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Financing Backgrounder

Canada Small Business Financing Program

Over the past 10 years, small businesses have received over 53,000 CSBFP loans totalling more than \$11 billion dollars. The maximum loan amount for a borrower (and related borrower) has been increased from \$1 to \$1.15 million in 2022.

- Eligibility
 - Small businesses or start-ups operating in Canada, with gross annual revenues of \$10 million or less.
- Available financing
 - The maximum loan amount for a borrower is \$1.15 million.

Business Development Canada (BDC) Financing

Small Business Loan: get fast approval, with up to \$100K in less than 10 days or up to \$350K with tailored support. Use funds to hire staff, buy inventory, launch projects or expand your business.

Support for diverse and inclusive entrepreneurship

Access funding, mentorship and tailored support programs designed to help diverse entrepreneurs start, grow and scale their businesses.

2SLGBTQI+ Entrepreneurship Program

Targeted support for 2SLGBTQI+ SMEs across Canada to start, scale and sustain a business, delivered through the organizations that work with and serve them.

Black Entrepreneurship Program

Supports Black entrepreneurs through Black-led organizations and financial institutions offering funding and mentorship to help with business growth.

Indigenous Business Development

Explore opportunities and funding that empower Indigenous entrepreneurs to start and grow successful businesses.

Women Entrepreneurship Strategy

Supports women entrepreneurs through organizations offering funding, mentorship, training and growth opportunities.

Resources for Established Businesses

Harness AI, innovation and technology to grow your business

Accelerate your business with cutting-edge tools, R&D funding and networks to drive growth and help you compete in today's economy.

- [Artificial intelligence ecosystem](#)
Resources for AI-driven businesses and R&D.
- [CAN Health Network](#)
A platform for Canadians to lead the new health care economy
 - 705.4M+ Revenue Generated
 - 2,416 Jobs created
- [Innovative Solutions Canada](#)
Funding to develop new innovations and test cutting-edge prototypes in real-life settings.
- [Innovation Advisors](#)
One-on-one guidance on funding, R&D and commercialization.
- [Global Innovation Clusters](#)
Support for AI adoption, scale-up and commercialization, as well as other resources.

Find regionally tailored business support

[Canada's regional development agencies](#) offer programs, funding and advisory services to help businesses and communities grow and create jobs across Canada. The regional development agencies also run the Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI) to support businesses affected by tariffs and strengthen supply chains.

Resources for New Businesses

Expert help to launch and safeguard your business

Access support tools, resources and expert guidance to help you register, manage and protect your business.

- [Corporations Canada](#)
Incorporate, file annual returns, and more.
- [Compliance Hub](#)
Access clear guidance, tools and training to help you understand the laws governing businesses and build effective compliance programs.

- [Canada's anti-spam legislation](#)
Protect your business from cyber threats and ensure compliance in your marketing and communications.
- [Canadian Intellectual Property Office](#)
Protect your ideas and brand with support from CIPO to understand and manage patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Federal Apps/Software available for SME Support

Canada Business App - Access programs, grants and support in one place

BizPaL – Search engine instantly finds the permits and licences your business needs

Business Benefits Finder – get a tailored list of funding options, advice and other support programs to match your business needs

Policy Implementation

Through Budget 2025, the government proposes to do the following:

- Provide **\$79.9 million** over five years, starting in 2026–2027, to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada to support the previously announced Small and Medium Business Procurement Program. The implementation of the Buy Canadian Policy, coupled with this support, will spur domestic demand and create opportunities for economic growth in areas of strategic interest to the country. **This will ensure that Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can access federal contracts and compete on a level playing field.**
- **Buy Canadian Policy:** Effective late 2025, this policy requires federal departments and Crown corporations to prioritize Canadian suppliers, particularly in construction and defence, ensuring up to \$70 billion in public investment supports Canadian-made products.