



Aboriginal Business

BUSINESS LOANS, GUARANTEES AND GRANTS

Aboriginal Arts – Grant Programs

The Aboriginal Arts Office is committed to ensuring that the Canada Council's services and programs best meet the needs of Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Métis arts communities. There are a broad range of grants and services offered to professional Canadian artists and arts organizations.

Contact: Aboriginal Arts – Grant Programs
Canada Council for the Arts
Toll free: 1-800-263-5588
Website: www.canadacouncil.ca/en/aboriginal-arts-office/find-grants-and-prizes

BDC Aboriginal Banking

BDC Aboriginal Banking offers customized, long-term and flexible solutions specially designed for Aboriginal entrepreneurs. BDC is also involved in activities and initiatives that may be useful for Aboriginal entrepreneurs.

Contact: Aboriginal Banking
Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)
Toll free: 1-877-232-2269
Website: www.bdc.ca

Business Contribution Fund

The Business Contribution Fund (BCF) provides non-repayable contributions to eligible Aboriginal businesses in Manitoba which may be used towards the start-up, expansion or acquisition of a viable business.

Contact: First Nations Applicants:
See First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc.

Métis, Non-Status Indian Ancestry, Inuit Applicants:
See Louis Riel Capital Corporation

Communities Economic Development Fund

The Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) is designed to provide Aboriginal people with financial assistance to start or expand small to medium-sized businesses in northern Manitoba or below the 21st township boundary in conjunction with federal assistance. CEDF is a provincial Crown Corporation.

Contact: Communities Economic Development Fund
15 Moak Cres.
Thompson MB R8N 2B8
Phone: 204-778-4138
Toll free: 1-800-561-4315
Fax: 204-778-4315
Website: www.cedf.mb.ca

Community Futures Program

There are 16 Community Futures organizations (CFs) established throughout rural and northern Manitoba. The goal of each CF is to assist the communities in their region to develop their economic potential by providing business loans up to \$150,000 and assisting with business and community development.

Contact: Community Futures Program
Toll free: 1-888-303-2232
Website: www.cfmanitoba.ca

First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc.

First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc. (FPEGF) offers a variety of financial programs and support to new and existing Manitoba First Nations entrepreneurs and First Nations based enterprises. Also see *Business Contribution Fund*.

Contact: First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc.
315-260 St. Mary Ave
Winnipeg MB R3C 0M6
Phone: 204-942-6026
Toll free: 1-888-942-6026
Email: info@firstpeoplesfund.ca
Website: www.firstpeoplesfund.ca

Louis Riel Capital Corporation

Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC) finances the start-up, acquisition and/or expansion of viable Métis and Non-Status Indian controlled small businesses based in Manitoba. Also see *Business Contribution Fund*.

Contact: Louis Riel Capital Corporation
340-150 Henry Ave.
Winnipeg MB R3B 0J7
Phone: 204-589-0772
Toll free: 1-800-387-6004
Fax: 204-589-0791
Email: info@lrcc.Manitoba.ca
Website: www.lrcc.mb.ca

Metis Economic Development Fund

Metis Economic Development Fund (MEDF) stimulates the economic development activities of the Métis people of Manitoba by providing equity and capital for Métis-controlled businesses. The fund will provide up to \$500,000 in equity and capital support to Manitoba Métis owned and controlled incorporated enterprises.

Contact: Metis Economic Development Fund
340-150 Henry Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3B 0J7
Phone: 204-589-0772
Toll free: 1-800-387-6004
Fax: 204-589-0791
Email: info@medf.ca
Website: www.medf.ca

Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corporation

Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corporation (TWCC) provides loans for the establishment, expansion or diversification of self-sustaining Aboriginal businesses in Manitoba.

Contact: Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corporation
419 Notre Dame Ave
Winnipeg MB R3B 1R3
Phone: 204-943-0888
Toll free: 1-800-568-8488
Email: info@twcc.manitoba.ca
Website: www.twcc.ca

BUSINESS SERVICES

Aboriginal Business Service Network

Aboriginal Business Service Network (ABSN) is committed to providing the Aboriginal business community with a wide range of information on government services, programs and regulations that are relevant, up-to-date and accurate. ABSN also sponsors an annual Business Plan Competition where winners receive \$5,000 towards starting their business.

