

## Covid-19 Funding Programmes to Support Business

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Programme	Funding	Provider	Link
Achievement Incentive and Group Sponsorship Grant	Employers who train apprentices may be eligible for grants to help mitigate the cost of training.	Ontario Government	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/hire-apprentice#section-3">https://www.ontario.ca/page/hire-apprentice#section-3</a>
Reconnect Festival and Event Program 2021	Innovative programming and marketing for festivals and events. It helps to improve experiences for visitors and stimulate local community economic development and recovery. <b>Closes April 20.</b>	Ontario Government	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-14">https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government#section-14</a>
RH Accelerator	Grand River Ag Society (GRAS) and RH Accelerator Inc. announced they will work together and co invest in support of local early stage innovative companies in the agriculture, food and cleantech industries.	Grand River Ag Society (GRAS) and RH Accelerator Inc.	<a href="https://www.rhaccelerator.com/apply">https://www.rhaccelerator.com/apply</a>
Ontario Small Business Support Grant	Starting at \$10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant provides businesses with funding to a maximum of \$20,000 to help cover decreased revenue expected as a result of the shutdown. Additional round of support announced, eligible businesses can expect minimum total support of \$20,000, up to a maximum of \$40,000, over the two Ontario Small Business Support Grant payments.	Ontario Government	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-5">https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-5</a>
Property Tax and Energy Cost Rebate Grants	For small businesses within certain sectors that were required to shut down or significantly restrict services due to provincial public health measures. This provincial application-based grant provides a rebate to eligible businesses in respect of property taxes and energy bills.	Ontario Government	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-3">https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-3</a>
<b>Coming soon:</b> Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant	The government is introducing the new Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant, which will provide an estimated \$100 million in one-time payments of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to eligible small businesses in the tourism and hospitality sector.	Government of Ontario	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-0">https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-0</a>
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)	Community Futures Development Corporations providing loans up to \$60,000 with a forgivable portion.	WWCF and SEDC	<a href="https://www.wwcf.ca/rrrf-application-for-funding/">https://www.wwcf.ca/rrrf-application-for-funding/</a>

	<b>Loans fully committed. Application intake continues in case they receive more funding</b>		and <a href="https://sbdc.ca/content/page-content/updated-jan25-2021-rrrf-application-attestation-fillable.pdf">https://sbdc.ca/content/page-content/updated-jan25-2021-rrrf-application-attestation-fillable.pdf</a>
SEDC Business Resurgence Programme	FREE consulting programme for local small businesses. There are several options for consulting options available: Business Bootcamp, Business Profit Optimizer, Business Advisor, Digital Marketing Coach, or a membership with the Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium.	SECD	<a href="https://sbdc.ca/blog/2020/12/business-resurgence-program">https://sbdc.ca/blog/2020/12/business-resurgence-program</a>
Summer Company	Summer Company is a programme of the government of Ontario that helps young people between 15 and 29 years old start and run their own summer business by providing funding, advice and services.	Business Centre Guelph-Wellington	<a href="https://www.guelphbusiness.com/programs/summer-company/">https://www.guelphbusiness.com/programs/summer-company/</a>
Digital Main Street, ShopHERE	ShopHERE creates online stores for independent small businesses and artists at no cost.	Federal and Provincial Government	<a href="https://programs.digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere-signup">https://programs.digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere-signup</a>
Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)	Provides support directly to qualifying tenants and property owners. Programme available retroactive to September 27, 2020 until June 2021. Tenants and owners are eligible via a list of eligibility requirements	Federal Government	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-rent-subsidy.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-rent-subsidy.html</a>
Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)	Loans to small businesses of up to \$60,000. Loan to cover operating costs and 0% interest with a 25% forgivable portion if paid by December 31, 2022. For small businesses and not-for-profits with a 2019 payroll of between \$20,000-\$1.5 million.	Federal Government	<a href="https://ceba-cuec.ca/">https://ceba-cuec.ca/</a>
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)	Qualifying businesses can receive up to 75% in a wage subsidy, retroactive to March 15, 2020. The subsidy will provide up to \$847 per week per employee. Businesses that have experienced a reduction in revenue of 15% in the month of March and 30% in the following months.	Federal Government	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html</a>
COVID-19 Energy Assistance	Businesses struggling to pay their energy bills as a result of COVID-19 may also be	Utility Providers	<a href="https://www.oeb.ca/rates-and-your-bill/covid-19-energy-">https://www.oeb.ca/rates-and-your-bill/covid-19-energy-</a>

Programme for Small Business (CEAP-SB)	eligible for the CEAP-SB, which you can apply to through your utility provider.		<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs">assistance-programs/covid-19-energy-assistance-program-small</a>
Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Programme (HASCAP) Guarantee	Businesses heavily impacted by COVID-19 can access guaranteed, low-interest loans of \$25,000 to \$1 million to cover operational cash flow needs. These loans are for small and medium-sized businesses that have seen their revenues decrease by 50% or more as a result of COVID-19.	BDC	<a href="https://www.bdc.ca/en/special-support/hascap">https://www.bdc.ca/en/special-support/hascap</a>
Ontario's Main Street Relief Grant: PPE support – ELIGIBILITY EXPANDED	Small businesses with 2 to 19 employees in all eligible sectors - expanded from 2-9 employees - including those in the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector, can now apply for up to \$1,000 in financial support. <b>Currently closed</b>	Ontario Government	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs">https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs</a>
Canada United Small Business Relief Grant	Grants of up to \$5,000 to help small businesses offset the cost of expenses needed to open safely or adopt digital technologies to move more of their business online, covering expenses incurred no earlier than March 15, 2020. Limited funds. <b>Currently closed</b>	Canada United (RBC) managed by OCC	<a href="https://occ.ca/canada-united-small-business-relief-fund/">https://occ.ca/canada-united-small-business-relief-fund/</a>