

# RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC SUPPORTS AVAILABLE DURING COVID-19



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## Important to know:

### Income Tax

Many of Canada's supports for individuals require that you have filed your income tax return for the previous year(s). If you have never filed a tax return with the Canada Revenue Agency, call 1.800.959.8281 for assistance.

### Sign Up for Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) MyAccount

The CRA's [MyAccount](#) for individuals is a secure portal that lets you view your personal income tax and benefits and manage your taxes online.

### Expired Status Cards

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) says expired status cards remain valid during the pandemic, stating service providers should accept status cards or Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents, with a secondary piece of ID, until ISC offices reopen to the public. For further information, go to [Indigenous Services Canada](#).

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New resources and major updates are highlighted in Sage Green.

This document provides information on some of the economic support services and other resources available during the COVID-19 pandemic. This list is not exhaustive; to suggest additions or revisions to this list, email [julien.braun@haidanation.com](mailto:julien.braun@haidanation.com)

# LOCAL RESOURCES & SUPPORTS

<p><b>Food Banks and Grocery Supports</b></p>	<p><b>Greater Masset Food Bank</b> Food for community members in <i>Gaw Tlagee Old Massett</i>, Masset and Gamadiis <i>Port Clements</i>.</p> <p><b>Islands Wellness Society</b> Food for community members in Daajing Giids <i>Queen Charlotte</i> and HIGaagilda <i>Skidegate</i>.</p> <p><b>BC Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)</b> Support for families with food costs. For information on MCFD's other supports, see page 6 of this document.</p> <p><b>Cedarview Community Church</b> Food and gas vouchers, and temporary financial assistance; direction for government supports.</p>	<p><a href="#">Greater Masset Food Bank</a> <i>Gaw Tlagee Old Massett</i> Chris Horner 250.626.7517</p> <p><a href="#">Islands Wellness Society</a> <i>Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte</i> 250.637.1500 or 250.559.4100</p> <p><b>MCFD</b> <i>Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte</i> Patricia Manning 250.626.9559</p> <p><a href="#">Cedarview Community Church</a> <i>Gamadiis Port Clements</i> Pastor Wes Harder 250.983.6763 <a href="#">Cedarview Coronavirus Financial Assistance</a></p>
<p><b>Gwaii Trust Society</b></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant</b> An open-intake fund supporting local governments, non-profit organizations, health authorities and emergency services providers.</p>	<p><a href="http://gwaitrust.com">gwaitrust.com</a> <i>HIGaagilda Skidegate</i> 250.559.8883 <i>Gaw Tlagee Old Massett</i> 250.626.3654</p> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant</a></p>
<p><b>Haida Gwaii Community Futures</b></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Small Business Navigator</b> Zoom Monthly meetings, to be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am. Provides an open discussion on local business topics affected by COVID-19.</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:gm@haidagwaiifutures.ca">gm@haidagwaiifutures.ca</a> to sign up for notifications.</p> <p><b>Business Support, Advice and Financing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Support for COVID Affected Businesses</b> - available for client and non-client Island businesses.</li> <li>• <b>Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)</b> <i>**Applicants encouraged to apply by end of August as funds are limited**</i></li> </ul> <p>Provides eligible small- and medium-sized enterprises with an interest-free repayable contribution up to \$40,000. The 'Community Futures Stream' of the RRRF is open to rural businesses, including both sole proprietor and incorporated companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indigenous Business Stabilization Program</b> Eligible businesses can apply for an interest-free loan of up to \$40,000, comprised of a 75% repayable and a maximum of 25% as a non-repayable contribution.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://haidagwaiifutures.ca">haidagwaiifutures.ca</a> <i>Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte</i> 250.637.1744</p> <p><i>Masset</i> 250.626.5594</p> <p><b>Indigenous Business Development Services</b> 778.227.5923 <a href="mailto:IBDS@haidagwaiifutures.ca">IBDS@haidagwaiifutures.ca</a></p> <p><b>Business Development Officer</b> 250.891.2221 <a href="mailto:business@haidagwaiifutures.ca">business@haidagwaiifutures.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">Haida Gwaii Community Futures Facebook page</a></p> <p><a href="#">RRRF Community Futures Stream</a></p> <p><a href="#">Haida Gwaii Community Futures RRRF Application Portal</a></p>

