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# Federal Economic Development Programs

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## Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario

- Advanced Manufacturing Fund

Promotes continued growth and increased productivity of Ontario's advanced manufacturing sector by supporting large-scale transformative manufacturing activities, advancing adoption of cutting-edge technologies, establishing clusters or global supply chains and fostering collaboration between the private sector and higher education and research institutions.

- Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Supports the renovation, expansion or improvement of existing community and cultural infrastructure.

- Economic Development Initiative

Supports business and economic development activities that encourage sustainable growth in southern Ontario's Francophone communities with community strategic planning, as well as business and economic development activities.

- Investing in Business Growth and Productivity

Assists existing southern Ontario businesses to adopt new technologies that have the potential to improve productivity and expand their operations.

- Investing in Business Innovation

Fosters a more competitive southern Ontario economy by encouraging the development of partnerships between entrepreneurs and investors to support early-stage, globally-oriented businesses with the ability to become world-leading innovators.

- Investing in Commercialization Partnerships

Addresses innovation and commercialization, and encourages collaboration to improve Ontario's productivity performance so that the region can compete on an international platform.

- Investing in Regional Diversification

Designed to build stronger, more diverse economies in southern Ontario communities in the long term by leveraging unique assets and local expertise, and by creating opportunities for economic growth and development in communities across southern Ontario.

- Achieving Innovation and Manufacturing Excellence (AIME) Global Initiative

A \$9-million initiative, delivered by the Yves Landry Foundation, which provides funding for export-oriented manufacturers in southern Ontario to undertake training activities related to new technology, new processes or procedures.

- [AC JumpStart](#)

An \$8-million program, delivered by the Accelerator Centre, that provides seed funding and skills training to help Waterloo Region companies become more market, customer and investment-ready.

- [Community Futures Program](#)

Provides operational funding to 37 Community Futures Development Corporations in southern Ontario to deliver a wide variety of programs and services supporting community economic development and small business growth.

- [Eastern Ontario Development Program](#)

Promotes business development, job creation and strengthened economies in rural eastern Ontario communities. Delivered through the 15 eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations and the Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporation Network Inc.

- [SMART Advanced Technologies for Global Growth](#)

A \$20-million program, delivered by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, which provides funding for export-oriented manufacturers in southern Ontario looking to invest in advanced technologies. Application intake for this program is now closed.

- [SmartStart Seed Fund](#)

Delivered by the Ontario Centres of Excellence, the program provides both seed financing and financing for entrepreneurship skills training to help recipients grow their companies and make them investment and customer ready.

- **Southern Ontario Fund for Investment in Innovation**

Provides interest-bearing business loans to support innovation and growth in small- and medium-sized enterprises across the region. Delivered by the [Western Ontario Community Futures Development Corporation Association](#) and the [Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporation Network Inc.](#)

# Western Economic Diversification Canada

- [Western Innovation \(WINN\) Initiative](#)

The WINN Initiative is a \$100 million five-year federal Initiative that offers repayable contributions for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with operations in Western Canada to move their new and innovative technologies from the later stages of research and development to the marketplace.

- [Western Diversification Program \(WDP\)](#)

The WDP is the main program through which WD makes strategic investments in initiatives that enhance and strengthen the economy of Western Canada. Funding is available to not-for-profit organizations (e.g., universities and other post-secondary institutions, research institutes, industry associations, Indigenous organizations) for projects that support [innovation](#), [business development](#) and/or [community economic growth](#).

- [Western Canada Business Service Network](#)

The WCBSN is a group of several independent organizations that receive funding from WD to provide a range of services to help create and build small businesses across the West.

- [Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program](#)

The Canada 150 CIP is part of Canada 150 Celebrates, the Government of Canada's celebration of our country's 150th anniversary. Through investments in community infrastructure, the Government of Canada will invest in projects that celebrate our shared heritage, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for Canadians.

- [Economic Development Initiative](#)

The Economic Development Initiative will invest \$3.2 million in the West over five years to support business and economic development that encourages sustainable growth in Western Canada's Francophone communities.

- [Drywall Support Program](#)

The DSP is a relief program for Western Canadian drywall contractors and builders, and residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo whose homes were severely damaged or destroyed in the May 2016 wildfires.

- [Strategic Partnerships Initiative \(SPI\)](#)

The SPI is an innovative program designed to increase Indigenous participation in complex economic development opportunities. SPI is administered by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, with WD providing an active role with 13 other federal departments in investment decision-making and implementation of projects under the program.

# Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

- [Atlantic Innovation Fund](#)

The AIF helps businesses, universities, colleges and research institutions to develop and bring to market new products or services, adapt technology to meet business and market needs, and partner with other firms and researchers to achieve commercialization success.

- [Business Development Program](#)

The BDP helps businesses pursue smaller scale product development projects, and also helps them acquire the skills and technology they need to bring products to market, meet customer needs and become more competitive.

## Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

- [Quebec Economic Development Program](#)

The Quebec Economic Development Program (QEDP) helps support entrepreneurship, business performance, regional mobilization and investment in the regions while providing support for economic activity in Quebec communities on an ad hoc basis to stabilize or strengthen their economies.

- [Community Futures Program](#)

The Community Futures Program (CFP) supports local economic development and strengthens the ability of communities to achieve their full potential in a sustainable way.

- [Infrastructure Programs](#)

Infrastructure programs help to achieve a stronger economy, a cleaner environment and more prosperous, safer communities.

# Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

- [The Inuit Learning and Development Project](#)
- [Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining \(CNIM\)](#)
- [Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program \(CIP 150\)](#)
- [Economic Development Initiative \(EDI\)](#)
- [Northern Aboriginal Economic Opportunities Program \(NAEOP\)](#)
- [Northern Adult Basic Education Program \(NPMO\)](#)
- [Strategic Partnership Initiative \(SPI\)](#)
- [Strategic Investments Northern Economic Development \(SINED\)](#)
- [Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program \(CIP 150\)](#)
- [Community Readiness and Opportunities Planning \(CROP\)](#)
- [Entrepreneurship and Business Development \(EBD\)](#)

## Federal Economic Development Initiative of Northern Ontario

- [Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario](#)
- [Business Growth and Competitiveness Priority](#)
- [Innovation Priority](#)
- [Economic Development Initiative](#)
- [Youth Internship Initiative](#)
- [Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program](#)