

SUPPORT FOR FORESTRY WORKERS, COMMUNITIES & BUSINESSES



Forestry Workers & Contractors

- ✓ Training, reskilling, and career transition supports
 - [B.C. Employer Training Grant](#): Provides funding to impacted self-employed workers and contractors for skills training to pivot their businesses.
 - [Forestry Service Providers Compensation Fund](#): Provide relief to Contractors that provided Forestry Services and were not paid for those services.
 - [Wildfire Reduction Equipment Reimbursement \(WREST\)](#): Decrease the risk of fire in British Columbia Forests by assisting Eligible Persons in the acquisition of Specified Equipment that will be used in forestry operations in British Columbia.
 - [WorkBC.ca](#): Responds to inquiries and connects employers and job seekers with the information they need to access provincial labour market programs and resources. For example:
 - [Find Your Path](#): offers personalized, interactive education & career planning tool
 - [Job Board](#): connects employers with job seekers
 - [Explore Careers](#): has tools and resources to help with your career path
 - [StrongerBC future skills grant](#): covers up to \$3,500 for eligible short-term skills training at public post secondary institutions
 - [SkilledTradesBC pre-apprenticeship trades training](#): delivers trades training and employment programs through community service providers, training providers and Indigenous communities.



Forestry Businesses & Employers

- ✓ Support to modernize, grow, and retain talent
 - [B.C. Employer Training Grant](#): Provides funding to impacted self-employed workers and contractors for skills training to pivot their businesses.
 - [Employer Resources | WorkBC](#) Learn how to grow your business and discover resources to help you hire, train, support and keep employees.
 - [Resources for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs](#): Find resources to start, manage and grow your small business in British Columbia
 - [Tax Credit for Manufacturing Investment](#): Up to 15% tax credit on expenditures incurred March 31st 2026 to April 1st 2036, to acquire new buildings, machinery and equipment.
 - [First Nations Equity Financing Program](#): Provides loan guarantees that support First Nations to secure equity ownership in revenue-generating projects, creating long-term economic benefits for First Nations and supporting economic growth in British Columbia.
 - [Northern Development Initiative Trust \(NDIT\) Funding Programs](#): Offers a range of funding programs suited to a diverse set of economic development priorities in central and northern British Columbia.
 - [Canada-BC Workforce Tarriff Response Fund](#): Supports projects advancing labour market attachment, workforce adjustment and skills development, particularly in regions and sectors experiencing economic disruption.
 - [Clean Energy Innovation](#): Supports the development and deployment of B.C.-based innovative clean energy technology solutions.



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Forestry Communities

- ✓ Economic resilience, workforce transition, and development
 - [Community Workforce Response Grant \(CWRG\)](#): Addresses urgent workforce challenges by providing funding to communities and sectors for cohort-based, short-term (less than 52 weeks) in-demand occupational skills training.
 - [Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program \(REDIP\)](#): Supports rural economic development projects that promote economic capacity building, economic diversification, resilience, clean economy opportunities and infrastructure development.
 - [Strategic Initiatives Fund \(NDIT\)](#): A proposal-based program that provides grant funding for strategic projects that are large in scale, regional in impact, enhance a community or multiple communities' ability to overcome economic challenges.
 - [B.C. Assembly of First Nations \(BCAFN\)](#): Works with First Nations to provide them with the tools and information they need to build successful, sustainable plans for economic development.
 - [Economic Development Funding & Grants](#): Find financial support for your economic development initiatives by easily searching our database
 - [Economic Development Staff](#): Provides free and accessible economic development services to local governments, Indigenous communities, businesses, and economic development agencies throughout the province.
 - [Community Transition Services](#): Provides on-the-ground supports after an economic disruption such as a mill closure. The team coordinates with ministries and organizations to ensure supports are in place for individuals and communities.
 - [Community Futures](#): provide business, financial, and community development services in rural and remote B.C. communities. CFBC's services are available provincially and our member offices provide services at a regional or community level.

SUPPORT FOR FOREST SECTOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

Liquidity Support

- ✓ Financial support for mills and wood-product companies to manage cash flow pressure caused by softwood lumber duties, market volatility or tariff-related costs.
- **Loan Guarantees**
 - [Business Development Bank of Canada](#): Dedicated to supporting Canadian entrepreneurs, specifically small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) through financing, capital and advisory services.
 - [Pivot to Grow Loan](#): Loans for small and medium-sized companies facing uncertain export markets.
- **Direct Loans and Credit Facilities**
 - [Large Enterprise Tariff Loan Facility](#): Financing support for large Canadian enterprises affected by actual and potential new tariffs and countermeasures.
- **Export and Trade Financing**
 - [Trade Impact Program](#): Capital guarantees, trade credit insurance, and foreign exchange risk protection for export-focused companies.
 - [Trade Commissioners Service](#): Access international markets with our help. Start your journey today and expand your business with our export advisory services, funding, accelerator programs, and tailored support at trade events.
 - [CanExport](#): Offers grants to Canadian organizations to assist them in establishing and formalizing new collaborative research and development (R&D) partnerships with foreign partners.

Transformation and Market Diversification Support

- ✓ Funding for businesses to innovate, diversify products and grow in new markets.
- **Capital Investments and Construction**
 - [Strategic Response Fund](#): Supports large-scale transformative projects that build economic resilience, strengthen supply chains and protect jobs.
 - [Business Scale Up and Productivity in BC](#): Invests in high-growth businesses in B.C. that are scaling and developing innovative goods, services or technologies. It focuses on both established and emerging sectors to enhance B.C.'s leadership in priority areas.
- **Research**
 - [Scientific Research and Experimental Development \(SR&ED\) tax incentives](#): intended to encourage businesses to conduct research and development in Canada.
 - [Mitacs](#): Builds cooperative partnerships that link expertise in post-secondary institutions to needs in industry and society.
- **Market Diversification and Growth**
 - [Regional Tariff Response Initiative](#): Financial support for small and medium-sized forest sector companies affected by U.S. tariffs.
 - [Export Diversification Support](#): Insights, resources and opportunities to help you diversify your exports from the Trade Commissioner Service.
- **Indigenous Leadership**
 - [Indigenous Forestry Initiative \(IFI\)](#): Supports greater Indigenous leadership, participation and business development in the forest sector.

Worker Support

- ✓ Programs that provide training, income support and resources for affected workers and communities.
- **Upskilling and reskilling**
 - [Labour Market Agreements](#): Investment with provinces and territories supporting workers and employers with skills training.
 - [Skills and employment training for Indigenous people](#): Skill development and job training through Indigenous service organizations.
- **Income and employment stability**
 - [EI Work-Sharing Program](#): Measures for employers experiencing a temporary reduction in business.

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