<p><b>Hecate Strait Employment Development Society &amp; WorkBC</b></p>	<p><b>Hecate Strait Development Society</b> provides services such as assistance applying for EI or COVID-19 economic supports (i.e., CERB), job search resources, training, etc.</p> <p><b>WorkBC</b> is delivered out of the Hecate Strait Development Society office. WorkBC provides a number of services and programs to support the local job force, including:</p> <p><b>Support for Individuals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help finding jobs and exploring careers</li> <li>• Job skills development</li> <li>• Training and education</li> </ul> <p><b>Wage Subsidy Program</b> A Wage Subsidy service providing funding to eligible employers as an incentive to hire and provide work experiences to WorkBC clients.</p> <p><b>Community Workforce Response Grant Program</b> Provides funding for governments, communities and sectors to support in-demand skills training leading to secure and sustainable employment for unemployed or underemployed (part-time, seasonal or casual) workers. There are five funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerging Priorities</li> <li>• Indigenous Communities</li> <li>• Workforce Shortages</li> <li>• Community Response</li> <li>• Youth Community Partnership.</li> </ul> <p>Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, industry sector associations, chamber of commerce, etc. depending on the funding stream.</p> <p><b>Employer Training Grant Program</b> The goal of this program is to help employees access the skills training needed to adapt to the changing requirements of jobs and the labour market while encouraging employer involvement in the training of employees. Eligible Employers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All private and non-profit employers</li> <li>• Self-employed (including contractors)</li> <li>• Indigenous governments</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://hseds.ca">hseds.ca</a> Daajing Giids <i>Queen Charlotte</i> 250.559.0049</p> <p>Masset 250.626.3236</p> <p><a href="#">WorkBC Community Workforce Response Grant Streams</a></p> <p><a href="#">WorkBC Employer Training Grant Streams</a></p>
<p><b>ICBC</b></p>	<p>Deferral of monthly auto-plan payments up to 90 days without penalty.</p>	<p><a href="http://icbc.com">icbc.com</a> 1.800.665.6442</p> <p><a href="#">ICBC Payment Plan Deferral Request</a></p>

<p>Misty Isles Economic Development Society (MIEDS)</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Economic Response</b>  MIEDS works with local economic development organizations to address the economic impacts of COVID-19 and has begun publishing a bi-weekly newsletter to keep businesses and others informed of economic program deadlines, events, and resources.</p> <p><b>Love Haida Gwaii</b>  MIEDS operates the Haida Gwaii Business directory of Love Haida Gwaii through a partnership with NDIT. To create a Love Haida Gwaii profile or make updates to your current profile around COVID 19 hours or availability contact, please email the office.</p> <p><b>Tourism Marketing</b>  MIEDS supports local businesses with tourism marketing products and services. Watch for updates on COVID relief for marketing and new localized plans in the Economic Response newsletter.</p> <p><b>Grant Writing</b>  MIEDS offers free grant-writing for local non-profits.</p>	<p><a href="http://mieds.ca">mieds.ca</a>  Daajing Giids <i>Queen Charlotte</i>  250.559.8050  <a href="mailto:admin@mieds.ca">admin@mieds.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sign up for MIEDS Economic Development Newsletter</a></p> <p><a href="http://lovehaidagwaii.ca">lovehaidagwaii.ca</a></p>
<p>Northern Savings Credit Union (NSCU)</p>	<p><b>Payment Deferral Program</b>  Available for members with mortgages and other loans for a term of up to six months on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p><b>Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)</b>  Your business can apply for a CEBA loan through Northern Savings (see link at right). For more information on CEBA, see page 10.</p>	<p><a href="http://northsave.com">northsave.com</a>  Daajing Giids <i>Queen Charlotte</i>  250.559.4407</p> <p>Masset  250.626.5231</p> <p><a href="#">NSCU COVID 19 Financial Assistance</a></p> <p><a href="#">Apply for CEBA through Northern Savings Credit Union</a></p>
<p>Social Development Programs: HIGaagilda Skidegate and Gaw Tlagee Old Massett</p>	<p>The Skidegate Band Council (SBC) and Old Massett Village Council (OMVC) Social Development Programs primarily provide income assistance and related programs and services to their respective members.</p>	<p>SBC Social Development  Ruth Gladstone-Davies  250.559.4496  <a href="mailto:sdfaw@skidegate.ca">sdfaw@skidegate.ca</a>  <a href="http://skidegate.ca">skidegate.ca</a></p> <p>OMVC Social Development  Laverne Bell  250.626.3343  <a href="mailto:omvcsodev@oldmassett.ca">omvcsodev@oldmassett.ca</a>  <a href="http://oldmassettvillagecouncil.com">oldmassettvillagecouncil.com</a></p>
<p>Village of Queen Charlotte</p>	<p><b>Business Façade 2020</b>  This \$2,000 grant has been updated to support local businesses in adding interior and exterior improvements that follow WorkSafe BC COVID-19 operational requirements.</p>	<p><a href="http://queencharlotte.ca">queencharlotte.ca</a>  250.559.4765  <a href="mailto:office@queencharlotte.ca">office@queencharlotte.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">VOC Business Facade 2020</a></p>

# INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

<p>Find the Support you Need:</p> <p>Supports &amp; Resources for Individuals</p>	<p>The Canadian government has created an online aid to help you find financial help tailored to your needs. You'll be asked 7-10 questions, then a list of benefits will be provided that may help your situation. It will also have links for more information.</p>	<p><a href="#">COVID-19 Financial Supports tailored to your personal needs</a></p>
<p>BC Emergency Benefit for Workers</p>	<p>A one-time, tax-free payment of \$1,000 to BC residents receiving CERB (see page 7).</p>	<p><a href="#">BC Emergency Benefit for Workers</a></p>
<p>BC Employment Standards Branch:</p> <p>Extend a Temporary Layoff with a Variance</p>	<p><b>Employers and employees can apply together</b> to the Employment Standards Branch for a variance to extend a temporary layoff.</p> <p>This process is called a variance because it amends part of the Employment Standards Act. Variances allow work situations that don't strictly meet BC employment standards but follow their purposes, such as an extension to a temporary layoff.</p> <p><b>Layoffs with a Variance must be submitted to the province by August 25, 2020</b> however, employers are advised to apply as soon as possible. The first step is to survey your employees, a process to get underway immediately.</p>	<p><a href="#">BC Temporary Layoff with a Variance Extension</a></p>
<p>BC Hydro</p>	<p><b>Customer Crisis Fund</b> Grants available up to \$600 for eligible applicants.</p>	<p><a href="http://bchydro.com">bchydro.com</a> 1.800.BCHYDRO</p> <p><a href="#">Customer Crisis Fund</a></p>
<p>BC Income and Disability Assistance Supports</p>	<p>If you <i>are not receiving</i> Employment Insurance (EI) or the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB, see page 7) and are on: Income Assistance, Disability Assistance, Comforts Allowance or the BC Senior's Supplement, the automatic \$300 supplement on your cheques has been <b>extended through August</b>. Visit link for eligibility.</p>	<p><a href="#">BC Income and Disability Assistance Supports</a></p>
<p>BC Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)</p>	<p><b>Support for Children with Special Needs.</b> This fund has been extended to provide short-term Emergency Relief Support of \$225/month to eligible families from July 1 – Sept 30, 2020.</p> <p>Families of children and youth with special needs may request \$225/month, for up to 3 months depending on need. Emergency Relief Support funding can be used by families in a flexible manner that assists in alleviating caregiving demands and supports overall family wellbeing. There are no reconciliation requirements.</p>	<p><a href="#">BC MCFD Support for Children with Special Needs</a></p>

