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ABOUT US

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is the federal government department mandated to support farmers, food and beverage processors, fish and seafood producers, partners, and other stakeholders in the broader agri-food sector.

Our British Columbia Regional Office consists of a team of industry development officers available to support your agriculture and agri-food business and organization with specialized services, including:

- Helping you find the right contacts and making connections to further your success;
- Sharing programs, services and other opportunities with Canadian farmers, producers and processors; and
- Listening to your feedback on policy, programs, and the issues and challenges you are facing

This booklet will help you learn more about the programs and services offered by AAFC, federal and provincial government partners, and other organizations. This booklet represents a comprehensive but non-exhaustive list as programs and services regularly change.

This booklet is not intended to replace your own research and thorough review of program guides to determine your eligibility for individual programs. Nothing in this booklet should be interpreted as a guarantee of your eligibility for any given program or a promise of funding or non-funding support.

All programs have their own application and eligibility requirements which may differ from one another.

For more details on the programs, services, resources and terminology included in this document please reach out to us at aafc.bc.info.cb.aac@agr.gc.ca or **1-604-292-5858**.

You will be matched with a senior industry development officer that can provide you with specific information catered to your needs.



Agricultural Programs and Services

This pathfinder service provides information regarding programs and services supporting innovation, sustainable farming, business development, risk management, trade and market development.

- 📞 1-866-367-8506
- ✉️ aafc.info.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs>

Canada Brand

Helps global consumers recognize Canadian food and beverage products and showcases the diverse range of products from coast to coast to coast. Membership is free and provides access to a suite of digital branding tools including logos, graphics, video content, animations, GIFs, digital stickers, marketing messaging, photo libraries, and other digital marketing templates.

- 👉 marque-canada-brand@agr.gc.ca
- <https://agriclient.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/home-accueil/>



Single Window Contact for Agri-Food Trade Services

This service offers a single point of contact with the goal of helping the Canadian food industry and businesses reach international markets.

- ✉️ aafc.mas-sam.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/international-trade/single-window-contact-agri-food-trade-services>
- 👤 Provided by Government of Canada (Agriculture and Agri-food Canada)

Agri-Food Trade Services (ATS) Bulletin

The B.C. Regional Office distributes a monthly Agri-Food Trade Services (ATS) Bulletin by email for stakeholders in the province's agriculture and food processing sectors. The bulletin contains up-to-date information on programs, educational events, domestic and international trade shows, trade missions, global market intelligence reports, and policy consultation opportunities.

To subscribe to the bulletin, please email us with your name and the name of your organization at aafc.bc.info.cb.aac@agr.gc.ca.

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Applicant Types:



Producers: Farmers, ranchers, orchardists, and other primary agricultural and fish and seafood producers.



Processors: Food and beverage processors, manufacturers, and packagers.



Indigenous Organizations and/or Not-For-Profits: Indigenous communities and organizations, industry associations, community organizations, university researchers, and other non-profit entities.



Ag-Tech/Technology: Agriculture or food equipment manufacturers, innovators, and developers of both hardware and software.

Program Types:



Cost-Shared: The applicant is responsible for providing a percentage of the project cost in order to receive funding. Cost-sharing percentages differ between programs.



Repayable/Loan: The applicant must repay at least some of the funding received. Interest rates and repayment schedules differ between programs.



Non-Repayable: Funding received by the applicant does not have to be repaid.



Insurance/Income Protection: Designed to protect business against unexpected income losses. There may or may not be a cost to participants depending on the program.

PATHFINDER SERVICES

Accelerated Growth Service

Helps entrepreneurs and businesses access the support they need to grow and scale. Innovation advisors help businesses find, and take advantage of, everything that government can do for them – from research support to financing to foreign market expertise.

- ☎ 1-833-201-4358
- 👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/accelerated-growth-service/>
- 👤 Provided by Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada

AgPal – Program and Service Finder

This web-based tool assists those looking for government agricultural programs and services. It gathers information on both federal and provincial resources and presents it all in one place.

- ✉ aafc.agpal-agriguichet.aac@agr.gc.ca.
- 👉 <https://agpal.ca/en/home>
- 👤 Provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Business Benefits Finder – Program Search Tool

An interactive portal with information on support services for Canadian businesses. Businesses provide some basic information about their business and the type of support they are looking for, and the portal provides a list of potentially applicable programs.

- ☎ 1-833-201-4358
- 👉 <https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/s/?language=en>
- 👤 Provided by Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada

Indigenous Pathfinder Service

Provides customized advice and referrals to help Indigenous groups (i.e. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals and organizations, including businesses and non-profit associations) navigate the relevant information, tools and supports available to start or expand activities in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

- ☎ 1-866-367-8506
- ✉ aafc.indigenouspathfinder-explorateurautochtone.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/indigenous-pathfinder-service>
- 👤 Provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Many of the programs included in this booklet are funded by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a \$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.

