



MaRS Discovery District Company Funding Programs

Funding Programs, Awards and Prizes Available to
Ontario Cleantech Companies

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Introduction

Purpose

The following document is a compilation of federal and provincial funding sources, both private and public, which are suitable for Ontario companies. We attempt to cover all funding sources in all markets, and list most information relevant to your decision to apply to a program. Our goal is to help speed the process of searching for, and comparing different programs to find the one that is right for your project.

Caveat

This is a living document that requires frequent updates, and may not include every funding source out there, although we'd like it to. If you come across a new source of funding, or a needed update for the document, send a quick email to MaRSDiscoveryDistrict@MaRSDD.com with "Funding Book" in the subject line and we'll make the necessary changes for future editions.

Tips for Funding Success

As anyone who has ever applied for external funding (namely government funding) will tell you, it's *competitive*. Even if your company meets all the eligibility requirements, your application may be rejected since most funding programs are discretionary. The following are a few useful pointers to keep in mind in order to increase your chances of success:

- Typically, the following activities are *not* eligible for government funding:
 - Continuing operations.
 - Restructuring as a result of bankruptcy or insolvency.
- Funding applications will generally be rejected if the project:
 - Has no benefit beyond the organization; or
 - Appears to lack the financial/technical/managerial resources necessary to make the project a success.
- If possible, take a look at what funding is available *before* taking on a project. If you're considering starting a business or launching a project that will require external funding, take a look through the available funding sources. This way, you can tailor your project to the requirements of the program from the outset, rather than trying to explain your way into the eligibility requirements later on.
- Your company must prove that it *needs* the money and that the funding will generate economic, human capital or knowledge-based benefits for Canada (or Ontario, depending on the funding source). We can't emphasize enough how important it is to make a solid case for your project. Demonstrating that the funds will allow you to generate revenue, create jobs, enhance the skill level of your employees, or increase an important base of knowledge is an absolute *must* in any funding application.
- Government funding is strategic. The government allocates funding to programs according to the nation or the province's strategic goals. This is particularly true of

funds directed toward scientific and technology-based projects. Your project will have a much higher likelihood of getting funded if you can successfully show how it furthers the underlying strategic objectives of the program.

- It takes a while. The period between when you submit a funding application to the time when the funds are disbursed can be anywhere from 2 to 12 months, depending on the complexity of the project and the amount of funding you are seeking. Be prepared to wait a while before the funds land in your account.
- Be aware of the fund's targeted phase of company development. You should have a clear idea what company-stage most programs are funding, whether it be true start-up financing to found a company, money for a proof-of-concept project, funding to assist with the costs of commercialization, or support for the pursuit of international markets, each fund is generally interested in helping companies get past a particular developmental milestone.
- Be prepared by having the key tools for effective fundraising on hand. Most funding programs require you to submit some or all of the items listed below. Having up-to-date versions on hand will greatly reduce the burden of preparing funding applications.
 - Reviewed/audited financial statements: While these are only really called for in the case of established companies, it's also important for start-up companies to find a way of demonstrating that they have their financial house in order.
 - Business plan: It's great to keep a basic business plan on hand for funding applications, but a plan should never be submitted without being tailored to the criteria laid out by each program. Funding programs often have a business plan template that they'd prefer you use when submitting an application. If you follow the template to a T, it will make the work of those evaluating your application that much easier.
 - Financial forecasts: In the case of a revenue-generating project or a program that provides assistance in order help a company make progress toward commercialization, it is important to provide well-reasoned financial forecasts. They may not be incredibly accurate, but they tell the program administrators that you have thought seriously about the development of your company and can create a reasonable revenue strategy.
 - It's a long process. Developing a knockout funding application takes a great deal of time and thought. If possible, put together a project plan that includes key deliverables for the application, then delegate as much as possible, or stick to a schedule that gives you enough time to perfect each element of the application without rushing.
- Eligibility criteria do not equal assessment criteria. It is essential to make the distinction between eligibility criteria, and the things that define how your application will be assessed *beyond* meeting the eligibility criteria. If you are unsure about how applications for a particular program are being judged, call the program administrator and ask him or her to give you a rundown of the application

assessment process, including all the decision factors being considered when making funding decision.

- When in doubt, call. If you're reviewing the criteria for a funding program, and are uncertain about any detail, *call* the program administrators. These people are mostly there to help you put together the best application you can, so use their help to get clear understanding of the program's requirements, including any insights that may not be posted online.

Agri-Opportunities Program

Summary	The Agri-Opportunities Program provides a maximum repayable contribution of \$10 million per project and per recipient regardless of the number of projects, over the life of the program, ending in March 2011. Funding is provided to projects that focus on new agri-food, agriculture or bioproducts, that can be expected to increase market opportunities for the Canadian agricultural industry across the value chain and generate demand for primary agricultural products.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1195488674667&lang=eng
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, • Food • Agri-food • Farming • Biofuel • Agri-business
Keywords	Agri-food, agriculture, bioproduct, biofuel, farm, agri-business
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$10 million per project
Program Objective	Funding is provided to projects that focus on new agri-food, agriculture or bioproducts, that can be expected to increase market opportunities for the Canadian agricultural industry across the value chain and generate demand for primary agricultural products.
Obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At least 30% of the necessary funding to commercialize has been or will be secured from private sources. * The potential is there to repay the contribution (applies only to for-profit entities).
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Proof of the technical viability of the new products, services or processes is provided. * Intellectual propriety rights have been established, if applicable. * Thorough business and marketing plans have been developed. * Market research to support sales projections has been presented. * The experience and expertise of the management team has been demonstrated.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Finalizing commercial development of a new product or process or a new service; * Introducing a new product to the market, and validating the market potential or assessing customer satisfaction for the product or service; * Introducing new technology likely to lead to improved efficiency and competitiveness; * Establishing, expanding and modernizing agriculture or agri-product facilities to commercialize new products or processes for new markets; and * Supporting marketing, human resource development, productivity improvement or quality improvement directly related to the commercialization of new agriculture, food and bioproduct opportunities.
Terms	Agri-Opportunities contribution funding is to be repaid within an eight-year period from the completion date of the project. Repayments are to be made in equal installments over the life of the repayment period. The repayment period can begin immediately after completion of the project, or it can be deferred up to a maximum of three years from the project completion date (i.e. a grace period).
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Technical viability of new products, services or processes; * Business viability of the project, including the marketing plan and project financing; * Track record and experience of management; * Potential to repay the contribution (applies only to for-profit enterprises); * Level of private sector investments; * Increase in demand for primary agricultural products; * Increase in market opportunities for the Canadian agricultural industry across the value chain; * Other benefits for the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sectors and for Canadians.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Stage 1 Proposal Synopsis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Project description and project funding requirements * Product, service or process and technology overview * Market analysis * Production and distribution of the product or service * Company management profile and financial summary * Benefits to the Canadian agricultural sector and to Canada <p>Stage 2 Full Proposal Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Description of the work * Description of major activities * Major milestones

- * Project locations
- * Project schedule
- * Cost breakdown

Application Deadlines The program will cease to accept new applications as of March, 2011. Check back at the program website for future updates.

Processing Time

Notes

Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development

Program

Summary	The Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program (ACRDP) is a Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) initiative to increase the level of collaborative research and development activity between the aquaculture industry and the department, and in some instances with other funding partners.
Abbreviation	ACRDP
Website	http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/enviro/aquaculture/acrdp-pcrda/info-eng.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries • Aquaculture
Keywords	Fish, fisheries, aquaculture, marine
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Overall Fund Size Either \$1.2 million or \$600,000 depending on the region.
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Improve the competitiveness of the Canadian aquaculture industry; * Increase collaboration between the department and industry on scientific research and development that will enhance aquaculture in Canada; * Facilitate and accelerate the process of technology transfer and research commercialization through closer collaboration with the Canadian aquaculture industry; and * Increase scientific capacity for essential aquaculture research and development in the aquaculture sector.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Eligible industry applicants are aquaculture producers operating within Canada who are directly involved in producing an aquatic species for pre-commercial or commercial purposes. Aquaculture production is defined as growing an aquatic species and further, that the aquaculture producer has ownership of the product or has an aquaculture license or lease to culture the product. Producers undertaking commercial or developmental production activities on existing or new aquaculture species or aquaculture companies or associations involved with sea ranching mariculture operations are eligible to apply. Industry producer associations or consortia of producers are also eligible to apply. Other aquaculture sector stakeholders are eligible to participate as a partner with an industry producer.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wages and salaries plus associated required payroll benefits of project personnel (scientific and technical) or post-doctoral or graduate student support; * Equipment directly related to the work; * Laboratory and field supplies; * Travel costs directly related to the goals of the project; * Other expenses agreed to be necessary to the success of the project.
Terms	A formula will be negotiated for each project, taking into account in-cash and in-kind contributions of both parties to the agreement. Industry cash contributions to a project will be managed through a DFO Specified Purpose Account (SPA). The minimum industry contribution is 30% of the ACRDP amount requested, at least 7.5% of which must be a cash contribution.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Technical Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The project has scientific merit. * The project is original. * The problem and objectives are well defined. * There is a clear and sufficient description of the experimental methodology. * The scientific approach is valid. * The project team is qualified to conduct the work in a thorough and professional manner. <p>Comprehensive Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The project is consistent with the program objectives and regional industry R&D priorities. * The project addresses a significant constraint to the Canadian aquaculture sector. * The project contributes significantly to the advancement or competitiveness of the industry partner or sector.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The project contributes to the skills and knowledge required to advance the industry partner. * The project has sufficient industry input to generate potential practical benefits. This can include input from other funding partners, which is desirable and encouraged. * The project facilitates technology transfer and (or) research commercialization through closer collaboration with the Canadian aquaculture industry. * The project is cost effective. * The overall project objective and methodology is described in a clear manner.
Application Documentation and Process	Application form and project proposal.
Application Deadlines	There will be two deadline dates for project proposal submission throughout the year: December 1, March 1. A subsequent round may be established in a particular region, if required. Notification will be provided at that time.
Processing Time	Regional ACRDP Committees will review and evaluate proposals in a timely manner and final notification of the project assessment will be provided no later than 60 days after the deadline dates.
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BDC Financing for Innovation