BC Temporary Child Care for Essential Workers	For essential service workers in need of childcare for children aged infant to 12 years old.	<a href="#">BC Temporary Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers</a>
BC Temporary Pandemic Pay	Supports eligible health, social services and corrections employees delivering in-person, frontline care during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes employees delivering a range of health and social services to people most vulnerable to COVID-19, where maintaining physical distancing is difficult or impossible. No application is required.	<a href="http://gov.bc.ca">gov.bc.ca</a>  <a href="#">BC COVID-19 Temporary Pandemic Pay</a>
BC Temporary Rental Supplement and Freeze on Evictions	Provides up to \$500 a month to help renters and landlords during the COVID-19 pandemic.  There is also a temporary freeze on evictions.	<a href="http://bchousing.org">bchousing.org</a> 778.452.2836 1.877.757.2577  <a href="#">Apply for Temporary Rental Supplement</a>
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	<p><b>CERB</b> If you have stopped working because of COVID-19, CERB may provide you with income support of \$500 a week. The length of this program <b>has been extended to 24 weeks</b>. Eligibility has been extended to include qualifying contract and seasonal workers.</p> <p>An online questionnaire (click “Apply for CERB”) will help direct you to the service option that best fits your situation (i.e. eligibility for Employment Insurance benefits or not).</p>	<p><a href="#">EI Benefits and Leave</a>  <a href="#">Apply for CERB</a></p> <p>If you have already applied to CERB and would like more information, phone 1.833.699.0299 or go to <a href="#">CERB</a></p> <p>For assistance applying to CERB or for EI, contact Hecate Strait Employment at:  <a href="http://hseds.ca">hseds.ca</a> Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte 250.559.0049  Masset 250.626.3236</p>
Canada Insured Mortgage Purchase Program	Providing stable funding to banks and mortgage lenders to ensure continued lending to Canadians.	<a href="#">Canada Insured Mortgage Purchase Program</a>
Canada Job Bank	Job Bank has a long history of helping Canadians look for work and plan their careers – even through uncertain times like these. Take full advantage of our wide range of proven tools to simplify your job search.	<a href="#">Canada Job Bank</a>
Canada Persons with Disabilities	Special one-time, tax free, non-reportable payment of \$600 to help persons with disabilities. Visit link on right for more information, including eligibility. <b>If you are eligible but never applied for the Disability Tax Credit, or your certificate expired in 2019, you must do so by September 25, 2020.</b>	<a href="#">INFO: One-time Payment for persons with Disabilities</a>  <a href="#">Disability Tax Credit</a>
Canada Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIF)	Reduction of minimum required withdrawal for all types of RRIF by 25% for 2020. Tax will only be withheld if the withdrawal is more than the unreduced minimum.	<a href="#">Canada RRIF</a>

<p>Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Income Tax and GST/HST supports</p>	<p>In response to COVID-19, the CRA has made changes to income tax payment dates</p>	<p><a href="https://canada.ca">canada.ca</a> 1.800.959.8281</p> <p><a href="#">Income Tax Filing and Payment Dates</a></p>
<p>Canada Wage Boost for Essential Workers</p>	<p>A temporary top up to the salaries of low-income essential workers that provinces deem essential in the fight against COVID-19.</p>	<p><a href="#">Canada Wage Boost for Essential Workers</a></p>
<p>DFO Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program</p>	<p>The Fish Harvester Benefit offers income support to eligible self-employed fish harvesters and sharepersons. The benefit covers up to 75% of income losses beyond a 25% threshold for the 2020 tax year when compared to 2018 or 2019. The maximum benefit is \$10,164.</p> <p>The Fish Harvester Grant is a non-repayable grant to eligible self-employed fish harvesters with a valid commercial fishing licence in 2020. The grant provides a maximum non-repayable support of up to \$10,000 dependent on the level of the fish harvesters' historic fishing revenue in 2018 or 2019.</p> <p>Application period is open August 24-Sept 21, 2020.</p>	<p><a href="#">DFO Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program - Info &amp; Eligibility</a></p>
<p>Futurpreneur Canada</p>	<p>Business support program for young entrepreneurs.</p>	<p><a href="https://futurpreneur.ca">futurpreneur.ca</a></p>
<p>Seniors Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Allowance Payments Extension</p>	<p>Temporary extension of GIS and Allowance payments if a senior's 2019 income information has not been assessed.</p> <p>To avoid an interruption in benefits, seniors are encouraged to submit their 2019 income information no later than October 1, 2020.</p>	<p><a href="#">Canada COVID-19 Economic Response Plan</a></p>



# POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

<p>BC Assembly of First Nations Aboriginal Emergency Financial Assistance Fund</p>	<p>Funding up to \$1,000 for eligible Indigenous students experiencing unforeseen or unexpected financial need. Located at Post-secondary facilities Province-wide.</p>	<p><a href="http://bcafn.ca">bcafn.ca</a></p>
<p>BC Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training</p>	<p>The Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund provides increased funding for the BC Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund for students. Contact the Financial Aid office at your post-secondary institution for more information.</p>	<p><a href="#">Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund</a></p>
<p>Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)</p>	<p>From May to August, eligible students will receive \$1,250/month or \$1,750/month for students with dependents or disabilities. <b>Apply by September 30, 2020.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">CESB</a> <a href="#">Support for Students and Recent Graduates Impacted by COVID-19</a></p>
<p>Canada Student Grants and Loans</p>	<p>Student grants and loans, scholarships, education savings, apprentice loans and grants.</p>	<p><a href="#">Canada Student Grants and Loans</a></p>
<p>Canada Student Service “I Want to Help” Grant</p>	<p>Helping students gain work experience and skills while helping their communities (volunteering) during the pandemic. Students doing national service and serving their communities can access up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall. Approach a local community non-profit to explore possibilities.</p>	<p><a href="#">About the Canada Student Service Grant</a> <a href="#">Find Service Opportunities</a></p>
<p>National Student Loan Service Centre (NSLSC)</p>	<p>As of March 30, 2020, loan payments and interest charges have been automatically frozen for six months. On August 1, 2020 Canada Student Loan grants will increase weekly amount for loans from \$210 to \$350.</p>	<p><a href="http://nslsc.canada.ca">nslsc.canada.ca</a></p>
<p>Student Aid BC</p>	<p>Loans and other financial supports for students. <b>NEW: BC Access Grant</b> will help more than 40,000 low- and middle-income students access, afford and complete public post-secondary education and training each year in BC. The grant is needs-based, upfront and available to eligible students each year.</p>	<p><a href="http://studentaidbc.ca">studentaidbc.ca</a></p>

# BUSINESSES & NON-PROFITS

<p>Find the Support you Need: Supports &amp; Resources for Businesses</p>	<p>The Canadian government has created an online aid to help business find COVID-19 support and other programs and services tailored to their needs.</p>	<p><a href="#">Search Financial Supports tailored to your business needs</a></p>
<p>BC Employment Standards Branch: Extend a Temporary Layoff with a Variance</p>	<p>Employers and employees can apply together to the Employment Standards Branch for a variance to extend a temporary layoff.</p> <p>This process is called a variance because it amends part of the Employment Standards Act. Variances allow work situations that don't strictly meet BC employment standards but follow their purposes, such as an extension to a temporary layoff.</p> <p><b>Layoffs with a Variance must be submitted to the province by August 25, 2020</b> however, employers are advised to apply as soon as possible. The first step is to survey your employees, a process to get underway immediately.</p>	<p><a href="#">BC Temporary Layoff with a Variance Extension</a></p>
<p>BC Ministry of Finance Tax Relief Measures</p>	<p>BC Ministry of Finance has made changes to provide tax relief. For updates visit link on right.</p>	<p><a href="#">Provincial Tax Updates</a></p>
<p>Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)</p>	<p>A Business Development Bank of Canada initiative created to provide options for accessing credit to support businesses through to a more stable time. Includes the Canada Emergency Business Account loan program (CEBA), see page 10.</p>	<p><a href="#">bdc.ca</a></p>
<p>Business Development Bank of Canada</p>	<p><b>Co-Lending Program</b> Financing for operational cash flow requirements available until September 30.</p>	<p>Apply through your primary financial institution.</p>
<p>Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)</p>	<p>Interest free loans up to \$40,000 for eligible small businesses and non-profits. Eligibility criteria has expanded to make this support more accessible. <b>The CEBA loan program expires August 31, 2020.</b></p> <p>If you are not eligible for CEBA, inquire about the RRRF program at Community Futures (page 3).</p>	<p><a href="#">ceba.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">Apply for CEBA through Northern Savings Credit Union</a></p>
<p>Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (CECRA)</p>	<p>CECRA provides a reduction in rent of approximately 75% for small businesses. The program will require 25% of the rent to be covered by the commercial tenant, 25% to be reduced by the landlord, and 50% will be covered by Canada and BC. <b>August now available.</b></p>	<p><b>CECRA for Small Businesses</b> 1.800.668.2642 <a href="mailto:covid@smallbusinessbc.ca">covid@smallbusinessbc.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">cmhc.gc.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">Apply for CECRA</a></p>