For more information please visit:

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/department/initiatives/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership>



Advance Payments Program

A federal loan guarantee program which provides agricultural producers with easy access to low-cost cash advances. These provide cash flow to meet producers' financial needs until they can sell their agricultural products. This can provide marketing flexibility by allowing agricultural products to be sold based on market conditions rather than the need for cash.

-  1-866-367-8506
-  aafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
-  www.agr.gc.ca/app
-  Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program: Prevention and Preparedness Stream

Supports projects from industry associations and research institutions within the pork sector which focus on biosecurity assessment and improvements (including wild pig management), sector analysis, communication and engagement, or African swine fever-related research.

-  1-877-246-4682
-  aafc.ASF-PPA.aac@agr.gc.ca
-  <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/african-swine-fever-industry-preparedness-prevention-stream>
-  Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program: Welfare Slaughter and Disposal Stream

Provides support for pork processor retrofits and regional preparation for welfare slaughter and disposal to businesses, industry associations, and research institutions.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.ASF-PPA.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/african-swine-fever-industry-preparedness-welfare-slaughter-disposal-stream>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



AgriAssurance - National Industry Association Component

Assists industry associations in developing or improving assurance systems which aid their sector in managing risks and/or ensuring product safety and quality.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.assurance.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriassurance-national-industry-association-component>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriAssurance - Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Supports businesses to adopt assurance systems and supporting tools to make verifiable claims about their products to meet export market requirements or domestic markets for Indigenous Peoples.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.assurance.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriassurance-small-medium-sized-enterprises-component>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriCommunication

Supports industry associations and Indigenous organizations in promoting consumer awareness of Canadian agriculture, sector awareness of consumer perceptions, and/or industry's efforts to endorse environmentally sustainable best practices.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.agricompetitivenessagri-competitivite.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricommunication>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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AgriCompetitiveness

Provides funding for industry associations and Indigenous groups to leverage, coordinate, and build on existing industry capacity; share best practices; provide mentorship opportunities; spread agricultural awareness; and provide resources on farm business management, safety, and tools.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.agricompetitivenessagri-competitivite.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricompetitiveness>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership



Agricultural Clean Technology Program: Adoption Stream

Provides funding for the purchase and installation of commercially available clean technologies and processes with priority given to those that show evidence of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental co-benefits.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.act-a-tpa-a.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricultural-clean-technology-adoption-stream>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Agricultural Clean Technology Program: Research and Innovation Stream

Supports pre-market innovation, including research, development, demonstration, and commercialization activities to develop transformative clean technologies and enable the expansion of current technologies. The program focuses on three priority areas: green energy and energy efficiency, precision agriculture, and bioeconomy.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.act-ri-tpa-ri.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricultural-clean-technology-research-innovation-stream>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Agricultural Water Infrastructure Program

Provides funding for more efficient agricultural water infrastructure or storage systems in water-scarce and drought-prone areas. Also provides funding for additional water infrastructure to increase agricultural production in areas with sufficient water supply or high potential for farmland expansion.


- ☎ 1-250-940-6150
- ✉ funding@iafbc.ca
- 👉 <https://iafbc.ca/agricultural-water-infrastructure-program/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Government of B.C. through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.





Agriculture Wildlife Program





Provides compensation to enrolled producers for wildlife damage to some harvested and unharvested crops.

-  1-888-221-7141 (Abbotsford)
- 1-250-420-6203 (Cranbrook)
- 1-877-772-2200 (Dawson Creek)
- 1-888-822-1345 (Fort St. John)
- 1-888-823-3355 (Kamloops)
- 1-888-332-3352 (Kelowna)
- 1-888-812-8811 (Oliver)
- 1-800-474-6133 (Williams Lake)
-  <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/agriculture-insurance-and-income-protection-programs/crop-loss-damage-due-to-wildlife>
-  Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriDiversity

Provides support to associations, academia, and Indigenous groups for projects that help underrepresented and marginalized groups in Canadian agriculture (including Indigenous peoples, women, youth, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, visible minorities, 2SLGBTQI+ communities, and official language minority communities) fully participate in the sector. The program also supports activities promoting the benefits of a career in agriculture and enhancing the public's perceptions of agriculture and its role in the economy.

-  1-877-246-4682
-  aafc.agridiversityagri-diversite.aac@agr.gc.ca
-  <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agridiversity>
-  Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriInnovate

Supports targeted commercialization, demonstration and/or adoption of innovative technologies and processes that increase the agricultural and agri-food sector's competitiveness and sustainability.