Summary	Funding to finance the commercialization of a new product or service, R&D or to improve a business process.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_innovation.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * buy equipment or machinery that improves your operation and streamlines your layout * pay for market research on new products and services * cover employee training costs for innovative new projects * pay for external consulting advice such as an innovation diagnosis * cover the expansion into new markets
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Your operating line of credit from a financial institution * An experienced management team * Solid profits supported by recent financial statements prepared by an accredited accountant * Projected sales growth or increased profitability * Adequate level of equity in the business * Other relevant aspects of your business
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Blue Planet Prize

Summary	The Blue Planet Prize is an international environmental award given to individuals and organizations who have made outstanding achievements in scientific research and its application and in so doing have helped provide solutions to global environmental problems.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.af-info.or.jp/blog/b-info_en/
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Asahi Glass Foundation, Japan
Market	Environmental science
Keywords	Environment, clean technology, green
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Blue Planet Prize was founded with the purpose of helping preserve the Earth's beauty for future generations.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Individuals and organizations who have made major contributions to solving global environmental problems.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Each winner receives a certificate of merit, a commemorative trophy, and a supplementary award of 50 million yen.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Nominations are solicited between August and October of each year from nominators from Japan and overseas. As a general rule, two recipients are chosen annually. In June of the following year, the recipients are announced and are invited to Tokyo in the autumn for the awards ceremony and commemorative lectures. Each recipient is presented with a certificate of merit, a commemorative trophy and a supplementary award of ¥50 million.
Application Deadlines	Nominations are solicited between August and October of each year.
Processing Time	
Notes	The award is based in Japan.

Brian Mercer Awards for Innovation

Summary	The Brian Mercer Awards for Innovation enable individuals or groups working in the general area of the built environment to investigate the commercialisation of a particular element of their research from concept to a pre-market product.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://royalsociety.org/Brian-Mercer-Awards-for-Innovation/
Funding Type	Prize
Source	The Royal Society, United Kingdom
Market	The general area of the built environment includes civil engineering, geomechanics, water and environmental management, energy, building science, conservation and construction, environment and sustainability, novel materials, etc.
Keywords	civil engineering, geomechanics water, environmental, building, construction, sustainability, materials, nanoscience, nanotechnology
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Brian Mercer Award for Innovation is intended to fund the development of an already proven concept or prototype through to the creation of a near-market product for commercial exploitation, in conjunction with a third party.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Applicants for both awards can be of any nationality but must have a PhD or be of equivalent standing in their profession. It is not necessary for applicants for The Brian Mercer Award for Innovation to have previously held a Mercer Feasibility Award but they will be required to provide clear evidence of a project plan (including the projects technical and economical feasibility) developed in conjunction with a private funder and/or demonstrate evidence that additional non-governmental funding would be secured. There are no additional requirements for applicants for the Mercer Feasibility Awards. The general area of the built environment includes civil engineering, geomechanics, water and environmental management, energy, building science, conservation and construction, environment and sustainability, novel materials, etc.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	It is expected that there will be two or three Mercer Feasibility Awards of up to £30,000 (approx. CAD 60,000) available and one Brian Mercer Award for Innovation of up to £250,000 (approx. CAD 500,000).
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the primary considerations in the assessment process will be the scientific, engineering and technological excellence of the applicant(s) and the quality, novelty and commercial potential of the proposed project; • the extent of any similar or precursory work undertaken by the applicant(s) as well as any funding provided for the project by other bodies and the overall value for money of the proposal will also be considered in assessing applications; • priority will also be given to truly innovative proposals which take a project forward from concept to prototype to a point at which the idea could be presented for venture capital support. Consideration should be given to the future commercial potential of the research.
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	All current deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for future updates.

Community Ventures Capital Fund

Summary	The CVCF is looking to invest in Eastern Ontario companies poised to grow profitably. The fund targets established and start-up organizations that have a solid management and detailed development opportunity. The fund focuses on first, second and third round investments, spin-offs, expansions and restructurings, in the \$200,000 to \$500,000 range.
Abbreviation	CVCF
Website	http://www.communityventures.ca/whaticvcf.htm
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs), economic development agencies, private sector investors
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-products and Biotechnology • Agri-biotechnology • Telecom Products and Software • Fabrication and Production Industries • Food and Beverage • Consumer Products
Keywords	Equity, capital, venture capital, investment, eastern Ontario, bio-products, biotech, biotechnology, agriculture, technology, telecommunications, telecom, software, food, beverage, consumer
Regions Available	Eastern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000 in an equity investment, and optionally up to \$125,000 in term financing.
Program Objective	Economic development and diversification, particularly in the knowledge-based, bio-products, technology and manufacturing sectors.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bio-products and Biotechnology * Agri-biotechnology * Telecommunication Products and Software * Fabrication and Production Industries * Food and Beverage * Consumer Products
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * GROWTH FINANCING * FIRST ROUND * SECOND or THIRD ROUND * SPIN-OFFS * EARLY-STAGE COMPANY TURNAROUNDS and RESTRUCTURINGS
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis, with terms similar to other types of early-stage equity financing.
Judgment Criteria	The CVCF is looking to invest in Eastern Ontario companies poised to grow profitably. We target established and start-up organizations that have a solid management and detailed development opportunity. We focus on first, second and third round investments, spin-offs, expansions and restructurings.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary Assessment Completed Application Detailed Business Plan Application Fee Various supporting documents
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	Several months
Notes	

ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital Initiative

Summary	The ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital Initiative (ecoABC) is a four year, \$200 million federal program that provides repayable contributions of up to \$25 million per project for the construction or expansion of transportation biofuel production facilities. Funding is provided for projects that use agricultural feedstocks to produce biofuels and that have new agricultural producer equity investments in the projects equal to, at minimum, five percent (5%) of the total eligible project costs.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1195672401464&lang=eng
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biofuel • Biogas
Keywords	Biofuel, Bio Fuel, Fuel, Biogas, Energy, Agriculture
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	up to \$25 million or twenty-five percent (25%) of Eligible Project Costs
Program Objective	The ecoABC Initiative was created to provide an opportunity for agricultural producers, including co-operatives, to diversify their economic base and participate in the biofuel industry through equity investment/ownership in biofuel production facilities.
Obligations	The construction or expansion of transportation biofuel production facilities.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Must have an equity investment in the project from agricultural producers equal to or exceeding five percent (5%) of the eligible project costs. *Agricultural feedstocks must be used to commercially produce the transportation biofuels. *The minimum annual production capacity of the new facility, or the increase in capacity of an existing facility must be a minimum of 3 million liters per year for biodiesel facilities and 5 million liters per year for fuel ethanol facilities. *The facilities must be located in Canada
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Contract costs and fees for design, engineering, procurement and construction services including intellectual property licenses; * Costs associated with environmental assessments for the project (subject to a limit of 10% of all eligible project costs claimed); * Costs for the production systems and equipment, including monitoring and tracking systems; * Salary costs or fee components for design, engineering, procurement and construction; and * Salary costs or fee components in contracts for implementing and commissioning the facility.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The total amount contributed to the recipient will be repayable under conditions of profit. *Repayment will begin on January 1, three years after the funded facility commences production at its nameplate capacity, and will continue for seven subsequent years or until repayment totals the amount of the contribution made to the recipient, whichever comes first.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Basic Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Evidence that products (agri-food, agriculture and bioproducts) are not commercially produced or available in Canada. * Readiness to commercialize, meaning a prototype has been developed, a market has been defined, a business plan has been written and intellectual property issues have been finalized. * Demonstration that the project will be conducted in Canada and will benefit the Canadian agricultural industry. <p>Funding Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Evidence that 30 percent of the necessary funding to commercialize has already been put in place by the applicant. * Evidence that at least 33 percent of the funding has been or will be secured from the private sector. * Potential to repay the contribution (for-profit entities). <p>Business Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Thorough, articulate and feasible business and marketing plans have been developed. * Market intelligence to support sales projections has been collected / presented. * Evidence of Intellectual Proprietary and Freedom to Operate. * Proof of the technical viability of new products, processes or services. * Business viability of the project, including the marketing plan and project financing. * Proven track record and experience of management.
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of Interest 2. ecoABC Funding Proposal 3. Verification of Start of Construction 4. Commissioning of the Facility

	<p>5. Confirmation of Continued Agricultural producer Equity Investment</p> <p>6. Repayment</p>
Application Deadlines	<p>ecoABC will stop accepting applications on March 31, 2011, applications are otherwise accepted on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The deadline for the construction or expansion of biofuels facilities funded by ecoABC has been extended from March 31, 2011 to September 30, 2012. This will provide more time for projects to secure necessary financing and complete construction.</p>
Processing Time	<p>Program responds to LOI in 30 days.</p>
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ecoEnergy for Biofuels

