

Potential Funding Sources 2014 - 2015

Federal:

Program	Agency	Funds Available / Link	Details
Aboriginal Business Development Program (ABDP)	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	Individual Aboriginal entrepreneurs may receive up to \$99,999 in funding assistance. For community-owned businesses, this assistance can vary. A successful application requires a balanced financial package, involving debt financing from other sources and a minimum of 10% cash equity. http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1375202816581	Business Development: Aboriginal entrepreneurs and communities can qualify for business development support.
Community Economic Development Program	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	National program funds will be allocated each year to INAC's regional offices. Regional offices will allocate their regional share of the national allocation. Detailed criteria for funds at: https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426/1100100033427	Planning/Business Development: Provides core financial support for First Nation and Inuit communities for public services in economic development. The financial support is intended for community economic development planning and capacity development initiatives, development of proposals and leveraging financial resources, and carrying out economic development activities.

Provincial (BC):

Program	Agency	Funds Available / Link	Details
Aboriginal Training for Employment Program	Ministry of Higher Education North Vancouver Island Aboriginal Training Society.	Case by case: http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/programs.htm	Job Training: Job development funding and funds for training programs.
Labor Market Solutions Program	Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation.	Case by case http://www.jtst.gov.bc.ca/sector-partnerships/labour-market-solutions-program.htm	Human Resource Planning: Funding may be provided to support the development and implementation of Human Resource Strategies.
First Citizens Fund	Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation	Business loans to \$75,000 http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/economic/fcf/	Aboriginal Economic Development: Support the cultural, educational and economic development of Aboriginal people in BC.
Emerging Sectors	Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC	http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/emerging-sectors/default.htm	Business Development: ES is open to all emerging sectors in the BC agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products industries and also includes those initiatives under the Agri-Food Futures Fund that have expired or run out of funding. When you submit an application for funding, your proposal will need to identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new business or growth opportunity; • the needs and strategies to capture that opportunity; • the major challenges and barriers;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the proposed activities will address these challenges and barriers; and • how this will benefit the agriculture industry and/or Canadians in general <p>Matching funds are needed in order to access some of their funding programs.</p>
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Provincial (Alberta):

Program	Agency	Funds Available / Link	Details
Aboriginal Economic Partnerships	Aboriginal Relations	Case by case http://www.aboriginal.alberta.ca/509.cfm	Aboriginal Economic Development: The Ministry of Aboriginal Relations works with Aboriginal communities, the federal government, industry and other stakeholders to promote social and economic opportunities to enhance the quality of life of Aboriginal people in Alberta.
Several programs listed on the link. Many agriculture specific, but some would include fish farming.	Agriculture and Rural Development	http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app52/programsservices	Business Development: The Ministry contributes to three of the government's four key opportunities: Unleashing Innovation, Competing in a Global Marketplace and Making Alberta the Best Place to Live, Work and Visit. The Department is responsible for the management of programs designed to facilitate the development of all components of the agriculture and food industry, to sustain the natural resource base of the industry and to encourage the development of rural communities.
Agri-Processing Product and Market Development	Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency Ltd.	Case by Case – see details http://www.alma.alberta.ca/Programs/BusinessandProductDevelopmentProgramGrowingForward/index.htm	The purpose of this program is to help meat processors, livestock producers and livestock producer groups invest in new and innovative ways of getting Alberta-made products into new markets, enabling Alberta's agri-industry to cultivate new customers and increase profitability. Under the Growing Forward 2 Agri-Processing Product and Market Development Program, successful applicants are eligible

			<p>for reimbursement of 50% of certain costs related to product and market development.</p> <p>Successful applicants are eligible for reimbursement of 50% of costs related to product development, market development (domestic and international), labeling, market research, business and marketing plans, and consulting or coaching fees for these activities.</p> <p>Applications must be received by ALMA or postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 and must have a Project completion date prior to March 31, 2018.</p>
Agri-Processing Automation and Efficiency Program	Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency Ltd. (ALMA)	http://www.alma.alberta.ca/Programs/AutomationandLeanManufacturingProgramGrowingForward/index.htm	Same as previous above under ALMA

Municipal (BC):

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Community Futures Island Coastal Region	Community Futures Development Corporations are not-for-profit, community-based organizations established in rural areas	<p>\$10,000 to \$150,000, business loans to grow the business.</p> <p>http://www.communityfutures.ca/small-business-help</p>	<p>Business Development: They offer small business owners financial help, business advice, mentoring and training specific to their economic challenges.</p>

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Canada's North:

Program	Agency	Funds Available / Link	Details
Northern Aboriginal Economic Opportunities Program (NAEOP)	Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency	http://www.cannor.gc.ca/eng/1385486556734/1385486648146	<p>NAEOP, which took effect on April 1, 2014, harmonizes CanNor's former four Aboriginal Economic Development programs: Community Economic Development Program, Community Support Services Program, Community Economic Opportunities Program, and Aboriginal Business Development Program.</p> <p>The program is delivered by the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) in Canada's three territories. CanNor works closely with Aboriginal governments and organizations to understand and address the economic development needs of Aboriginal groups in accordance with the Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development</p>
Aboriginal Business Development Program	Canada Business Network	http://canadabusiness.ca/eng/program/2070/sgc-61/	<p>Applies only to: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon</p> <p>If you are Aboriginal and live in the Canadian North, you could get up to \$99,999 to start or grow a business. You could also get business information and counselling.</p> <p>You need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to put in some of your own money • Have experience in the type of business for which you're seeking funding • Manage the business yourself

Entrepreneurship and Business Development (EBD)	Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency	Case by case: http://www.cannor.gc.ca/eng/1396123434848/1396123576050	<p>Applies only to: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon</p> <p>The goal of the EBD fund is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of sustainable Aboriginal businesses and provide a supportive business environment for Aboriginal people in the territories • Develop a culture of entrepreneurship within the Aboriginal community and to improve access by its members to economic opportunities • Improve access to funding for territorial Aboriginal businesses that have difficulty obtaining conventional commercial financing, and • Increase the participation and economic benefits for Aboriginal persons that come from resource development.
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Aboriginal Capital Corporations & Financial Institutions:

Program	Agency	Funds Available / Link	Details
Capacity: Direct Support	New Relationship Trust	\$25,000 one community \$50,000 for 3 communities in a joint project. http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding	Supports capacity building in for First Nations. Deadline has passed for this fiscal year. Await approval of 2015-2016 funds.
Island Coastal Economic Trust		Up to \$400,000 http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/	Business Development: Uses its funds to leverage partnerships, investments and opportunities for Island and Coastal communities, non profit societies, First Nations, and other organizations.
Farm Credit Canada		Credit agency for farm operations.	Provides loans for farming operations.

		https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en.html	
Vancouver Island Economic Alliance		http://www.viea.ca/about-viea/what-we-do/	<p>The Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA) is a collaborative partnership spearheading regional economic development for the Vancouver Island region. VIEA provides opportunities for communities, First Nations, businesses, and other key stakeholders to collaborate on broad-based economic development programs to improve the region's overall capacity for economic vitality.</p> <p>This regional alliance embraces all of Vancouver Island from Victoria to Port Hardy as well as the Northern and Southern Gulf Islands. Membership is open to anyone.</p>
Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC)		<p>Business Equity Program (BEP): The BEP will consider non-repayable contributions to Aboriginal clients for eligible capital and business support to start, expand or acquire a viable business. Non-repayable contributions for business plans, marketing and other related business support services will also be considered. The BEP may contribute up to a maximum of \$99,999 for individuals and incorporated businesses, and up to \$250,000 for community owned businesses, based on a viable business plan and subject to other financing being in place.</p>	<p>TACC is mandated by the 54 Coast Salish Nations to provide Small Business Financing and support services to Aboriginals (Status Indians, Metis and UNN members) within traditional Coast Salish Territory, as well as Campbell River, Comox, and Lil'wat</p>

		<p>NRT Equity Match Grant: The New Relationship Trust (NRT) Equity Match Grant is administered by TACC in our service area. The grant is not offered as a stand-alone source of funding, and must be applied for in conjunction with a TACC Loan. The NRT Grant is only available to BC First Nation community-owned businesses and individual entrepreneurs. http://tacc.ca/</p>	
Aboriginal Financial Institutions		<p>Delivering Aboriginal Business & Entrepreneurship Development in BC and Alberta Contact information https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033216/1100100033220</p>	Supports business development.
All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO)		ANTCO is a provincially regulated financial institution with the fiduciary capacity to provide Trust; Agent; and Administrative Services throughout most of BC and Alberta	ANTCO is a source of capital for developmental business loans and consumer and commercial mortgages.