-  1-877-246-4682
-  aafc.agriinnovateprogram-programmeagriinnovat.aac@agr.gc.ca
-  <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriinnovate>
-  Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriInvest

Provides matching funding in a self-managed producer-government savings account designed to help producers manage small income declines and make investments to manage risk and improve market income. The AgriInvest account grows as deposits are made, receiving matching government contributions, and earning interest. Funds can be withdrawn at any time.

-  1-866-367-8506
-  <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriinvest>
-  Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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AgriMarketing

Supports Canadian national industry associations and Indigenous organizations in increasing and diversifying exports to international markets and seizing domestic market opportunities through industry-led promotional activities.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.agrimarketingagri-marketing.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agrimarketing>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriScience: Projects

Supports pre-commercial science activities and research focusing on three priority areas: climate change and environment, economic growth and development, and sector resilience and societal challenges. Both monetary contributions and/or collaborative support from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research scientists is available.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.agriscienceprogram-programmeagriscience.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriscience-projects>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriStability

Provides income support to individual producers and companies who experience a large margin decline in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions.

- ☎ 1-877-343-2767
- ✉ AgriStability@gov.bc.ca
- 👉 <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/agriculture-insurance-and-income-protection-programs/agriculture-income-protection-agristability>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriTalent

Provides agricultural employers with a wage subsidy of up to \$7000 to hire post-secondary students from diverse academic backgrounds. This funding will draw young talent into the agricultural sector and engage under-represented groups such as women, Indigenous people, disabled people, and newcomers.

- ☎ 1-343-999-3953
- ✉ info@cahrc-ccrha.ca
- 👉 <https://cahrc-ccrha.ca/programs/agritalent>
- 👤 Funding provided by Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council





B.C. Employer Training Grant

Provides funding to small, medium and large enterprises to support skills training for their workforces, including prospective new hires. Employers can apply as often as they need and receive 80 percent of eligible training costs, up to \$10,000 per employee and \$300,000 annually per employer.

- 1-250-952-6914
- ETG@gov.bc.ca
- <https://www.workbc.ca/find-loans-and-grants/industry-and-employers/bc-employer-training-grant>
- Funding provided by Canada – British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement



B.C. Lean for Food Processors Program

The B.C. Lean for Food Processors Program supports specialized business skill development to enable processors to make more informed decisions, optimize operating procedures, improve production capacity, increase labour productivity and strengthen their business. Lean is aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of local food and beverage processing firms in the sector.

- 1-888-221-7141
- Agribusiness@gov.bc.ca
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/bc-lean-for-food-processors-program>
- Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



B.C. Manufacturing Jobs Fund

Helps companies from all manufacturing sectors modernize and grow their operations by funding capital projects in all regions of B.C., particularly in communities affected by economic impacts or downturns. Two funding streams are available, one for project readiness and planning, and another for capital investment.

- ManufacturingJobsFund@gov.bc.ca
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/rural-economic-development/manufacturing-jobs-fund>
- Funding provided by Government of B.C.



BC Traceability Funding Programs

Funding is available to agriculture, food and seafood businesses to support the adoption of new or improved traceability systems, practices, technologies and infrastructure in B.C. The programs aim to enable businesses to meet existing and emerging market and regulatory requirements for traceability systems.

- 1-888-221-7141
- AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/bc-traceability-funding-programs>
- Funded provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Business Scale-up and Productivity Program

Provides interest-free repayable funding to high-growth businesses that are scaling up and producing innovative goods, services or technologies and want to be competitive in both domestic and global markets.

- ✉ info@pacifican.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/business-scale-up-productivity.html>
- 👤 Funding provided by Pacific Economic Development Canada



Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program

Provides funding to not-for-profit organizations for projects that are national or sector-wide in scope and linked to one of the following program priorities: adaptation to new technology, environmental sustainability, strategic planning and capacity building, and emerging issues for the agriculture sector.

- 📞 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.caspp-pcpsa.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/canadian-agricultural-strategic-priorities>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program

The program provides loan guarantees to farmers and agricultural co-operatives to increase loan availability. Farmers can use these loans to establish, improve, and develop farms, while agricultural co-operatives may also access loans to process, distribute, or market the products of farming.

- 📞 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.caspp-pcpsa.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/canadian-agricultural-strategic-priorities>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Canada Digital Adoption Program

The program offers two grants that will help small and medium-sized enterprises get online and use technology to build their businesses:

- **Grow Your Business Online:** provides up to \$2,400 for companies to set up e-commerce and grow their sales online.
- **Boost Your Business Technology:** provides companies with up to \$15,000 to get technology advice, up to \$100,000 in interest free loans, and a wage subsidy of up to \$7,300 to help businesses achieve their digital adoption goals.