<p>Canada Emergency Wage Subsidies (CEWS) and Work-Sharing Program</p>	<p>Important changes have been made to CEWS, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program extended to November 21</li> <li>• Eligible employers who had <i>any</i> decrease in revenue now qualify for the wage subsidy, retroactive to July 5</li> <li>• Subsidy now varies depending on scenario</li> <li>• New online calculator to help employers calculate how much subsidy can be claimed under the new rules</li> </ul> <p><b>Canada Work-Sharing Program</b> Helps employers and employees avoid layoffs during a temporary decrease in business activity that is beyond the control of the employer. Program extended from 38 weeks to 76 weeks.</p>	<p><a href="#">About CEWS</a></p> <p><a href="#">CEWS Updates and Changes</a></p> <p><a href="#">CEWS Application Guide</a></p> <p><a href="#">CEWS Frequently Asked Questions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Canada Work-Sharing Program</a></p>
<p>Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)</p>	<p>Defer income tax payment dates.</p>	<p><a href="http://canada.ca">canada.ca</a> 1.800.959.8281</p> <p><a href="#">CRA Income Tax Filing &amp; Payment Dates</a></p>
<p>Canada Student Service “I Want to Help” Program</p>	<p>Help students gain work experience and skills while helping (volunteering) in their communities during the pandemic. Students serving their communities can access up to \$5,000 for their education.</p>	<p><a href="#">About the Canada Student Service Grant</a></p> <p><a href="#">Recruit Volunteers</a></p>
<p>CES Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Program</p>	<p>The CHN Incident Command’s Community Economic Support unit (CES) is launching an Island’s PPE program. Local businesses, non-profits and self-employed will soon be able to order WHO &amp; Canada-approved PPE for bulk prices. For more information contact Julien Braun.</p>	<p>CES PPE Program 250.559.4468 <a href="mailto:julien.braun@haidanation.com">julien.braun@haidanation.com</a></p>
<p>Futurpreneur Canada</p>	<p>Business support program for young entrepreneurs</p>	<p><a href="http://futurpreneur.ca">futurpreneur.ca</a></p>
<p>Go Digital Canada Program</p>	<p>Shopify and the Government of Canada have partnered to help you bring your business online. Run and grow your business with Shopify, the all-in-one commerce platform.</p>	<p><a href="#">Go Digital Canada Program</a></p>
<p>Innovation Canada</p>	<p>A program that helps match COVID-19 support and other programs and services with businesses, non-profits and individuals.</p>	<p><a href="#">Innovation Canada Support for Businesses</a></p>
<p>Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)</p>	<p><b>Small Business Recovery (SBR) Consulting Rebate</b> Provides a maximum 85% rebate off of contracted consulting rates, up to \$25,000. Projects must focus on ways to sustain businesses during the current economic downturn.</p> <p><b>Upcoming:</b> in partnership Small Business BC, free access to business webinars will be coming soon.</p>	<p><a href="http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca">northerndevelopment.bc.ca</a> 250.561.2525</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca">info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">SBR Consulting Rebate Application Guide</a></p> <p><a href="#">News: Free Business Webinars Coming Soon</a></p>

