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Featured resources:

<p><i>Small Business BC</i> B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service</p>	<p>Businesses can find answers to questions about COVID-19 support programs and contact the free B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service operated by Small Business BC. Support is available in several languages.</p> <p>1-833-254-4357 covid@smallbusinessbc.ca https://covid.smallbusinessbc.ca</p>
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Loans and grants:

<p><i>Government of British Columbia</i> New: COVID-19 Closure Relief Grant</p>	<p>Applications are expected to open in January</p> <p>Provides fully funded grants of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to businesses that had to close due to the December 22, 2021 Provincial Health Officer (PHO) orders. The funding amount for each business is based on how many B.C. employees or contracted staff they have.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP)</p>	<p>Extended to March 21, 2022</p> <p>Supports the hardest hit businesses, including those in sectors like tourism and hospitality, hotels, arts and entertainment, with 100% government-guaranteed loans ranging from \$25,000 to \$1 million.</p> <p>Loans are low-interest and include repayment terms of up to 10 years, with up to a 12-month postponement on principal repayments at the start of the loan. Available until December 31, 2021.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada & Financial Institutions</i> Closing Soon: Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)</p>	<p>Applications close December 31, 2021</p> <p>Provides financing to businesses in all sectors and regions affected by COVID-19. Various programs with loans of up to \$60 million are available through financial institutions.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>

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<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF)</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Provides bridge financing to Canada’s largest employers, whose needs during the pandemic are not being met through conventional financing, in order to keep their operations going during the pandemic.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
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Wage and rent support:

<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Local Lockdown Program</p>	<p>Program eligibility has been temporarily expanded until February 12, 2022</p> <p>Wage and rent support are available to businesses and organizations affected by a qualifying public health restriction.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program (THRP)</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Wage and rent support are available to businesses and organizations part of the tourism, hospitality, arts, entertainment, or recreation sectors who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Hardest-Hit Businesses Recovery Program (HHBRP)</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Wage and rent support are available to businesses and organizations, regardless of their sector, that can demonstrate a 12-month average revenue drop from March 2020 to February 2021 of at least 50% and have a claim period revenue drop of at least 50%.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP)</p>	<p>Extended to May 7, 2022</p> <p>A wage subsidy is available to eligible employers who have experienced a decline in revenue of at least 10% due to COVID-19.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>

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<p><i>Government of British Columbia</i> B.C. Increased Employment Incentive</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Offers a refundable tax credit of 15% of remuneration increases over October to December 2020 for all private sector B.C. employers to encourage the creation of new jobs for B.C. workers or increases in payroll for existing low or medium-income employees.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of British Columbia</i> BC Employer Training Grant - C19 Impacted Worker Training Stream</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Offers employers 100% of eligible training costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per participant per fiscal year, to support British Columbians that are employed or have been employed in sectors impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Employment Insurance (EI) Work Sharing Program</p>	<p>Available until September 24, 2022</p> <p>Work-Sharing agreements have been extended from a maximum of 38 weeks to 76 weeks, eligibility requirements have been eased, and the application process has been streamlined.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>

More business resources:

<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Tourism Relief Fund</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Supports tourism businesses and organizations adapt their operations while investing in products and services to facilitate their future growth.</p> <p>Eligible businesses may access non-repayable contributions up to \$100,000 for up to 50% of eligible costs or fully repayable contributions up to \$500,000 for up to 75% of eligible costs. Eligible not-for-profit organizations and Indigenous entities (not generating profits) may be eligible for non-repayable contributions up to \$500,000.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
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<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Jobs and Growth Fund</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Supports organizations in future-proofing their business, building resiliency, and preparing for growth.</p> <p>Eligible businesses with fewer than 500 full time employees may qualify for interest-free repayable contributions for up to 50% of eligible costs. Eligible not-for-profit organizations may qualify for non-repayable contributions for up to 90% of eligible costs. Indigenous-led organizations and businesses may qualify for up to 100% of eligible project costs.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Support for Indigenous Businesses</p>	<p>Additional programs are available to Indigenous businesses.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of British Columbia & Alacrity Canada</i> Alacrity Canada Digital Marketing Bootcamp</p>	<p>Applications are open</p> <p>Provides digital marketing knowledge, tools and resources. If you own, run, or are employed by a small to medium-sized business based in and registered in BC that employs less than 149 B.C. residents and has been directly impacted by COVID-19, you may be eligible to have your tuition covered.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Canada Digital Adoption Program</p>	<p>Provides small businesses with access to digital trainers and micro-grants to offset the cost of going digital. Financing for technology adoption would be available through the Business Development Bank of Canada.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of British Columbia</i> B.C. PST Rebate on Select Machinery and Equipment</p>	<p>Applications are open until September 30, 2022</p> <p>Corporations can apply to receive an amount equal to the PST they paid between September 17, 2020 and September 30, 2021 on qualifying machinery and equipment.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>

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<p><i>Regional Organizations</i> Support for Regional Businesses</p>	<p>Financial support and other resources are available to businesses in rural communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Futures: Provides emergency loans and supports to assist with COVID-19-related business interruption, including payment and interest breaks. • Island Coastal Economic Trust: Supports businesses on Vancouver Island, on the Sunshine Coast and the Gulf Islands. • Columbia Basin Trust: Provides low-interest loans and other supports to businesses in the Columbia Basin. • Northern Development Initiative Trust: Supports businesses in Northern and Central British Columbia.
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Support for Arts, Culture, Heritage and Sport Sector Organizations</p>	<p>Recovery Fund for Arts, Culture, Heritage and Sport Sectors: Provides \$300 million over two years to support arts, culture heritage, and sport organizations.</p> <p>Reopening Fund: Provides \$200 million over two years through existing programs to support Canada’s festivals, cultural events, outdoor theatre performances, heritage celebrations, local museums, amateur sport events, and more.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Major Festivals and Events Support Initiative</p>	<p>Major, recurring festivals and events with annual revenues exceeding \$10 million may qualify for financial assistance, including generally non-repayable contributions to not-for-profit organizations and, generally repayable contributions to for-profit organizations.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>

Self-employed individuals and workers:

<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit</p>	<p>Program eligibility has been temporarily expanded until February 12, 2022</p> <p>Provides temporary income support of \$300 each week to employed and self-employed people who cannot work due to a COVID-19 lockdown.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
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<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit</p>	<p>Available until May 7, 2022</p> <p>Provides income support of \$500 each week for up to a maximum of six weeks for workers who are unable to work due to reasons related to COVID-19.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>
<p><i>Government of Canada</i> Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit</p>	<p>Available until May 7, 2022</p> <p>Provides income support of \$500 for up to 44 weeks per household for workers unable to work because they must care for a child or family member due to COVID-19.</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>

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