Summary	ecoENERGY for Biofuels will invest up to \$1.5 billion over nine years in support of biofuel production in Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/transportation/ecoenergy-biofuels/index.cfm
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Natural Resources Canada
Market	Biofuel
Keywords	Biofuel
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Varies
Program Objective	The ecoENERGY for Biofuels Program supports the production of renewable alternatives to gasoline and diesel and encourages the development of a competitive domestic industry for renewable fuels. The Program provides an operating incentive to facilities that produce renewable alternatives to gasoline and diesel in Canada.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>An Eligible Recipient is either an existing producer or a new producer.</p> <p>An Existing Producer is as a business organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * that has full ownership of the equipment and/or structure housing the equipment necessary for the production of “renewable alternative(s) to gasoline and/or diesel”, in Canada; and * that carries on or executes the entire “end-to-end production process” (as defined by the Program) of the “renewable alternative(s) to gasoline and/or diesel” solely in Canada; and * that will be producing by March 31, 2010, “renewable alternative(s) to gasoline and/or diesel”; and * that is not subject to a controlling interest by a federal, provincial, or municipal government; and * that meets the criteria set out by the ecoENERGY for Biofuels Program. <p>A New Producer is as a business organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * that has or will have full ownership of the equipment and/or structure housing the equipment necessary for the production of “renewable alternative(s) to gasoline and/or diesel” in Canada; and * that carries on or executes the entire “end-to-end production process” (as defined by the Program) of the “renewable alternative(s) to gasoline and/or diesel” solely in Canada; and * that, although not producing by March 31, 2010, “renewable alternative(s) to gasoline and/or diesel”, is able to demonstrate an “advanced state of readiness” (as defined by the Program) by March 31, 2010; and * that is not subject to a controlling interest by a federal, provincial, or municipal government; and * that meets the criteria set out by the ecoENERGY for Biofuels Program.
Eligible Costs	Not applicable.
Terms	<p>n accordance with Program parameters and subject to funding availability, the ecoENERGY for Biofuels Program enters into non-repayable Contribution Agreements with successful recipients meeting the Program's criteria.</p> <p>Payment of an operating incentive is made only to recipients who have signed a Contribution Agreement with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and have completed an environmental assessment to the satisfaction of a federal authority. The operating incentive is provided on a per litre basis, based on volume of renewable fuels produced in Canada and sold by such recipients, and as agreed upon in the Contribution Agreement. The number of litres for which a recipient can claim under ecoENERGY for Biofuels is determined by NRCan according to Program parameters.</p> <p>Incentive rates are fixed and will start at \$0.10/L for renewable alternatives to gasoline and \$0.26/L for renewable alternatives to diesel and decline over the life of the Program.</p> <p>Incentives are provided on a monthly or quarterly basis. Recipients will select the payment frequency that best suits their needs.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<p>The Merit-based criteria defined by the Program includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Financial status; * Technical advancement and feedstock usage;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Environmental performance and permitting; * Management expertise; * Economic impact; * Market; and * Long term advantages/prospects.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Application requirements include but are not limited to the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Production timing for plant or facility * Company ownership / parent company * Contact details * Production / technology / feedstock information * Source of funding / operating costs * Environmental assessment * Project development details / construction milestones * Declaration of the applicant <p>There are numerous other documents required for submitting a complete application.</p>
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for possible updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

ecoENERGY for Renewable Power

Summary	ecoENERGY for Renewable Power will provide an incentive of one cent per kilowatt-hour for up to 10 years to eligible low-impact, renewable electricity projects constructed over the next four years, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2011.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/ECOENERGY-ECOENERGIE/power-electricite/index-eng.cfm
Funding Type	Subsidy
Source	Natural Resources Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power • Energy • Renewable energy
Keywords	Power, energy, biomass, solar, wind, bioenergy, fuel, gas, agrifuel, biofuel, renewable, green
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	1 cent/Kwh produced for 10 years
Program Objective	ecoENERGY for Renewable Power will invest \$1.48 billion to increase Canada's supply of clean electricity from renewable sources such as wind, biomass, low-impact hydro, geothermal, solar photovoltaic and ocean energy.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Businesses, municipalities, institutions and organizations are eligible. A Qualifying Project is defined as a new or refurbished low-impact renewable-generating facility, or the clearly delineated expansion of an existing low-impact renewable-generating facility that is located in Canada and meets the terms and conditions of the ecoENERGY RP in this document. The Qualifying Project must be of a total rated capacity of 1 megawatt (MW) or greater,
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	ecoENERGY for Renewable Power will provide an incentive of one cent per kilowatt-hour for up to 10 years to eligible low-impact, renewable electricity projects constructed over the next four years, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2011.
Judgment Criteria	*Environmental sustainability and satisfaction of eligibility criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Cover Letter NPA Form (completed) Section C2 - Proof of business registration number or corporation certificate Section E1 - Map(s) Section F - Proof of access to land Section G - Proof of municipal / regional authorities Section H2 - Proof of interconnection request Section L - Project Description Section M - First Nations contacts
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake until March, 2011
Processing Time	
Notes	The stacking limit is set at 75 percent of a project's capital costs.

Energy Storage Challenge

Summary	This challenge impacts not only on military strategies but also national security in general, as our dependencies on oil and gas increase. The defence sector has traditionally been an early adopter of breakthrough technologies due to its unique needs and ability to explore emerging innovations, even if they are not cost-competitive yet. Our inaugural challenge will focus on energy storage - a particular concern to defence departments around the world.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.globalsecuritychallenge.com/gsc_competitions.php#cloud
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Global Security Challenge
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	TBA
Funding Amount	\$10,000
Program Objective	TBA
Obligations	TBA
Eligibility Requirements	TBA
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	TBA
Judgment Criteria	TBA
Application	TBA
Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	TBA
Processing Time	TBA
Notes	

FCM Green Municipal Fund for Brownfield Remediation

Summary	
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/GMF/GMF-2009-call-for-applications/Brownfields-2009-call-for-application.asp
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfield Remediation
Keywords	Environment, ecology, agriculture, sustainable, remediation, green
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	GMF can provide financing for up to 80 per cent of costs to a maximum of \$4 million in loans combined with \$400,000 in grants. Brownfield projects are eligible for below-market loans only, with no funding limit.
Program Objective	The objective of the 2008 call for applications in the brownfield sector is to fund the remediation components of brownfield redevelopment projects.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Any Canadian municipal government, corporation wholly owned by a municipal government, or municipal partner may apply for funding under this call for applications. can be replicated in other communities.</p> <p>The following activities must be complete before submitting an application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments of the project site • A remedial action planmanagement plan
Eligible Costs	<p>a) Capital costs, as defined and determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> acquiring, developing, constructing, modernizing or leasing systems (equipment, hardware, software, etc.) that are essential for the completion of the project; costs of construction, renovation or modernization of facilities and structures essential for the completion of the project, such as materials and installation costs. <p>b) Salaries, professional fees and remuneration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in the planning, assessment, analysis, design, engineering, manufacturing, construction, monitoring, and reporting of the project, but not employed by the applicant; salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in public education and promotion, survey and web site development and the development of other communication tools, directly related to the implementation of the project, but not employed by the applicant; and salaries, fees or remuneration paid directly to employees of the applicant working on the project are eligible only if they do not exceed 10 percent of the total eligible project costs.
Terms	All projects approved for funding under this call for applications will be eligible to receive funding for up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs. Projects considered to be exceptional are eligible to receive loans for up to 80 per cent of the eligible project costs and a reduced long-term interest rate.
Judgment Criteria	FCM will offer GMF loans to projects that reflect the very best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development – projects that have high net environmental impact and that can be replicated in other communities.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 5-10 page summary of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) completed for the project. The summary must be completed by the Qualified Person or Contaminated Site Professional who was responsible for completing and environmental technologies, practices and processes ; signing off on the Phase II report. The summary must confirm that the Phase II ESA was completed, summarize methodologies used to characterize the site, summarize type and extent of contamination, describe off-site migration issues, describe the cleanup strategies that were considered, and summarize the remediation plan for site cleanup; • Worksheets (templates are provided by FCM with the Application Forms); • A copy of the remedial action plan or risk management plan; and • A detailed redevelopment plan (if requesting to be considered exceptional and receive the maximum amount of funding). • Most recent three years of signed audited financial statements and, if available, a business plan

for the proposed project (note that FCM reserves the right to request further financial information);

Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Applications will be evaluated and considered for approval within four to five months from the date they are received.
Notes	

FCM Green Municipal Fund for Sustainable Transportation Projects

Summary	FCM offers below-market GMF loans to implement projects that represent the best examples of leadership in sustainable development of the brownfield sector.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/GMF/GMF-2009-call-for-applications/Transportation-2009-call-for-application.asp
Funding Type	Grant, Loan
Source	Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable transportation
Keywords	public transit, municipal fleets, integrated and alternative transportation systems, and transportation demand management.
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$4,000,000 in loans plus a maximum of \$400,000 in grants
Program Objective	The objective of this call for applications is to facilitate shifts to sustainable modes of transportation.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Any Canadian municipal government, corporation wholly owned by a municipal government, or municipal partner may apply for funding under this call for applications. can be replicated in other communities.</p> <p>The following activities must be complete before submitting an application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a feasibility study • a sustainable transportation plan (or equivalent)
Eligible Costs	<p>a) Capital costs, as defined and determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> acquiring, developing, constructing, modernizing or leasing systems (equipment, hardware, software, etc.) that are essential for the completion of the project; and costs of construction, renovation or modernization of facilities and structures essential for the completion of the project, such as materials and installation costs. <p>b) Salaries, professional fees and remuneration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in the planning, assessment, analysis, design, engineering, manufacturing, construction, monitoring, and reporting of the project, but not employed by the applicant; salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in public education and promotion, survey and website development and the development of other communication tools, directly related to the implementation of the project, but not employed by the applicant; and salaries, fees or remuneration paid directly to employees of the applicant working on the project are eligible only if they do not exceed 10 percent of the total eligible project costs.
Terms	All projects approved under this call for applications will be eligible to receive funding for up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs up to a maximum \$4 million loan and a \$200,000 grant. The value of the grant will not exceed 5 per cent of the value of the loan. Projects considered to be exceptional are eligible to receive funding for up to 80 per cent of the eligible project costs up to a maximum \$4 million loan and a \$400,000 grant. The value of the grant to exceptional projects will not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the loan.
Judgment Criteria	FCM will offer GMF loans and loans combined with grants to projects that reflect the very best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development – projects that have high net environmental impact that can be replicated in other communities.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent three years of signed audited financial statements and, if available, a business plan for the proposed project (note that FCM reserves the right to request further financial information); • A signed letter from the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer acknowledging that FCM's loans to municipal partner applicants are conditional upon FCM accepting the eligibility of the partnership arrangement (partnership is demonstrated by significant municipal risk-sharing and evaluated on a case-by-case basis). • A signed letter from the chief executive officer or chief financial officer describing the current status of project approval and giving evidence of the municipal partner's board of directors' decision to support the proposed project and GMF application; and • Evidence of provincial consultation
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Applications will be evaluated and considered for approval within four to five months from the date they are received.
Notes	