- 📞 1-800-328-6189
- 👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canada-digital-adoption-program/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Canada Pavilion Program

The Canada Pavilion Program aims to make trade show participation easier for Canadian companies at the world's premier food and beverage trade shows. It provides financial support, customizable turn-key booths with furnishings, market intelligence, and networking for Canadian food and beverage companies to lower their participation costs and help them seize global market opportunities. The program places a focus on new to market, first-time exhibitors, and innovative products. Priority will be given to small and medium sized exporters.

- ✉ aafc.mas-sam.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/international-trade/trade-show-service/canada-pavilion-program>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Canada Small Business Financing Program

Aids small businesses (including small food and beverage processors) in acquiring loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders. For farming businesses, see the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program..

- 📞 1-866-959-1699
- ✉ csbfp-pfpec@ised-isde.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canada-small-business-financing-program/>
Provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Canada Summer Jobs

Provides wage subsidies to employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years.

- 📞 1-800-935-5555
- 👉 <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>
- 👤 Funding provided by Employment and Social Development Canada



CanExport Innovation

Innovators from Canadian organizations may access up to \$75,000 in funding to assist with research and development (R&D) for a single technology. Up to 75% of the costs of pursuing and signing collaborative R&D agreements with international partners can be covered.

- ✉ CanExportInnovation@international.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/innovation/index.aspx?lang=eng>
- 👤 Funding provided by Global Affairs Canada

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CanExport Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Small and medium-sized companies may access up to \$50,000 in funding to assist with international market development activities. In international markets where a company's products and services have little or no sales, up to 50% of export marketing costs can be covered by this program..

- ✉ CanExportSMEs@international.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/sme-pme/index.aspx?lang=eng>
- 👤 Funding provided by Global Affairs Canada



Canadian Fish and Seafood Opportunities Fund

Provides funding to national industry associations to promote branding and recognition opportunities for the Canadian fish and seafood sector.

- 📞 1-844-795-9718
- ✉ DFO.opportunities-initiatives.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/initiatives/opportunities-fund-fonds-initiatives/index-eng.html>
- 👤 Funding provided by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Government of B.C.



Canadian International Innovation Program

Provides matching funding for Canadian companies to create, develop, adapt and validate technologies with high potential for commercialization through research and development (R&D) collaboration with foreign partners. Support is provided both for the identification of potential foreign partnership opportunities and the carrying out of collaborative R&D projects.

- ✉ innovation@international.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/ciip-pcii/index.aspx?lang=eng>
- 👤 Funding provided by Global Affairs Canada





Environmental Farm Plan and Beneficial Management Practices Program





Consultants complete agri-environmental risk assessments for farm and ranch operations free-of-charge to help them establish an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). Operators with a current completed EFP are then eligible to apply for Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) funding which helps them implement the actions they identified within their plan, and to adopt technologies and practices which mitigate environmentally high risk activities or emerging environmental challenges.

-  1-250-940-6150
-  funding@iafbc.ca
-  <https://iafbc.ca/environmental-farm-plan/>
-  Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.



Extreme Weather Preparedness for Agriculture Program

Increases the resilience of B.C. agriculture operations by providing cost-share reimbursements to farm or agriculture businesses to address risks related to wildfire, flooding, and extreme heat..

-  1 888-221-7141
-  Extreme.Weather.Preparedness@gov.bc.ca
-  <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/extreme-weather-preparedness>
-  Funding provided by Government of B.C.



Farmed Animal Disease Program

Provides funding to the BC livestock and poultry industry associations to invest in planning, preparedness, prevention, and mitigation for federal or provincial regulated diseases or significant emerging farmed animal diseases.

-  1-250-940-6150
-  funding@iafbc.ca
-  <https://iafbc.ca/fad/>
-  Funding provided by Government of B.C. through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.

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Food Processing Growth Fund

Provides funding support for BC food processors to purchase and install new equipment or technology, develop and improve products through applied research & development (R&D), or provide specialized training for production and operational staff.

-  1-250-940-6150
-  funding@iafbc.ca
-  <https://iafbc.ca/fpg/>
-  Funding provided by Government of B.C. through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.



Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program





Provides funding for flood mitigation projects to Fraser Valley commercial agricultural producers and primary processors in high risk flood zones. Eligible projects include surface water buffers, erosion control, and drainage or runoff management improvements.

-  1-250-940-6150
-  funding@iafbc.ca
-  <https://iafbc.ca/fraser-valley-flood/>
-  Funding provided by Government of B.C. through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.



