

SUPPORT FOR FORESTRY WORKERS, COMMUNITIES & BUSINESSES



FOR 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.
- [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:
 - [WorkBC Centres | WorkBC](#): has local employment services including job search resources, skills assessment, training, work experience placement and online services
 - [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.



FOR Businesses & Employers

- ✓ Support to modernize, grow, and retain talent
- [BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund](#): Helps manufacturing companies modernize, innovate, and grow by providing funding for capital projects in all regions in B.C., particularly in communities affected by economic impacts or downturns.
- [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
- [Value Added Accelerators](#): Advice for value-added manufacturers in their respective regions.
- [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 for manufacturing and processing operations.
- [WREST](#): Wildfire Reduction Equipment Reimbursement



FOR 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, to support unemployed or precariously employed individuals in securing sustainable employment.
- [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.
- [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
- [Specialized Government Staff](#): Provides free and accessible economic development services to local governments, Indigenous communities, businesses, and economic development agencies throughout the province. They assist communities in planning and implementing economic development priorities.
- [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.



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**
 - [Softwood Lumber Guarantee Program](#): Loan guarantees for softwood lumber mills and manufacturers subject to U.S. softwood lumber duties
- **Direct Loans and Credit Facilities**
 - [Pivot to Grow Loan](#): Loans for small and medium-sized companies facing uncertain export markets
 - [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



Transformation And Market Diversification Support

- ✓ Funding for businesses to innovate, diversify products and grow in new markets.
- **Research and Development**
 - [Forest Innovation Program](#): Funds pre-commercial R&D to accelerate the development of products, processes and to support market penetration
- **Capital Investments and Construction**
 - [Investments in Forest Industry Transformation Program \(IFIT\)](#): Funds capital investments for the adoption of innovative processes and value-added forest sector products
 - [Green Construction through Wood](#): Promotes wood-based building systems and products through demonstration projects, capacity building and standards
 - [Strategic Response Fund](#): Supports large-scale transformative projects that build economic resilience, strengthen supply chains and protect jobs
- **Market Diversification and Growth**
 - [Global Forest Leadership Program](#): Supports forest sector international market diversification including market access through engagement and partnerships
 - [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

For more information, visit the Government of Canada single-window pathfinding service

<https://natural-resources.canada.ca/forest-forestry/forest-industry-trade/support-forest-sector-employers-workers>