FCM Green Municipal Fund for Waste Diversion Projects

Summary	FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) offers below-market loans, in combination with grants, for sustainable transportation projects.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/GMF/GMF-2009-call-for-applications/Waste-2009-call-for-application.asp
Funding Type	Grant, Loan
Source	Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste diversion • Landfill gas management
Keywords	Waste, landfill, MSW
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$4,000,000 in loans plus a maximum of \$400,000 in grants
Program Objective	The objective of this call for applications is to increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill sites in Canada.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>*Any Canadian municipal government, corporation wholly owned by a municipal government, or municipal partner may apply for funding under this call for applications. can be replicated in other communities. eligible for funding through this Call for Applications.</p> <p>*All eligible projects must be expected to result in a total diversion rate (TDR) of The following activities must be complete before submitting a proposal: 1) A waste review based on data that is not more than five years old. 2) A solid waste management plan or solid waste diversion plan that is not more than seven years old.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>a) Capital costs, as defined and determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> acquiring, developing, constructing, modernizing or leasing systems (equipment, hardware, software, etc.) that are essential for the completion of the project; costs of construction, renovation or modernization of facilities and structures essential for the completion of the project, such as materials and installation costs. <p>b) Salaries, professional fees and remuneration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in the planning, assessment, analysis, design, engineering, manufacturing, construction, monitoring, and reporting of the project, but not employed by the applicant; salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in public education and promotion, survey and web site development and the development of other communication tools, directly related to the implementation of the project, but not employed by the applicant; and salaries, fees or remuneration paid directly to employees of the applicant working on the project are eligible only if they do not exceed 10 per cent of the total eligible project costs.
Terms	Projects approved for funding under this call for applications will be eligible to receive funding for up to 80 per cent of the eligible project costs up to a maximum \$4 million loan and \$400,000 grant per project. The value of a grant will not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the loan.
Judgment Criteria	Proposals are assessed by an independent Peer Review Committee according to the potential for the project to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent three years of audited financial statements and, if available, a business plan for the proposed project (note that FCM reserves the right to request further financial information) • A copy of an executed agreement in the form of a waste management contract with a municipal government demonstrating that the agreement between the municipal partner and the municipality will be in effect at the time of disbursement

	<p>For thermal treatment projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mass-energy balance calculation (if available) of GMF funding and for the duration of the loan agreement • A letter from the municipal partner’s Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer of describing the current status of project approval and giving evidence of the municipal partner’s board of directors’ decision to support the proposed project and GMF proposal • For applicants outside the Province of Quebec, evidence of provincial consultation
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Applications will be evaluated and considered for approval within four to five months from the date they are received.
Notes	

FCM Green Municipal Fund for Wastewater Projects

Summary	FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) offers below-market loans, in combination with grants, to support waste diversion projects.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/GMF/GMF-2009-call-for-applications/Water-2009-call-for-application.asp
Funding Type	Grant, Loan
Source	Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater
Keywords	watershed management, water conservation and new approaches to potable water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment.
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$4,000,000 in loans plus a maximum of \$400,000 in grants
Program Objective	The objective of this call for applications is to improve effluent quality from municipal wastewater treatment systems in Canada.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Any Canadian municipal government, municipal utility (owned in whole or in part by a municipal government), or municipal partner that has responsibility for municipal wastewater treatment and ownership of project infrastructure may apply for funding under this call for applications.</p> <p>*The following activities must be complete before submitting an application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a feasibility study * a municipal plan that supports the wastewater project such as a sustainable community plan, strategic plan, or water plan
Eligible Costs	<p>a) Capital costs, as defined and determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> acquiring, developing, constructing, modernizing or leasing systems (equipment, hardware, software, etc.) that are essential for the completion of the project; costs of construction, renovation or modernization of facilities and structures essential for the completion of the project, such as materials and installation costs. <p>b) Salaries, professional fees and remuneration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in the planning, assessment, analysis, design, engineering, manufacturing, construction, monitoring, and reporting of the project, but not employed by the applicant; salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in public education and promotion, survey and web site development and the development of other communication tools, directly related to the implementation of the project, but not employed by the applicant; and salaries, fees or remuneration paid directly to employees of the applicant working on the project are eligible only if they do not exceed 10 per cent of the total eligible project costs.
Terms	All projects approved under this call for applications will be eligible to receive funding for up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs up to a maximum \$4 million loan and a \$200,000 grant. The value of the grant will not exceed 5 per cent of the value of the loan. Projects considered to be exceptional are eligible to receive funding for up to 80 per cent of the eligible project costs up to a maximum \$4 million loan and a \$400,000 grant. The value of the grant to exceptional projects will not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the loan.
Judgment Criteria	Proposals are assessed by an independent Peer Review Committee according to the potential for the project to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent signed audited financial statement; • Municipal council resolution • A copy of an executed agreement with a municipal government demonstrating that the municipal partner has responsibility for municipal wastewater treatment and ownership of project infrastructure.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Applications will be evaluated and considered for approval within four to five months from the date they are received.
Notes	

Fednor Applied Research and Development Program

Summary	Fednor provides R&D loans to businesses in Northern Ontario. FedNor's contributions will normally not exceed 50 percent of eligible costs to a maximum contribution of \$500,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/fte-fte.nsf/eng/00013.html
Funding Type	Loan
Source	FedNor, Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining • Forestry • Biotechnology • Alternative energy • Manufacturing • Medical applications
Keywords	mining, forestry, biotechnology, alternative energy, manufacturing, medical, R&D, research, northern Ontario
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	The objective of the Applied Research and Development Program is to increase the overall competitive position of Northern Ontario private sector firms by supporting the commercialization of intellectual property, value-added product development, and productivity improvement in such key sectors (but not limited to) mining, forestry, biotechnology, alternative energy, manufacturing and medical applications.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eligible recipients include commercial operations, non-profit organizations, municipalities, First Nations and community economic development corporations * Eligible organizations must be located within the designated FedNor boundaries in Northern Ontario. * Commercial operations will normally be restricted to small and medium-sized firms with fewer than 500 employees. * Applicants who can demonstrate a clear and significant benefit to Northern Ontario's economy, but are located outside FedNor boundaries, may be considered for assistance on an exceptional basis.
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible activities may include initial research and development, pre-commercial product development and pre-operational marketing studies which would be unlikely to attract commercial debt due to the risk involved.</p> <p>Only costs that are reasonable, incremental and which relate directly to the eligible activities will be allowed.</p>
Terms	<p>FedNor's contributions will normally not exceed 50 percent of eligible costs to a maximum contribution of \$500,000.</p> <p>All assistance is normally repayable, except contributions to non-profit organizations will usually be deemed non repayable.</p>
Judgment Criteria	*Basic eligibility
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of Organization/Economic Benefits of Project 2. Management Résumé 3. Markets and Competition 4. Preliminary Financial Forecast 5. Statement of Work and Costing Schedule for Innovation Projects 6. Financial Statements 7. Articles of Incorporation/Partnership Registration 8. References 9. Application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

FedNor Innovation Fund

Summary	FedNor is committed to increasing the overall competitive position of the North by promoting interaction between science and industry. To help Northern companies bring new products and services to market, FedNor provides additional support for early stage research and development.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn02421.html
Funding Type	Loan
Source	FedNor
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project,
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	FedNor's support of innovation-related activities includes working in partnership with Northern stakeholders to identify opportunities for linking traditional resource industries to more knowledge-based product & service development
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Canadian companies, and start-ups
Eligible Costs	Incremental costs directly attributable to the new project.
Terms	Repayable 10 year, unsecured, interest-free loan, maximum contribution is \$500,000, and no more than 50% of eligible costs.
Judgment Criteria	Economic benefits, commercial viability, credible commitment to repay loan, innovation.
Application Documentation and Process	14 page legal agreement, business plan, application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Several months
Notes	

GE Ecomagination Challenge--Powering the Grid

Summary	<p>Welcome to the GE Ecomagination Challenge, a \$200 million innovation experiment where businesses, entrepreneurs, innovators and students share their best ideas on how to build the next-generation power grid – and just might get funded.</p> <p>We've teamed up with some of the best-known venture capital firms, including Emerald Technology Ventures, Foundation Capital, KPCB and Rockport Capital, to help back the most promising ideas.</p>
Abbreviation	
Website	http://challenge.ecomagination.com/ideas
Funding Type	
Source	General Electric Ecomagination
Market	Clean technology
Keywords	
Regions Available	Any company worldwide
Funding Amount	Up to \$100,000
Program Objective	GE's Ecomagination Challenge: Powering the Grid is an open call to action for businesses, entrepreneurs, innovators and students seeking breakthrough ideas to create a cleaner, more efficient and economically viable grid, and accelerate the adoption of smart grid technologies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Any individual 18 years old or older can participate, as can any organization, except a bankrupt person or organization and/or a criminal offender under any national penal system. (GE employees are not eligible to enter.)</p> <p>If you are participating as a team, one designated team leader must be solely responsible for all activities related to the competition.</p> <p>There are 3 categories for competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EcoHomes/EcoBuildings 2. Grid Efficiency 3. Creating Renewable Energy
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>The entry receiving the most user-submitted votes, will receive, subject to GE's review for appropriate content, a cash award of \$50,000.</p> <p>GE will present each of five innovation challenge award recipients with \$100,000 in cash, for a total of \$500,000, to acknowledge these entries as examples of outstanding entrepreneurship and innovation.</p> <p>Judges may also award one or more entrant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * GE Scientific Merit Award to work with the GRC <p>The evaluation committee will consider one or more of the following for selected entrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * An equity investment by GE or others * A cooperative agreement to develop a product or technology * A review of your product or service for possible qualification to be a part of the GE Ecomagination program.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Representatives of GE and its investment partners will form an evaluation committee to consider possible investments in you or your company. GE has also selected an Ecomagination Challenge panel of judges, including individuals from GE's business units, representatives from academia, venture capital firms, government research specialists and others.</p> <p>The panel of judges will select entries to receive cash awards. The panel will evaluate each entry based on merit; reliance on science and engineering fundamentals; innovative character; potential to create significant societal impact; commercial feasibility in light of applicable market dynamics; and other factors deemed appropriate by the judges.</p> <p>Round 1: From July 13 – September 30, 2010</p> <p>The general public will vote on ideas that they consider the most promising smart grid technologies; however, the ultimate decision will rest with GE.</p>