Green Industrial Facilities and Manufacturing Program

Provides financial assistance to support the implementation of energy efficiency and energy management solutions designed to maximize energy performance, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and increase competitiveness for all industrial sectors and facility sizes in Canada. Eligible activities include energy management training, energy assessments and audits, energy managers, energy management systems, and capital investments.

-  Phone number : 1-855-525-9293
-  Email: nrcan.rfpindustry-ddpindustrie.nrcan@canada.ca.
-  <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-for-industry/green-industrial-facilities-and-manufacturing-program/20413>
-  Funding provided by Natural Resources Canada





Indigenous Food Systems & Agriculture Skills & Training

Supports Indigenous Nations, communities, businesses, and organizations in increasing Indigenous participation in agriculture, seafood, food processing and related community economic development initiatives.

- 1-250-940-6150
- funding@iafbc.ca
- <https://iafbc.ca/isat/>
- Funding provided by Government of B.C. through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.



Jobs and Growth Fund

Provides support for B.C. businesses and not-for-profit organizations to assist with near-term job creation and long-term resilience through projects that will.

- Support the transition to a green economy;
- Foster an inclusive recovery and preserve Canada's competitiveness;
- Future-proof SMEs and enhance resilience through productivity improvement and digital adoption;
- Strengthen capacity in sectors critical to Canada's recovery and growth.

- 1-888-338-9378
- info@pacifican.gc.ca
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/jobs-growth-fund.html>
- Funding provided by Pacific Economic Development Canada



Knowledge and Technology Transfer Program

Supports B.C.'s producers and processors to innovate and adapt to changing environmental, production, and market conditions through practical, applied knowledge and skill development. Industry associations and indigenous organizations can apply for support in transferring knowledge through the use of subject matter experts, hands-on learning, or regenerative agriculture programming.

- 1-888-221-7141
- Knowledge.Transfer@gov.bc.ca
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/knowledge-transfer-events>
- Funding provided by Government of B.C.



Livestock Price Insurance

Livestock Price Insurance (LPI) allows producers to purchase price protection on cattle and hogs through an insurance policy. It provides producers with protection against an unexpected drop in prices over a defined period.

- 1-844-782-5747
- <https://lpi.ca/>
- Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Livestock Tax Deferral Provision

Allows farmers who sell part of their breeding herd due to drought or flooding in prescribed drought or flood regions to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year.

-  1-855-525-9293
-  aafc.taxdeferral-reportdelimpot.aac@agr.gc.ca
-  <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-production/weather/livestock-tax-deferral-provision>
-  Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Perennial Crop Renewal Program

Provides up to \$100,000 in funding for producers to remove unproductive, diseased, or unmarketable cultivars and to adopt growing systems that are better suited to environmental conditions and market demands. The program's three streams support industry association-led market assessment, research, and innovation projects; cultivar removal projects for individual producers; and sector-specific planting projects for producers in highly competitive sectors.

-  1-250-940-6150
-  funding@iafbc.ca
-  <https://iafbc.ca/pcrp/>
-  Funding provided by Government of B.C. through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.





Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program

Helps supply-managed poultry and egg producers adapt to market changes resulting from the implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Supported on-farm investments include:

- increasing efficiency or productivity
- improving on-farm food safety and biosecurity
- improving environmental sustainability
- responding to consumer preferences (improving animal welfare, adopting alternative housing systems, transitioning to organic production, etc.)

☎ 1-877-246-4682
✉ aafc.pefip-pifvo.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/poultry-egg-farm-investment>
👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Price Pooling Program

Provides a price guarantee that protects marketing agencies and processors of marketed agricultural products against unanticipated declines in the market price of their products. Program participants use the price guarantee as security in obtaining credit from lending institutions. This credit allows the marketing agency or processor to improve producers' cash flow and provide equal returns for products of like grade, variety, and type through initial payments for products delivered

☎ 1-866-367-8506
✉ aafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/price-pooling>
👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Production Insurance

Provides producers with insurance coverage for natural hazards to minimize the financial implications of production or asset losses. It covers crop loss and damage due to hail, spring frost, excessive rain, flooding, drought, and other weather-related events.

☎ 1-888-332-3352
👉 <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/agriculture-insurance-and-income-protection-programs/redirect-production-insurance>
👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Regional Innovation Ecosystems

Assists not-for-profit organizations which support businesses and entrepreneurs for start-up, growth, productivity, technology commercialization, technology adoption, export and investment attraction. Eligible project areas include: technology commercialization, business scale-up, productivity improvement, ecosystem capacity building, and business acceleration and incubation.