<p><b>Small Business BC</b></p>	<p>A one stop resource for businesses, including the <b>BC Business COVID-19 Support Service</b> to help small businesses navigate the impacts of COVID-19.</p> <p><b>Upcoming:</b> in partnership NDIT, free access to business webinars will be coming soon</p>	<p><a href="http://smallbusinessbc.ca">smallbusinessbc.ca</a> 1.800.667.2272</p> <p><a href="http://smallbusinessbc.ca">BC Business COVID-19 Support Service</a> 1.833.254.4357 <a href="mailto:covid@smallbusinessbc.ca">covid@smallbusinessbc.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">News: Free Business Webinars Coming Soon</a></p>
<p><b>Western Economic Diversification Canada Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)</b></p>	<p>Eligible small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can apply for an interest-free repayable contribution of up to \$40,000. The objective of this program is to assist western Canadian SMEs that do not qualify for the CEBA loan program (for more about CEBA see page 10).</p> <p>Rural businesses and sole proprietorship should apply to the RRRF 'Community Futures Stream' through Haida Gwaii Community Futures (page 3). <b>Applicants encouraged to apply by end of August as funds are limited.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">About RRRF</a></p>

# TOURISM

<p><b>BC Tourism Resiliency Network</b></p>	<p>Provides free business counselling (see <i>Northern BC Tourism Association Resiliency Program</i>, below) and other resources including business webinars providing free online learning from experts.</p>	<p><a href="http://tourismresiliency.ca">tourismresiliency.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">BC Tourism Resiliency Network Business Webinars</a></p>
<p><b>Destination BC</b></p>	<p>Useful resources including:</p> <p><b>The Road to Recovery Webinar Series</b> Webinar series designed for tourism businesses and organizations that have been impacted by COVID-19. Each webinar covers a subject related to the travel market, visitor experience, business operations, digital marketing and more. Check back as new subjects may be added regularly.</p> <p><b>Weekly COVID-19 Industry Calls</b> Join the call each Thursday to hear more about the federal, provincial, and organizational plans created/being created to support BC tourism.</p>	<p><a href="http://destinationbc.ca">destinationbc.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">Destination BC Road to Recovery Webinar Series</a></p> <p><a href="#">Destination BC COVID-19 Industry Calls</a></p> <p><a href="#">Destination BC Resources for Tourism Businesses</a></p>
<p><b>Destination Canada</b></p>	<p>Providing resources for tourism businesses and greater industry, including:</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Webinars</b> Regular webinars to provide approaches and share the most up to date information on federal and industry resources and other supports.</p>	<p><a href="http://destinationcanada.com">destinationcanada.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">Destination Canada COVID-19 Webinars</a></p>
<p><b>Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada</b></p>	<p>Providing resources for Indigenous tourism businesses and greater industry.</p>	<p><a href="http://indigenoustourism.ca">indigenoustourism.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">ITC COVID-19 Updates</a></p>
<p><b>Indigenous Tourism BC</b></p>	<p>Providing resources for Indigenous tourism businesses and greater industry.</p>	<p><a href="http://indigenoustrbc.com">indigenoustrbc.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">ITBC COVID-19 Information</a></p>
<p><b>Northern BC Tourism Association Resiliency Program</b></p>	<p>Northern BC tourism businesses can register for a <b>free business support program</b> that provides meaningful, hands-on guidance to weather the immediate impacts of COVID-19 while building lasting resiliency practices for our industry.</p>	<p><a href="http://travelnbc.com">travelnbc.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">Northern BC Tourism Resiliency Program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Northern BC Tourism Resiliency Program Registration</a></p>