	<p>Round 2: From October 1 – November 30, 2010</p> <p>In late October, GE will announce those entrants with whom GE intends to pursue commercial relationships. In November, GE will announce any business deals with GE that have been formalized.</p> <p>The Ecomagination Challenge is focused on finding new and more intelligent grid technologies and processes, as well as better business models. When preparing your submission, please consider:</p> <p>Originality – We are looking for innovative smart grid solutions. Is your entry unique?</p> <p>Feasibility– We are looking for functional solutions that can enjoy success in the marketplace. Is your entry cost-effective, or can it be made so?</p> <p>Impact – If successfully realized, will your entry help turn our current energy challenge into an opportunity?</p> <p>Keeping these three criteria in mind will help you formulate an entry that stands the best chance of being noticed.</p>
Application Documentation and Process	<p>After registering, you may enter as many ideas as you wish in the three categories: Renewables, Grid Efficiency and Eco Homes/Eco Buildings between July 13 and September 30, 2010.</p> <p>Your entry must include a clear, detailed proposal describing an innovative, original smart grid technology. Please use English for your entry. Let us know if you have already filed a patent application or received a patent on any part of your entry.</p> <p>We’d also like to know about you, your team, and how you came up with the idea. A video is optional but a simple photo of you, your organization or your team is required.</p>
Application Deadlines	<p>After registering, you may enter as many ideas as you wish in the three categories: Renewables, Grid Efficiency and Eco Homes/Eco Buildings between July 13 and September 30, 2010.</p>
Processing Time	
Notes	

Global Commerce Support Program - Going Global Innovation

Summary	The Going Global Science and Technology Fund helps Canadian researchers in the identification and the establishment of new international collaborative Research and Development (R&D) initiatives with foreign partners.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/science/going_global.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Travel, marketing, international, conference, researcher, workshop, seminar
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Applicants must request, from Going Global, a minimum of \$5,000.00 in order for the proposal to be considered. The maximum payable to any organization for an approved project is \$75,000.
Program Objective	To promote and enhance Canada's international innovation efforts by supporting Canadian companies and/or researchers in pursuing international R&D collaborative opportunities through the development of partnerships with key players in other countries/economies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Must be a Canadian researcher from a small or medium Canadian enterprise with revenues less than \$50 million
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * travel (e.g., air fare, local transportation, etc.); * accommodation; * meals; * incidentals; and * other non-research expenses (such as workshop or seminar expenses, translation services, photocopies, or hospitality).
Terms	The stacking limit for Going Global is 75%. The stacking limit is equivalent to the funding level support of GGI. In the event that actual Total Government Assistance exceeds the stacking limit, it will be necessary for the Department to adjust its level of assistance (an seek reimbursement, if necessary) so that the stacking limit is not exceeded.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * potential in establishing significant collaborative R&D initiatives with foreign partners; * economic benefits to Canada; * potential to engage other Canadian participants in the project; * coverage of international relationships and field/sector specific interests that are in accordance with federal Science and Technology (S&T) priorities; * effectiveness, particularly through the methodology used, the people involved and the proposed work plan; and * demonstration that sources of funding for subsequent international collaborative R&D initiatives are being investigated (i.e. to cover the actual research costs).
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a narrative report (doc, html) indicating: a list the participants; the project's objectives, activities and achievements; an analysis of the activities and achievements; any downstream international R&D collaboration expectations; lessons learned; conclusions and recommendations; * a financial statement (excel) showing planned and actual itemized costs and all sources of funding for eligible expenses; and * an invoice from the institution.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Great Man-Made River International Prize for Water Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas

Summary	The Prize recognizes the achievements of an individual, a group of individuals or a research institution having made fundamental and substantial contributions to the assessment, development, management and/or use of water resources in arid and semi-arid areas.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.unesco.org/water/ihp/prizes/great_man/
Funding Type	Prize
Source	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Market	Water
Keywords	Water, hydrology
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The prize shall be awarded irrespective of any consideration of nationality, race, sex, language, profession, ideology or religion. The Prize Committee will evaluate candidatures based on one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical applicability to arid and semi-arid areas • Scientific, technological and/or educational innovation • Contributions to environmental improvements • Beneficial socio-economic impact • Consistency with goals of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	The prize comprises a certificate, a medal and a sum equivalent to 20,000 US\$.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Nominations for the Prize must be proposed to the Director-General of UNESCO by Member States in consultation with their UNESCO National Commission, IHP National Committee, Focal Point or related international Associations.</p> <p>Nominations may also be proposed by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) which have formal relations with UNESCO. Each nominator may make only one nomination in any biennium.</p> <p>The nominee may be an individual, a group of individuals or a research institution. A brief biography for each candidate or group of candidates, together with a detailed description of the work for which the nomination is proposed and an assessment of the results achieved should be submitted with the nomination.</p>
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	

Green Infrastructure Fund

Summary	The new \$1-billion Green Infrastructure Fund will be allocated based on merit to support green infrastructure projects on a cost-shared basis. The fund will focus on a few, large scale, strategic infrastructure projects. The merit of the projects will be based on assessment criteria such as eligibility, leveraging financial investments and project benefits.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/2009/gif-fiv-eng.html
Funding Type	Unknown
Source	Infrastructure Canada
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	No Information
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Eligible recipients include provinces, territories, local or regional governments; public sector bodies, non-profit organizations and private companies, either alone or in partnership with a province, territory or a government.</p> <p>Eligible projects are those that promote cleaner air, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and cleaner water and fall within any of the following categories: wastewater infrastructure; green energy generation infrastructure; green energy transmission infrastructure and solid waste infrastructure, and carbon transmission and storage infrastructure.</p>
Eligible Costs	No information.
Terms	No information.
Judgment Criteria	No Information.
Application Documentation and Process	Proponents can summarize their project in a letter. If there is interest, proponents will be invited to submit a more detailed proposal that describes the project and its components, cost estimates, expected results and benefits. For all projects selected for funding, eligible recipients will enter into contribution agreements with Canada. These agreements will outline eligible and ineligible costs as well as federal cost sharing and limits.
Application Deadlines	No Information.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Holcim Awards for Sustainable Construction

Summary	Awards recognize any contribution to sustainable construction – irrespective of scale - in architecture, landscape and urban design, civil and mechanical engineering and other related disciplines.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.holcimfoundation.org/T154/holcim_awards.htm
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction, Switzerland
Market	Sustainable construction
Keywords	
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	Up to \$200,000
Program Objective	The purpose of the Holcim Foundation is to promote sustainable construction by enabling the exchange of ideas and innovative approaches, and recognizing outstanding achievements through these awards to achieve a greater level of sustainability in the built environment.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The project must have reached an advanced design stage prior to the beginning of construction at the close of entries. Projects that do not meet these requirements may be excluded by the jury. The design must demonstrate proof of sustainability according to the foundation's 5 target issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Quantum change and transferability: The project must demonstrate innovation at the forefront of sustainable construction – a quantum leap in comparison to conventional approaches. Breakthroughs and trend-setting techniques must be transferable and applicable to other construction projects – irrespective of scale. 2) Ethical standards and social equity: The project must meet the highest ethical standards and support social fairness at all stages of the construction, from the planning and building process to the long-term impact on the community's social fabric. 3) Ecological quality and energy conservation: The project must demonstrate a sensitive and responsible use and management of natural resources throughout the construction's life cycle, including operation and maintenance. Long-term environmental concerns, regarding the use of materials or the flow of energy, should be an integral part of the approach. 4) Economic performance and compatibility: The project must prove to be economically feasible. Its funding must promote economy of means and be compatible with demands and constraints encountered throughout its life cycle. 5) Contextual response and aesthetic impact: The project must provide evidence of architectural quality within the cultural and physical context. The construction must have a positive, long-term aesthetic impact on its environment, showing an innovative and imaginative use of space and form.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>The prize money for each of the five regional competitions is USD 300,000: regional Holcim Awards Gold USD 100,000; regional Holcim Awards Silver USD 50,000; regional Holcim Awards Bronze USD 25,000; at least 4 regional Acknowledgement prizes from a total budget of USD 75,000 per region.</p> <p>On regional level, juries will also award three "Next Generation" prizes from a total budget of USD 50,000 per region: regional Holcim Awards "Next Generation" 1st prize USD 25,000, regional Holcim Awards "Next Generation" 2nd prize USD 15,000, and regional Holcim Awards "Next Generation" 3rd prize USD 10,000.</p> <p>Awards and prizes of the regional competition will be presented at Holcim Awards ceremonies in each region from September to November 2011. The projects awarded Holcim Awards Gold, Holcim Awards Silver, or Holcim Awards Bronze in all regional competitions automatically qualify for the global Holcim Awards competition in 2012.</p> <p>The total prize amount for the global competition is USD 500,000: Global Holcim Awards Gold USD</p>

	200,000; Global Holcim Awards Silver USD 100,000; Global Holcim Awards Bronze USD 50,000. The Holcim Innovation prize for up to three winners is allocated a total budget of USD 150,000. All prize-winning projects and visions from the five regional Holcim Awards competitions (Awards, Acknowledgements, and "Next Generation" prizes) are eligible to be considered for this prize.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Innovation and transferability – Progress</p> <p>Ethical standards and social equity – People</p> <p>Environmental quality and resource efficiency – Planet</p> <p>Economic performance and compatibility – Prosperity</p> <p>Contextual and aesthetic impact – Proficiency</p>
Application Documentation and Process	All entries in the competition must be submitted via the Website, which features more information about the Holcim Awards in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.
Application Deadlines	Entries must be submitted online at www.holcimawards.org by March 23, 2011
Processing Time	
Notes	The prize fund is based in Switzerland but is open to international applicants.