- ☎ 1-888-338-9378
- ✉ info@pacifican.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/regional-innovation-ecosystems.html>
- 👤 Funding provided by Pacific Economic Development Canada



Strategic Innovation Fund

Provides repayable and non-repayable funding for Canadian companies' innovation projects to encourage and accelerate innovative and growth-orientated initiatives. Projects must have at least \$20 million in total project costs to be eligible.

- ☎ 1-800-328-6189
- 👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/strategic-innovation-fund/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Supply Management Processing Investment Fund

Helps processors of supply-managed commodities adapt to market changes resulting from the implementation of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.smpif-fitpgo.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/supply-management-processing-investment-fund-investment-fund>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Traceability Value Chain Program

Provides cost-shared funding up to \$75,000 towards the adoption of information sharing systems that will enhance agrifood and seafood traceability among supply chain partners. The program is intended for agriculture, food and seafood sector organizations, commercial food hubs and value chain partners consisting of 3 or more agriculture, agrifood, or seafood businesses.

- ☎ 1-888-221-7141
- ✉ AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca
- 👉 <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/bc-traceability-funding-programs>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Women Entrepreneur Program

Provides lending, events, and resources specifically for women entrepreneurs to start or grow their businesses.

- ☎ 1-888-332-3301
- 👉 <https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/financing/agriculture/women-entrepreneur-program.html>
- 👤 Funding provided by Farm Credit Canada



Women Entrepreneurship Loan Fund

Helps ensure that more women entrepreneurs have the tools and financing they need to succeed. Several delivery organizations have been selected to provide loans to women entrepreneurs..

- 👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/women-entrepreneurship-strategy/en/women-entrepreneurship-loan-fund>
- 👤 Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Workforce Analysis and Planning Program

Provides up to \$100,000 to identify, develop, and support projects that enhance domestic agriculture and food workforce development and labour market strategies in BC. Eligible projects must have a domestic labour/workforce focus and cross-industry or broad-sector benefit.

- ☎ 1-250-940-6150
- ✉ funding@iafbc.ca
- 👉 <https://iafbc.ca/workforce-analysis-and-planning-program/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Government of B.C. through Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.



Youth Employment and Skills Program

Provides a wage subsidy to employers who hire youth for agricultural jobs, and funding to offset the costs of employee relocation or barriers faced by youth.

- ☎ 1-866-452-5558
- ✉ aa.fc.yesp-pecj.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/youth-employment-and-skills>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

OTHER FUNDING AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



Agritech Concierge Program

Provides support services for farmers, food entrepreneurs, Indigenous groups, or agritech businesses that are interested in advancing technology and innovation, growing their business, or locating in B.C., including:

- Assistance to develop strategies and opportunities to grow and scale businesses;
- Support for navigating existing programs to scale up, become export ready, or attract investment;
- Assistance to identify strategic sites in B.C. to locate and expand;
- Support navigating government processes
- Connections to municipal, regional, federal and foreign governments, as well as potential industry partners and other collaborators.



1-236-478-3761



BC.Agritech.Concierge.Service@gov.bc.ca
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/agritech-concierge>



Provided by Government of B.C.



B.C. Directory for Economic Development Organizations and Groups

This resource directs businesses to provincial economic development organizations, regional economic development trusts, crown corporations, and regional economic development organizations which offer programs, funding, and other support services for B.C. businesses. Businesses can find relevant organizations based on the region in which they operate..

✉ economicdevelopment@gov.bc.ca
👉 <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/economic-development-organizations>

👤 Provided by Government of B.C.



Business Development Bank of Canada

Provides access to financing, advisory services and investment capital for entrepreneurs, including in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

📞 1-877-232-2269

👉 www.bdc.ca





Canadian Agri-Food Automation and Intelligence Network

Offer funding assistance for projects that focus on innovative technology solutions for automation, digitalization, and smart technology applications for the advancement of Canada's agri-food sector.

- 1-780-975-8635
- info@caain.ca
- <https://caain.ca>



Canadian Food Innovation Network

Provides funding programs which target industrial research, development, and demonstration activities which stimulate innovation across the Canadian food sector.

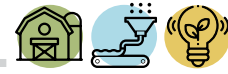
- 1-888-773-8247
- info@cfir-rcia.ca
- <https://www.cfir-rcia.ca/>



Cleanfarms

This program is free-of-charge and arranges empty container recycling (up to 23L), unwanted pesticide disposal, grain bag recycling, totes and drums recycling, and animal health medication collection sites.

- 1-877-622-4460
- info@cleanfarms.ca
- <https://cleanfarms.ca/>



Export Development Canada

Helps Canadian companies to navigate, manage and take on risk to support their growth beyond Canada's borders. Provides:

- Capital – access to working capital and financing.
- Risk mitigation – insurance that lowers the risk of doing business abroad.
- Trade knowledge – expertise to help companies make informed decisions.
- Global connections – relationships that connect Canadian and international companies and help both parties grow.