Contact: Aboriginal Business Service Network (ABSN)
Community Futures Manitoba
Phone: 204-944-8438
Email: dsmith@cfmanitoba.ca
Website: www.cfmanitoba.ca/absn

Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative

The Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative (AWPI) is a national initiative designed to help employers recruit, retain and promote Aboriginal employees. The toolkit is designed to provide quick access to information geared to Aboriginal employment.

Contact: Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative (AWPI)
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
Phone: 204-983-4928
Website: www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033796/1100100033797

Aboriginal Youth Mean Business!

This program supports Aboriginal youth in Manitoba who have started or plan to start their own business by sponsoring information exchanges, providing youth mentorship opportunities and supporting Aboriginal youth business awards and recognition events.

Contact: Aboriginal Youth Mean Business! (AYMB)
Phone: 204-945-0447
Toll free: 1-800-282-8069
Email: shaun.hampton@gov.mb.ca
Website: www.ayManitoba.ca

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) programs and services support Aboriginal business entrepreneurs through the stages of education (financial support for high school and post-secondary students); business development (mentorship with seasoned professionals); and leadership (recognition of lifetime achievers).

Contact: Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
Phone: 416-961-8663
Email: info@ccab.com
Website: www.ccab.com

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

CESO

CESO is a national non-profit that provides services in the areas of strategic planning, business development, accounting and finance, organizational development, community development, governance, and production and operations.

Contact: CESO
Toll Free: 1-800-268-9052
Email: swatson@ceso-saco.com
Website: www.ceso-saco.com/What-We-Do/Service-areas

CIDA's Aboriginal Procurement Strategy

CIDA's Aboriginal Procurement Strategy (CAPS) is aimed at promoting Aboriginal business development through the procurement process at CIDA. Aboriginal suppliers wishing to be included in the CIDA bidding process must first make sure to register in the *Aboriginal Business Directory* maintained by the Industry Canada: www.ic.gc.ca/app/ccc/sld/cmpny.do?tag=248&profileId=381&lang=eng.

Contact: CIDA's Aboriginal Procurement Strategy (CAPS)
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
Toll free: 1-800-230-6349
Website: www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/acdi-cida.nsf/eng/REN-218124638-P5F

Native Investment and Trade Association

Native Investment and Trade Association (NITA) is an Aboriginal non-profit association dedicated to encouraging Aboriginal self-reliance by promoting participation in mainstream enterprise. NITA's main activities are producing Aboriginal conferences, trade shows and business events across the nation.

Contact: Native Investment and Trade Association
Toll free: 1-800-337-7743
Website: www.native-invest-trade.com

Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business

This program helps Aboriginal firms become more involved in bidding on government contracting opportunities. Aboriginal businesses should register their firms with the online *Supplier Registration Information Service* or contact the information line at 1-800-811-1148.

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/for-businesses/selling-to-the-government-of-canada/register-as-a-supplier>

Contact: Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB)
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
Toll free: 1-800-400-7677
Email: saea-psab@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca
Website: www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032802/1100100032803

Uniquely Manitoba – Aboriginal Artist's Business Development Program

The Aboriginal Artist's Business Development Program is designed to assist Aboriginal artisans, crafters and specialty food producers by providing them with the business development skills necessary to become their own business owner.

Contact: Aboriginal Artist's Business Development Program
Uniquely Manitoba
Phone: 204-261-5373
Email: ddolinski@nlis.ca
Website: www.uniquelymanitoba.ca

TAXATION

Tax Information for Aboriginal Peoples

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) provides information to Aboriginal entrepreneurs regarding the tax benefits and requirements that apply to them. Aboriginal people are subject to the same tax rules as other Canadian residents unless their income is eligible for the tax exemption under section 87 of the *Indian Act*.

Contact: Tax Information for Aboriginal Peoples
Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
Toll free: 1-800-959-5525
Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/aboriginalpeoples