International Environmental Youth Corps

Summary	The International Environmental Youth Corps (IEYC) is a key component of the federal government Youth Employment Strategy (YES) which creates career-related tailored work experiences which will allow those with skills obtained at the post-secondary level to acquire valuable work experience related to their field of study and provide them with access to networks.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ec.gc.ca/education/default.asp?lang=En&n=6DA60166-1
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Environment Canada and Human Resources Canada
Market	Environmental careers
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$12,000
Program Objective	This program is intended to help unemployed or under-employed highly qualified Canadian youth obtain critical first jobs in their area of study through work experience with an educational focus in the environment industry sector. It will also help Canada achieve international sustainable development objectives.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	No information
Eligible Costs	Intern salaries
Terms	<p>ECO Canada will be responsible for providing potential employers with up to 40% of the wage of an entry-level position up to a maximum of \$12,000.</p> <p>The participant is responsible for finding employment with a company, who will then receive the salary subsidy.</p> <p>Funding is allocated to interns who find employers on a first come first serve basis. The best time to apply is between January and April. To determine the availability of funding visit www.eco.ca or contact ECO Canada.</p>
Judgment Criteria	No Information
Application Documentation and Process	No information
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program

Summary	<p>The Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program (IASPP or Program) is a partnership-based initiative sponsored by the Government of Canada.</p> <p>The goal of the IASPP is to engage Canadians in actions to prevent, detect, and manage IAS to minimize the risk the species pose to the environment, economy, and society.</p>
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ec.gc.ca/eee-ias/default.asp?lang=En&n=0000465F-1
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Environment Canada
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$50,000
Program Objective	The Strategy seeks to minimize the risk of IAS to the environment, economy, and society, through a hierarchical approach that prioritizes prevention, early detection, rapid response, and management.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Non-government or not-for-profit organizations such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations. * Aboriginal groups and organizations. * Educational or research institutions. * Private individuals and private companies, including those that lease Crown lands or have lease [or licensing] agreements or permits for resource use and exploitation. * Government Agency or Crown Corporation (provincial, territorial, municipal). <p>Eligible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Developing and implementing initiatives (e.g., codes of conduct, best practices, rescue/disposal programs, workshops, community events) that target stakeholders (e.g., growers, importers, retailers), consumers (e.g., ornamental garden trade, wildlife/pet trade, aquarium and water garden trade, live food fish trade, bait fish trade), or activities that contribute to the spread of invasive alien species (e.g., recreational boating, off-road vehicles, hiking, moving firewood). * Developing and disseminating information products to help different groups (e.g., stakeholders, the general public, technical audiences) to identify invasive alien species through, for example, identification keys, technical bulletins, and taxonomic monographs. * Developing and distributing educational curricula for secondary schools in partnership with the provinces and stakeholders, including teachers' associations. * Developing and conducting surveillance (early detection and monitoring) programs designed to detect invasive alien species. * Developing and implementing targeted eradication, containment, and control projects for high-profile invaders where management interventions (e.g., biological control, weed-pulling, integrated pest management) have a high probability of success and offer an opportunity to showcase a success story.
Eligible Costs	<p>osts eligible under the Program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * human resources, including wages and benefits; * contractual and professional services, including expenses relating to accounting, audit, supervision, legal services and other fees; * travel expenses and expenses for activities on the ground; * the costs of materials and supplies; * a reasonable proportion of general or administration expenses and rental expenses, where "reasonable" means expenses directly attributable to the implementation of the project; * any GST or HST not refundable by Revenue Canada; * the costs of printing and production; * communications and distribution expenses; * vehicle rental and operating expenses;
Terms	The maximum funding available is \$50,000 per project.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public education value Risk reduction value Significance of target species or pathway Leverage Sustainability

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical feasibility Proponent capacity Evaluation and performance monitoring Appropriateness of budget and schedules
Application Documentation and Process	Potential applicants are required to submit an application through the IASPP's online application system
Application Deadlines	Unfortunately, there has been an delay in the announcement of another call for proposals for 2010-2011. Please refer to this webpage periodically for additional program information or updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Investment Accelerator Fund

Summary	Through investment of up to \$500K, the IAF helps launch high potential technology ventures.
Abbreviation	IAF
Website	http://www.marsdd.com/aboutmars/partners/iaf.html
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology
Keywords	Technology, innovation, venture capital
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	The Investment Accelerator Fund (IAF) is an early stage seed fund designed to help Ontario based, start up and early stage technology companies bring their products and services to market.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technologies or intellectual property (IP the company intends to commercialize must have unique and protectable aspects that establish a sustainable competitive advantage • The company must have unencumbered rights to commercialize the technology • The products and services the company intends to bring to market must meet a define market need and have a significant and sustainable advantage over competitors • The addressable market should be at minimum, \$20 million • The management team must have the appropriate skills and domain expertise or willing to replace and augment the team as necessary • There must be a clear and plausible path to commercialization • The company should not have achieved significant revenue, excluding any pre-commercialization revenue such as pilot project revenues, prototype sales, service contract revenue and any other non-sustainable streams • Intend for at least 50% of salaried employees to be based in Ontario
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of team members • Business development • Late-stage product, process or service development • Implementation of a defined marketing or distribution strategy
Terms	*Negotiated on a case-by-case basis
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Commercial viability *Strength of innovation *Strength of business and marketing plan *Management team
Application Documentation and Process	*Business plan and financial model
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

King Hassan II Great World Water Prize

Summary	The King Hassan II Great World Water Prize is an international award jointly established by the Government of Morocco and the World Water Council, in memory of his Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco's distinguished leadership and encouragement of cooperation and sound management of water resources.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/index.php?id=1413&L=0
Funding Type	Prize
Source	World Water Council
Market	Water
Keywords	Water, hydrology
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Prize is awarded to an institution, organization, individual or group of individuals in honor of outstanding achievements in any aspects of water resources such as scientific, economic, technical, environmental, social, institutional, cultural or political.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The Prize may be awarded to individuals, groups of individuals, institutes or organizations that have made a recent and outstanding contribution to the theme of the Prize. The general theme of the Prize is cooperation and sound management in the development and use of water resources.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	The current value of the Prize is US\$ 100,000.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Any organization related to water resources may nominate a Candidate. The Nominator will be required to complete a nomination form, providing contact details of the Nominator and the Candidate, and submit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two letters of reference supporting the Candidacy (the second being independent from the Nominator) 2. A summary document (less than 2000 words), reviewing the contribution of the Candidate in the context of the Prize theme.
Application Deadlines	<p>The deadline for nominations is 31 July of the year preceding the year of the Award.</p> <p>The Prize will be awarded every three years and will coincide with the World Water Forum.</p>
Processing Time	
Notes	

MaRS Business Project Funding

Summary	Business Project Funding enables entrepreneurs already engaged with program Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIRs) or MaRS Advisors to access specialized advisory services. Projects might include consultation from niche market experts, intellectual property strategy, third-party validation or testing or primary market research.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.marsdd.com/working-with-mars/money.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Technology, high-tech, innovation
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$20,000
Program Objective	Provide enhanced resources to promising Ontario technology companies,
Obligations	Must work with an Entrepreneur In Residence or MaRS advisor.
Eligibility Requirements	To access Business Project Funding, you must be recommended by an entrepreneur-in-residence, MaRS advisor or program agent that has been advising you.
Eligible Costs	Specialized consulting or business advisory services.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	*Assessed on a case-by-case basis by MaRS practice committees.
Application Documentation and Process	Application form administered by MaRS advisors.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	1-2 weeks
Notes	

Miroslaw Romanowski Medal

Summary	The medal is awarded for significant contributions to the resolution of scientific aspects of environmental problems or for important improvements to the quality of an ecosystem in all aspects - terrestrial, atmospheric and aqueous - brought about by scientific means.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rsc.ca/awards_Miroslaw_Romanowski_Medal.php
Funding Type	Award
Source	Royal Society of Canada
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	\$3,000
Program Objective	The Miroslaw Romanowski Medal was established in 1994, at the generous bequest of the estate of internationally renowned metrologist Miroslaw Romanowski.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	The bronze medal and a cash amount of \$3,000 are awarded every year if there is a suitable candidate. An annual lecture series for the award recipient is also associated to the medal.
Judgment Criteria	The medal is awarded for significant contributions to the resolution of scientific aspects of environmental problems or for important improvements to the quality of an ecosystem in all aspects - terrestrial, atmospheric and aqueous - brought about by scientific means.
Application Documentation and Process	Nomination form
Application Deadlines	This is an annual competition, with nominations accepted in December of each year.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Moving on Sustainable Transportation