# COMMUNITY & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

<p><b>Red Cross Canada Emergency Community Support Fund</b></p>	<p>Registered charities and non-profits can apply for funding to support activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respond to increased demand for vital goods and services as a result of COVID-19</li> <li>• adapt or realign existing service delivery and programming to a COVID-19 reality</li> <li>• deliver new vital services or programming as a result of new needs or losses arising as a result of COVID-19</li> <li>• recruit, engage and support volunteers to deliver services required to respond to COVID-19</li> <li>• support efforts to increase community awareness, information and education related to COVID-19</li> </ul> <p><b>Deadline August 31, 2020</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Apply to Red Cross</a></p>
<p><b>CES Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Program</b></p>	<p>The CHN Incident Command's Community Economic Support unit (CES) is launching an Island's PPE program. Local businesses, non-profits and self-employed will soon be able to order WHO &amp; Canada-approved PPE for bulk prices. For more information contact Julien Braun.</p>	<p><b>CES PPE Program</b> 250.559.4468 <a href="mailto:julien.braun@haidanation.com">julien.braun@haidanation.com</a></p>
<p><b>Food Programs Funding Opportunities</b></p>	<p>Northern Health has compiled an <b>extensive summary of food program funding opportunities</b>. If you are currently, or plan to start, providing food support to local community members, please review this list.</p>	<p><a href="#">Northern Health Summary of Food Program Funding Opportunities</a></p>

# LANGUAGE, ARTS & CULTURE

Arts BC	Resources for the arts sector.	<a href="http://artsbc.org">artsbc.org</a>
ArtReach	Resources for community-based art projects and youth, including a Grant Calendar.	<a href="http://artreach.org">artreach.org</a> <a href="#">ArtReach Grant Calendar</a>
BC Alliance for Arts + Culture	Wealth of resources for the arts and culture sector. Includes a grant calendar.	<a href="http://allianceforarts.com">allianceforarts.com</a> <a href="#">Funding Resources and Grant Calendar</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 Resources</a>
BC Arts Council	Grants for artists and arts organizations.	<a href="http://bcartscouncil.ca">bcartscouncil.ca</a>
Canada Council for the Arts (CCftA)	Digital Strategy Fund Emergency Support Grant provides up to \$50,000 for short-term activities. Applicants submitting requests up to \$50,000 can now apply anytime under all Digital Strategy Fund components, including for digital initiatives proposed as strategic responses to the COVID-19 crisis.	<a href="http://canadacouncil.ca">canadacouncil.ca</a> <a href="#">CCftA Digital Strategy Fund</a> <a href="#">Canada Council Grants</a> <a href="#">CCftA Grant Deadlines</a> <a href="#">Canada Council Creating, Knowing &amp; Sharing Grant program for Indigenous Artists and Arts Organizations</a>
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Community Cares Indigenous Emergency Response Fund	Originally a September deadline, the fund is now CLOSED due to number of applicants.	<a href="#">Community Cares Emergency Response Fund</a>
Creative BC	Resources for creative industries.	<a href="http://creativebc.com">creativebc.com</a>
Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation	Grants available for young artists pursuing their studies or are in the early or development stage of their career.	<a href="http://elizabethgreenshieldsfoundation.org">elizabethgreenshieldsfoundation.org</a>
FACTOR	The Artist Development Program \$2,000 toward one year of development activities including sound recording, touring and showcasing, video production, marketing and promotion. <b>Next deadline November 12, 2020</b>	<a href="http://factor.ca">factor.ca</a> <a href="#">FACTOR Artist Development Program</a>
First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC)	Grants Indigenous languages, arts and heritage.	<a href="http://fpcc.ca">fpcc.ca</a>

Go Digital Canada Program	Shopify and the Government of Canada have partnered to help you bring your business online. Run and grow your business with Shopify, the all-in-one commerce platform.	<a href="#">Go Digital Canada Program</a>
Gwaii Trust Society	Grants for individual artists and arts organizations.	<a href="http://gwaiitrust.com">gwaiitrust.com</a>
Unison Benevolent Fund	<b>Unison COVID-19 Relief Program</b> Fund provides \$1,000 in emergency support to eligible musicians and industry employees.	<a href="http://unisonfund.ca">unisonfund.ca</a> <a href="#">Unison COVID-19 Relief Program FAQ</a>
Writers' Trust of Canada	<b>Canadian Writers Emergency Relief Fund</b> A relief fund of \$1500/applicant to support eligible authors financially affected financially by COVID-19.	<a href="http://writerstrust.com">writerstrust.com</a> <a href="#">Canadian Writers Emergency Relief Fund</a>