

Fueling the entrepreneurial passions of Canada's young enterprise for two decades. We are the only national, non-profit organization that provides financing, mentoring and support tools to aspiring business owners aged 18-39. Our internationally recognized mentoring program hand matches young entrepreneurs with a business expert from a network of more than 2,400 volunteer mentors.

#### [Industry Information, Indigenous Tourism Alberta](#)

Encourages and promotes authentic Indigenous tourism that showcases the unique and immersive experiences offered by its members throughout the province.

#### [Invest Alberta](#)

Invest Alberta Corporation (IAC) works directly with investors globally to start up or scale up in Alberta.

#### [Management Advisory Services \(MAS\) Program](#)

Have you developed a new product, process, or service and need help with the next steps? Is your company growing and needs help to continue growing efficiently and successfully? For the past 14 years, the NRC-IRAP and the Canadian Association of Management Consultants (CMC-Canada) have partnered to offer Management Advisory Services (MAS) to connect small and medium businesses with Certified Management Consultants (CMCs) to help define issues, set priorities, and establish action plans. The program provides various services, including strategy/business planning, growth management, sustainability financing and marketing.

#### [Non-profit learning centre](#)

Find online courses and training resources on non-profit governance to support board members of non-profit organizations.

#### [Procurement Assistance Canada - Service Guide](#)

Official source for Government of Canada tender and award notices.

#### [Training and Employment Services Directory](#)

Provincial programs and services to help individuals find and keep jobs, get training and adapt to a changing labour market.

### [Travel Alberta Industry Hub](#)

Tourism resources, research, newsroom, and destination development information.

### Trade Supports and Offerings

[Choose Alberta, Canada \(alberta.ca/choosealberta\)](#) – for international audiences to highlight Alberta's trade and investment strengths, opportunities and resources.

[Resources for Alberta Exporters \(alberta.ca/export\)](#) – for domestic audiences to highlight missions, the Alberta Export Expansion Program (AEEP), the Trade Accelerator Program (TAP) and other resources.

New content including a [contact page](#) featuring the geo-region staff that lead missions, general [trade key messages](#) that Alberta businesses can use while on the road, a [trade events page](#) to promote major domestic events, and [TAP content](#) for the program that JETI supports