Summary	Through MOST, Transport Canada is working with organizations across Canada to make sustainable transportation a reality.
Abbreviation	MOST
Website	http://www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/MOST/menu.htm
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Transport Canada
Market	• Transportation
Keywords	Sustainable, transportation
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$150,000
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Stimulate the development of innovative tools, approaches and practices for increasing the sustainability of Canada's transportation system and the use of sustainable modes of transportation; * Realize quantifiable environmental and sustainable development results on Transport Canada's sustainable development priorities; and * Provide Canadians with practical information, tools and opportunities for better incorporating sustainable transportation options into their daily lives.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * non-profit, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) * community organizations (voluntary groups, community associations, and institutions) * organizations and associations for First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples; * educational and academic institutions; * labour organizations; and, * businesses and industries and their professional associations - for projects that are non-profit in nature and are not tied to a company's line of business. <p>Projects must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Conduct studies, analyses, or plans that make strategic recommendations on sustainable transportation issues and initiatives; * Develop innovative sustainable transportation tools; * Undertake small scale pilot projects or demonstration projects that test new sustainable transportation approaches or alternatives; * Replicate successful sustainable transportation initiatives in additional communities and customize project materials to the new location; or * Conduct workshops and conferences that educate stakeholders (professionals employed in the field or managers and staff of sustainable transportation projects) on sustainable transportation.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * travel; * personnel salaries and benefits; * professional services (e.g. consultants for studies, designs, marketing, software and web site development); * rental of equipment; * purchase of equipment, software, hardware and other fixed assets; * public outreach and communication materials and activities; * Provincial Sales Tax and the portion of the Goods and Services Tax for which the recipient is not eligible for a tax rebate; and, * administrative costs to a maximum of 15 per cent of the MOST funding request (including rental of office space, printing, telephone, office supplies, etc.).
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * to a maximum of 50 per cent of eligible costs (cash or in-kind); and, * to a maximum of \$150,000 over a three-year period.
Judgment Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effectiveness in making direct environmental improvements through greater understanding and practical applications of sustainable transportation principles. The degree to which the project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. increases Canadians' ability to apply concrete and practical sustainable transportation solutions; 2. promotes action by Canadians to adopt sustainable transportation practices in their daily lives; and 3. provides concrete milestones and expected results within a reasonable time frame, and provides a process to monitor progress and measure the project's impacts. 2. The degree to which the project is innovative and can be applied elsewhere or replicates a successful initiative. The extent to which it: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provides a novel and creative approach in realizing sustainable transportation; or 2. complements and builds on existing approaches or initiatives; or 3. reinforces/strengthens current initiatives and mechanisms addressing sustainable

transportation by expanding their delivery and influence, instill behaviour change and motivate action.

3. The degree to which the project demonstrates a likely chance of short-term success and long-term sustainable development impact and success. Based on:

1. the proponent's experience and expertise in similar areas;
2. the proponent's demonstrated commitment to the area; and
3. sufficient institutional, management/organizational structure and financial and other support to successfully deliver the project.

Application Documentation and Process Application form and project proposal.

Application Deadlines The next deadline for applications is October 15, 2010.

Processing Time

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MRI Innovation Demonstration Fund

Summary	The Innovation Demonstration Fund (IDF) is a discretionary, non-entitlement funding program administered by the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation that focuses on the commercialization and initial technical demonstration of globally competitive, innovative green technologies, processes and/or products.
Abbreviation	IDF
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/idf/guidelines.asp
Funding Type	Loan, Royalty, Equity investment
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green technology • Alternative energy • Bio-products • Hydrogen • Other technologies at the pilot stage of development
Keywords	Environment, energy, alternative energy, bio-products, biochemical, bio-agricultural, bio-industrial, technology
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	The funding potentially available under IDF ranges from a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 per project.
Program Objective	The objective of the IDF is to help companies in their efforts to commercialize innovative technologies in Ontario by mitigating the risk of projects with significant pilot-scale technical hurdles. The IDF is not aimed at routine engineering, upgrading, or improvements to existing processes, designs or products.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The proposed technology demonstration at the pilot stage will provide a competitive advantage for Ontario or other significant benefits. * The proposed technology has been tested and proven to be viable, and can provide sufficient data to warrant a pilot scale project. * Following a successful pilot, the technology product or process will be moved into the global market. * The technology, product or process is best in class and will lead to a globally competitive business and market opportunity.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Start-up costs associated with the development and design of pilot-scale prototypes; * Equipment purchase, installation and retrofitting costs; * Direct labour costs for personnel involved in the project; * Maintenance costs; * Costs associated with training of skilled resources; and * Monitoring and evaluation costs.
Terms	IDF will provide financial support covering up to 50 percent of eligible costs for approved Eligible Projects that have as their goal commercialization. The funding potentially available under IDF ranges from a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 per project.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Global competitiveness of the technology, product or process to be piloted; * Demonstration of technical feasibility; * Feasibility of the business plan to demonstrate market success of the project within a reasonable timeframe; * The technological, managerial and financial plan to achieve the stated objectives of the project; * Impact on societal needs and challenges in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Environmental benefits; o Waste minimization; o Alternative energy development; * Potential to provide economic benefit and contribute to Ontario's competitive advantage in global markets; * Feasibility of the plan to ensure commercialization of the technology beyond the pilot phase from Ontario; * Feasibility of the plan to increase public, consumer and investor awareness and acceptance of the technology.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>The Ministry will conduct an initial review of the applications and will seek technical review from external experts as well as a financial due diligence review by an independent Third Party reviewer. The Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation is committed to making timely decisions on all Full Applications once submitted.</p> <p>The evaluation process will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Initial review by the Ministry; * Evaluation by interministerial review team

- * Technical review by external experts;
- * Financial due diligence review by external experts; and
- * Evaluation of reviews by the Ministry and subsequent funding decisions for successful applicants.

Application Deadlines Continuous intake

Processing Time

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MRI Premier Catalyst Award for Best Young Innovator

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Best Young Innovator Award celebrates early stage innovators who have played a significant role in developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology and who demonstrate future potential.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Nominees for the Best Young Innovator category must be under the age of 35 at the nomination deadline.
Eligible Costs	Funds received through this grant can be spent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership * What is your assessment of the role of the nominee in connection with this innovation? * What is the overall assessment of the nominee's future potential?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2009
Processing Time	
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MRI Premier Catalyst Award for Innovator of the Year

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Innovator of the Year Award celebrates innovators who have played a significant role in developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Must be an innovator who has played a significant role in developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Eligible Costs	Funds received through this grant can be spent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership *What is your assessment of the role of the nominee in connection with this innovation?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2010
Processing Time	
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MRI Premier Catalyst Award for The Company with the Best Innovation

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Start-up Company with the Best Innovation Award celebrates emerging companies that have outstanding performance, growing revenues and the potential to become a market leader as a result of developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Companies nominated for the Company with the Best Innovation Award must have incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act or the Canada Business Corporations Act longer than five years prior to the nomination deadline.
Eligible Costs	<p>Funds received through this grant can be spent on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership *To what extent has the nominee demonstrated outstanding performance as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated growing revenues as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated the potential to grow market share as a result of the innovation?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2011
Processing Time	
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MRI Premier Catalyst Award for The Start-Up Company with the Best Innovation

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Company with the Best Innovation Award celebrates established companies who have outstanding performance, growing revenues and the potential to grow market share as a result of developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Companies nominated for the Start-up Company with the Best Innovation Award must have incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act or the Canada Business Corporations Act less than five years prior to the nomination deadline.
Eligible Costs	Funds received through this grant can be spent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated outstanding performance as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated growing revenues as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated the potential to become a market leader as a result of the innovation?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2012
Processing Time	
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New Directions Research Program

Summary	The purpose of the New Directions Research Program is to stimulate the sustainable growth and competitiveness of Ontario's agri-food sector through investment in innovative and high quality research in partnership with industry, rural communities/organizations, other levels of government and research institutions.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/research/new_directions/index.html
Funding Type	Unknown
Source	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Market	Agri-food
Keywords	Unknown
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Unknown
Program Objective	Sustainable growth in Ontario's agri-food industry.
Obligations	Unknown
Eligibility Requirements	Unknown
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Call for Letters of Intent 2010 Now Closed. Check back at the program website for future updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

New Technology Tax Incentive (ONTTI) - Ontario

Summary	The Ontario New Technology Tax Incentive (ONTTI) allows a 100% immediate write-off of the eligible cost of qualifying intellectual properties acquired in the course of an intellectual property transfer. An intellectual property transfer is an acquisition of qualifying intellectual property by a corporation from an unrelated person for the purpose of implementing an innovation or an invention in the corporation's business that is carried on in Ontario.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/credit/ontti/
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	Any
Keywords	Intellectual property
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Not applicable
Program Objective	Decrease the cost of IP acquisition.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Not applicable.
Eligible Costs	Acquisition of intellectual properties.
Terms	The eligible costs of qualifying intellectual properties are included in a Class 12 capital cost allowance (CCA) pool and allowed as a 100% deduction from income in the year of acquisition. The expenditure limit for a taxation year is \$20 million. A taxpayer's total ONTTI deduction for a taxation year is equal to the total amount of CCA allowed in respect of each ONTTI property. Neither the half-year rule nor the available for use rule applies.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable
Application Documentation and Process	The ONTTI is included on Ontario CCA Schedule (tax form).
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	Unknown
Notes	

Northern Energy Program

Summary	Is your organization looking to save money - and the environment? Would your community benefit from clean, sustainable energy solutions? The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is proud to partner with northern businesses and non-profit organizations to pursue innovative solutions to renewable energy generation and conservation.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/nohfc/programs/nep_e.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
Market	Energy
Keywords	
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	From \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, depending on the project.
Program Objective	By pursuing innovative solutions to renewable energy generation and conservation, northerners will be able to reduce their costs of energy consumption and position the North for future growth. This program is designed to help northern organizations to capitalize on energy opportunities, pursue clean alternatives and reduce their demand on external energy sources.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Renewable Energy Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Assistance of up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$100,000 may be provided to help fund technical studies required to secure financing for energy renewal projects. <p>Renewable Energy Capital Cost-Differential Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Assistance of up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$1 million may be provided to fund: *The capital cost differential associated with undertaking a project in Northern Ontario versus other parts of Ontario. * Projects that will generate energy for sale to the electrical grid. Bio-fuel production facilities. <p>New Internal Energy Generation Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Assistance of up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$250,000 may be provided for projects that generate energy internally and reduce your demand on external energy sources. Includes net metering projects. <p>Energy Conservation Pilot Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Assistance of up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$500,000 may be provided for projects which allow eligible non-profit organizations and businesses in the energy sector to: promote conservation efforts; identify energy cost savings; provide technical advice and assistance for capital projects that could improve energy conservation.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Renewable Energy Planning * Renewable Energy Capital Cost-Differential Assistance * New Internal Energy Generation Projects * Energy Conservation Pilot Projects
Terms	<p>Renewable Energy Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The maximum contribution will generally not exceed 50 per cent of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$100,000. <p>Renewable Energy Capital Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The maximum contribution will generally not exceed 50 percent of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$1 million. <p>New Internal Energy Generation Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The maximum contribution will generally not exceed 50 per cent of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$250,000. <p>Energy Conservation Pilot Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The maximum contribution will generally not exceed 50 per cent of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$500,000.