- 1-800-229-0575
- <https://www.edc.ca/>



Export Navigator

This program offers free export advisory services to help B.C. businesses diversify and grow by guiding them through the export process. Advisory services include:

- Strategic planning
- Market specific connections and information
- Resources on interprovincial or international exporting
- Export readiness assessments.

- 1-855-667-2270
- info@exportnavigator.ca
- <https://exportnavigator.ca/>
- Provided by Government of B.C., and Pacific Economic Development Canada

OTHER FUNDING AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



Farm Credit Canada

Provides financing, insurance, software, learning programs and other business services to producers, agribusinesses, and agri-food operations.

☎ 1-888-332-3301
✉ csc@fcc-fac.ca
👉 <https://www.fcc-fac.ca/>



Farm Debt Mediation Service

Provides financial counselling and mediation services to farmers having difficulty meeting their financial obligations. A free and voluntary service helps bring producers and their creditor(s) together with a mediator in a neutral forum to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

☎ 1-866-452-5556
✉ aafc.fdmswest-smmeaouest.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/farm-debt-mediation-service>
👤 Provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Protein Industries Canada

Helps plant protein companies gain pathways to customers, markets and partnerships that they could not access on their own, providing them with the opportunity to leverage their expertise and innovations with that of large and multinational enterprises, public sector organizations, and academia.

☎ 1-306-949-0049
✉ info@proteinsupercluster.ca
👉 <https://www.proteinindustriescanada.ca/>



Natural Products Canada

Offers strategic advice, guidance and programs to address key challenges of high-potential innovative natural products. This directly meets the needs of start-ups, SME and research institutes, but it also provides a steady pipeline of innovative opportunities to corporations and investors looking to build their portfolios in these areas.

☎ 1-604-813-4233
✉ rishi@naturalproductscanada.com
👉 <https://www.naturalproductscanada.com/>



National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program

Provides financial assistance, advisory services, and connections to business and R&D expertise for innovative small or medium-sized Canadian businesses.

☎ 1-877-994-4727



Next Generation Manufacturing Canada

Provides financial assistance, advisory services, and connections to business and R&D expertise for innovative small or medium-sized Canadian businesses.

✉ info@ngen.ca
👉 <https://www.ngen.ca/>



Small Business B.C.

Provides small businesses with programs, products, services and support to aid their development and growth, improve productivity, increase profitability and benefit from new opportunities.

☎ 1-800-667-2272
✉ askus@smallbusinessbc.ca
👉 www.smallbusinessbc.ca



Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Allows Canadian employers to hire foreign workers to fill temporary jobs when qualified Canadians are not available. Temporary foreign agricultural workers can be hired under the following streams:

- Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program
- Agricultural stream
- Stream for high-wage positions
- Stream for low-wage positions

☎ 1-800-367-5693

👉 <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/foreign-workers.html>

👤 Provided by Employment and Social Development Canada, and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada



Trade Accelerator Program

Helps small and medium-sized enterprises to gain the knowledge and network of contacts to unleash their export potential. Canadian businesses learn to overcome export barriers and reach new markets faster through a series of online workshop sessions with trade and industry experts.