Research, Innovation & Technology:

Program	Agency	Funds Available / Link	Details
Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development	DFO	Project dependent	Research: Requires industry partner and 7%. Deadline for this year is April 30 th . It has been reduced considerably this fiscal year– only

Program (ACRDP)			regulatory and environmental issues – no freshwater work
Interaction Grant	Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	Up to \$5000 http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/Interaction-interaction_eng.asp	Research: Interaction Grants (IG) are intended to give companies that operate from a Canadian base and researchers from Canadian academic institutions an opportunity to meet and identify a company-specific problem they could solve by collaborating in a subsequent research partnership. These interactions are expected to result in economic benefits to Canada. Money goes toward meetings and travel costs.
Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)	National Research Council (NRC)	In order to be considered for possible IRAP funding, the basic eligibility criteria are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a small and medium-sized enterprise in Canada, incorporated and profit-oriented; • have 500 or fewer full-time equivalent employees; and • have the objective to grow and generate profits through development and commercialization of innovative, technology-driven new or improved products, services, or processes in Canada. http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/index.html	Research & Technology: IRAP provides financial support to qualified small and medium-sized enterprises in Canada to help them undertake technology innovation.
Mitacs Accelerate	Mitacs	\$15,000 http://www.mitacs.ca/funding-	Funds used for graduate students to work on projects

		opportunities	
User Partnership Program (UPP)	Genome BC	http://www.genomebc.ca/research-programs/opportunities/current-funding-competitions/	Supports research based solutions to BC industries.
Engage Grants	NSERC	Up to \$25,000 http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/Engage-engagement_eng.asp	Research & Development: Gives a company that operates from a Canadian base access to the knowledge and expertise available at Canadian universities. The grant supports short term R&D projects to solve a problem specific to the company. The company and the researcher must not have worked together before.
Collaborative Research and Development	NSERC	\$100,000 - \$500,000 per year The company must contribute an amount equal to the amount requested from NSERC, must collaborate on the project, and at least one partner must have the ability to exploit the results. http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/rpp-pp/crd-rdc_eng.asp	Research & Development: This grant is to give companies that operate from a Canadian base access to the unique knowledge, expertise and educational resources available at Canadian universities and colleges and to train students in essential technical skills required by industry. The mutually beneficial collaborations are expected to result in industrial or economic benefits to Canada. CRD projects can be at any point in the R&D spectrum. Eligible collaborations include focused projects with short- to medium-term objectives, as well as discrete phases in a program of longer-range research.
Partnership Workshops Grants	NSERC	\$25,000 http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/PWG-SAP_eng.asp	Research & Technology: Funds workshops that help to build new collaborations between Canadian university researchers and industry and government organizations. The workshops, which must have an academic and non-academic lead, foster the development of partnerships addressing the research and technology needs identified by non-academic organizations that would use the research results.

Innovation Enhancement Grant	NSERC	<p>5 year: \$2.3 million over five years (\$500,000, \$500,000, \$500,000, \$400,000, \$400,000) 2 year: \$100,000 per year</p> <p>http://www.nsercpartnerships.ca/FundingPrograms-ProgrammeDeSubventions/IE-RI-eng.asp</p>	<p>Research & Innovation:</p> <p>This grant is to increase innovation at the community and/or regional level by enabling Canadian colleges to increase their capacity to work with local companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). IE grants support applied research and collaborations that facilitate commercialization, as well as technology transfer, adaptation and adoption of new technologies.</p>
Technology Access Centers Grant	NSERC	<p>\$350,000 / year for 5 years</p> <p>http://www.nsercpartnerships.ca/FundingPrograms-ProgrammeDeSubventions/TAC-CAT-eng.asp</p>	<p>Technology:</p> <p>This grant is intended to enhance the ability of companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), to become more productive and innovative by enabling them to readily access college expertise, technology and equipment. This access to college capabilities is intended to enhance the productivity, competitiveness and innovation of the participating SMEs.</p>
Applied Research Tools and Instruments Grants	NSERC	<p>\$7,000 – \$150,000</p> <p>http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RTII-OIRI/RTI-OIR_eng.asp</p>	<p>Research:</p> <p>Supports the purchase of research equipment and installations to foster and enhance the ability of colleges to undertake applied research, innovation and training in collaboration with local companies.</p>
College-University Idea to Innovation	NSERC	<p>Max \$250,000 over 3 years.</p> <p>http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/CUI21-INNOVUC_eng.asp</p>	<p>Research:</p> <p>Grants are meant to develop and strengthen research links among colleges, universities, and businesses so as to accelerate the development of promising technologies and promote their commercialization in the Canadian marketplace.</p>

Other:

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Canadian Grants Business Center		http://www.canadiangrantsbusinesscenter.com/	Canadian Grants Business Center, educates Canadians on funding programs that are offered through Government services that most businesses are unaware of.