☎ 1-844-208-8197

✉ contactus@boardoftrade.com

👉 <https://www.boardoftrade.com/wtc/tap>

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Young Agrarians

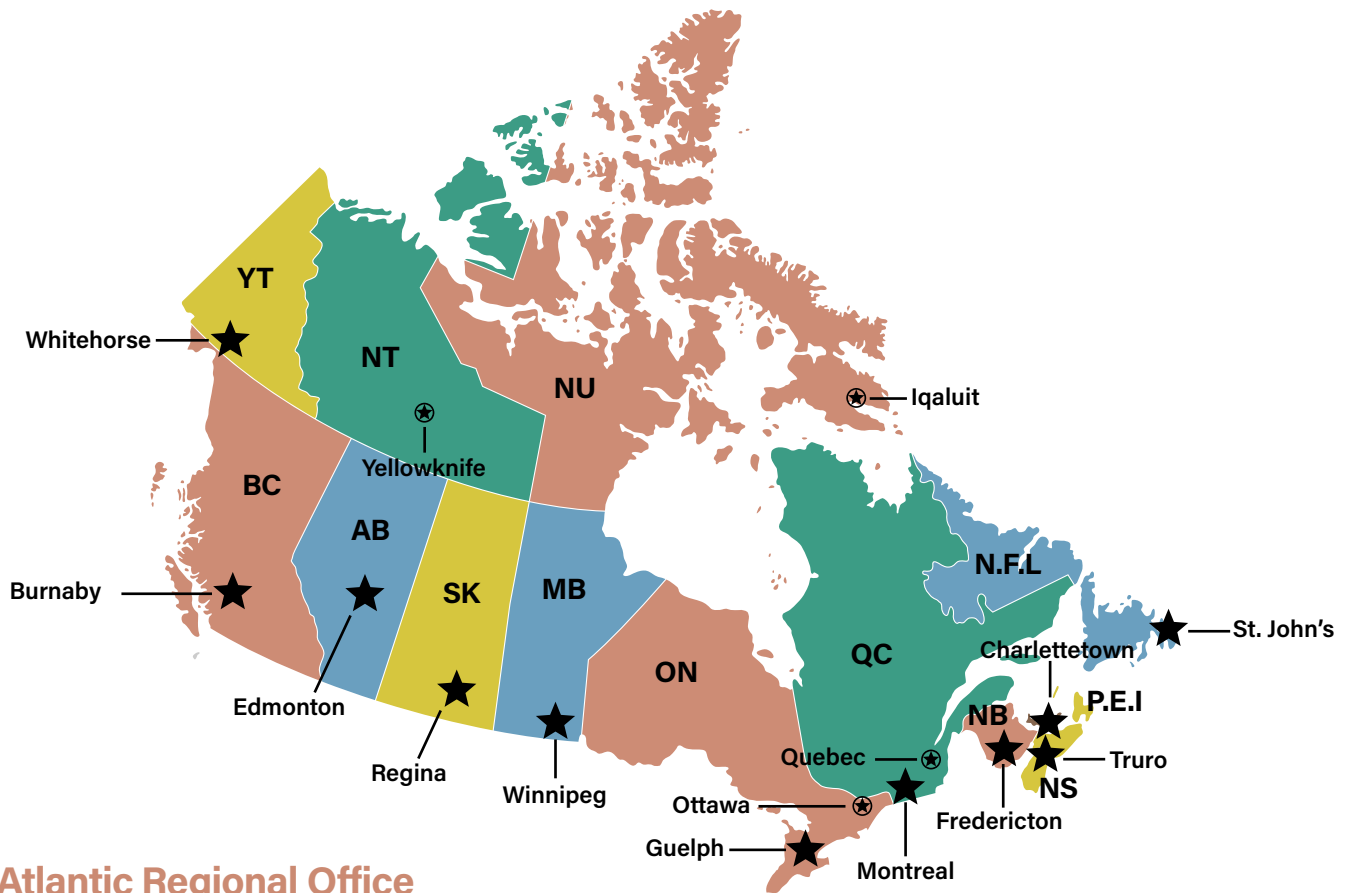
A farmer to farmer educational resource network for new and young Canadian farmers. In B.C. it provides:

- B.C. Land Matching Program: offers personalized land-matching and business support services to new farmers looking for land to start or expand their farm, as well as landowners interested in finding someone to farm their land.
- Business Mentorship Program: pairs new farm business operators and seasoned operators together to cultivate foundational business and production skills. Mentees receive approximately 30 hours of mentorship primarily in the late winter/spring planning season, check ins through the summer season, and a reflection wrap up process in the fall.
- Business Bootcamp: An 11-week farmer-led course open to all new and aspiring farmers which guides them through writing their farm business plan.
- Various other educational and community-building events.

 1-855-561-4633
 network@youngagrarians.org
 <https://youngagrarians.org/>



AAFC'S REGIONAL OFFICES



Atlantic Regional Office

New Brunswick

- ✉ AAFC.ATL.info.ATL.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 1-833-953-4432

Newfoundland and Labrador

- ✉ AAFC.ATL.info.ATL.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 1-833-953-4432

Nova Scotia

- ✉ AAFC.ATL.info.ATL.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 1-833-953-4432

Prince Edward Island

- ✉ AAFC.ATL.info.ATL.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 1-833-953-4432

Midwestern Regional Office

Manitoba

- ✉ AAFC.MB.info.MB.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 204-259-4189

Saskatchewan

- ✉ AAFC.SK.info.SK.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ (English) 306-523-6601
- ☎ (French) 306-523-6602

Ontario Regional Office

- ✉ AAFC.ON.info.ON.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 226-217-8046

Québec and Nunavut Regional Office

- ✉ AAFC.QC.info.QC.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 514-283-8888

Northwestern Regional Office

Alberta

- ✉ AAFC.AB.info.AB.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 780-495-3307

British Columbia

- ✉ AAFC.BC.info.CB.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 604-292-5858

Yukon and Northwest Territories

- ✉ AAFC.AB.info.AB.AAC@agr.gc.ca
- ☎ 867-667-5272