Judgment Criteria	No information
Application Documentation and Process	Application forms are available at www.nohfc.com or may be obtained from ServiceOntario and Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry offices. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis. Program funding is limited. There is no guarantee that all applications meeting program criteria will be approved by the NOHFC.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Emerging Technology Program

Summary	The NOHFC's Private Sector Emerging Technology Program supports the innovation of new technologies that will contribute to future northern prosperity. The program funds research, development and commercialization projects that demonstrate a high commercial potential, foster collaborative activities among industry and research institutions, and encourage successful innovation in small companies.
Abbreviation	ETP
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_etp_e.asp
Funding Type	Loan, Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any technology
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project,
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$100,000 in grant and up to \$1 million in loan
Program Objective	To pursue research, development and commercialization projects that demonstrate a high commercial potential, foster collaborative activities among industry and research institutions, and encourage successful innovation in small companies.
Obligations	*Projects must create direct jobs.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible applicants may include individual private sector companies or consortiums of companies. The applicant must be prepared to become incorporated and be incorporated prior to receiving assistance. Projects must create direct jobs. All other potential sources of funding must be explored and documented. The costs of full-time staff, or operating costs of businesses will normally not be considered eligible, although human capital may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The proposed product, service or process must be innovative and have commercial potential. The applicant must have operations located in Northern Ontario and/or the project must be undertaken in Northern Ontario. The proposed project should not unreasonably impact existing Northern Ontario businesses and must result in net economic benefits for Northern Ontario. The applicant must own or control the intellectual property needed to conduct the project. The applicant must be unable to obtain sufficient funding for the project from financial institutions. Projects proposed which, in the opinion of the NOHFC Board, have significant job creation and/or other substantial Northern Ontario benefits may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum investment from the NOHFC will generally not exceed 50 per cent of eligible project costs Information and communications technology projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film development and production Value-added products Biotechnology and life sciences projects Intellectual property development Staff training Marketing Land servicing costs Capital project costs
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-repayable contributions of up to \$100,000 may be provided on a cost-shared basis for research and pre-competitive development technical projects. Repayable loans of up to \$1 million or 50 per cent of eligible project costs, whichever is less, may be provided to capital projects. Up to one-half of the NOHFC funding may be in the form of a conditional grant with the remainder in the form of a repayable loan.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job creation Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	*Application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
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NRC-IRAP Financial Support

Summary	The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) provides financial support to qualified small and medium-sized enterprises in Canada to help them develop technologies for competitive advantage. NRC-IRAP operates on a shared-risk model, providing cost-shared financial assistance for research and development projects that meet both the firm and project assessment criteria.
Abbreviation	IRAP
Website	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/irap/financial-assistance.html#ar#ar
Funding Type	Grant
Source	National Research Council Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Industrial, Research, R&D, manufacturing, research and development.
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Unknown
Program Objective	Provide support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Canada in the development and commercialization of technologies and products.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be a small and medium-sized enterprise in Canada, incorporated and profit-oriented * Have 500 or less full-time equivalents * 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
Eligible Costs	To be discussed with an IRAP advisor.
Terms	Financial support may be provided for an eligible research and development project, supporting up to 100 per cent of salary costs associated with the project, or up to 75 per cent of contractor fees.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the business and management capabilities of the firm and the company's potential to achieve the expected results and outcomes associated with the proposed project; * the financial capabilities of the firm and its plan to commercialize the developed technologies; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the technical aspects of the project and its potential impact on the firm.
Application Documentation and Process	To be discussed with an IRAP advisor.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
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OCE CCR Embedded Executive Program

Summary	The CCR embedded executive program provides companies with matching funds in order to pay for in-house executives.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Ccoer.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy, environment and natural resources • Health and medical technologies • Information and communications technologies • Convergent technologies in the above sectors.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$30,000
Program Objective	Fill critical business planning and strategy gaps in start-up companies with the help of an embedded executive whose salary is partially funded by the program.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Early stage (pre-seed, seed or pre-b-round), Ontario-based companies with a research focus. An existing research relationship with an academic institution is not required but they do expect research plans going forward (ie. R&D with a preferred link back to academia).
Eligible Costs	Salary costs of the embedded executive
Terms	Up to \$50,000 in matching funds (either cash or equity) to place someone temporarily (3-6 months) into a role to overcome a gap in C-level management at start-up companies. Payments are milestone-based, with desired outcomes being raising capital or generating \$1 million+ in added sales. It is expected that the executive intend to remain at the company.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “How good is the intellectual property?” • “Is there really a viable market for products based on the intellectual property?” • “Is there a clear, compelling and competitive reason for the customer to purchase the product?” • “Can the innovation provide the customer with an advantage in terms of the task completion?” • “What is the best practice business model for this company?” • “Can this company manage its way to success?” • “Will there be new jobs created as a result of the commercialization program?” • “In which way will the implementation of the commercialization program provide economic benefits?”
Application Documentation and Process	After an initial discovery meeting, applicants are required to submit an application form, project plan, milestone outline, and business plan. An internal review passes applicants to a formal review committee for approval.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
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OCE CCR Funding

Summary	CCR works with early-stage, innovative companies, with excellent potential. CCR's core value is its expertise and time along with that of their partners, as well as access to a vast array of networks. CCR connects companies to the resources they need, when they need them.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Ccoer.aspx
Funding Type	Grant or Loan
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy, environment and natural resources • Health and medical technologies • Information and communications technologies • Convergent technologies in the above sectors.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$250,000
Program Objective	Support Canadian entrepreneurs to accelerate the commercial introduction of leading edge technologies, goods, services and business models in the priority areas of the federal Science and Technology Strategy
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High potential entrepreneurs • Emerging enterprises with breakthrough innovations <p>The innovations should have been developed by Canadian publicly funded research institutions, such as Universities, Colleges, Research Hospitals etc. The company may be a direct spin-off from the University or the innovation could have been acquired under licence from the research institution or</p> <p>The company should have a formal relationship with such an institution, i.e. a research collaboration or</p> <p>The company intends to set up such a relationship as part of the commercialization plan, e.g. acquire a licence from a research institution or set up a research collaboration</p>
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "How good is the intellectual property?" • "Is there really a viable market for products based on the intellectual property?" • "Is there a clear, compelling and competitive reason for the customer to purchase the product?" • "Can the innovation provide the customer with an advantage in terms of the task completion?" • "What is the best practice business model for this company?" • "Can this company manage its way to success?" • "Will there be new jobs created as a result of the commercialization program?" • "In which way will the implementation of the commercialization program provide economic benefits?"
Application Documentation and Process	Detailed business plan according to template.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
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OCE CCR New Entrepreneur Micro-Finance

Summary	Assistance and financial support to pre-incorporated and early stage start-ups by providing young entrepreneurs with just enough capital to get an idea off the ground.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/COEResearch_Overview.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy, environment and natural resources • Health and medical technologies • Information and communications technologies • Convergent technologies in the above sectors.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$18,000
Program Objective	Financial support to young entrepreneurs.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	New entrepreneurs able to work in Canada who have unique and proprietary offerings which will have a national or worldwide market. Recipients must be enrolled in or have just graduated from a Canadian college or university and be prepared to work on the project full time for a minimum of 3 months. If this is a pre incorporated start-up and the project is successful, the recipients must agree to transfer the technology into a new or existing start-up incorporated in Canada.
Eligible Costs	Start-up related costs.
Terms	Each entrepreneur involved in the project receives up to \$6,000 in financial support (to a maximum of \$18,000 per project) with favourable repayment terms. Typically a loan at prime interest rate + 2% repayable if the company is cash flow positive within two years.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “How good is the intellectual property?” • “Is there really a viable market for products based on the intellectual property?” • “Is there a clear, compelling and competitive reason for the customer to purchase the product?” • “Can the innovation provide the customer with an advantage in terms of the task completion?” • “What is the best practice business model for this company?” • “Can this company manage its way to success?” • “Will there be new jobs created as a result of the commercialization program?” • “In which way will the implementation of the commercialization program provide economic benefits?”
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
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OCE Champions of Innovation

Summary	The Champions of Innovation initiative supports research and development of disruptive technologies that have the potential to create new markets and to provide the basis for new start-up companies. OCE investments are made on a 12-month renewable term, typically for up to two years, based on the financial return expected from the research outcomes. Annual investments in a Champions of Innovation project average \$50,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Rchamp.aspx
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, technology, R&D, research
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Approximately \$50,000
Program Objective	The Champions of Innovation initiative supports research and development of disruptive technologies that have the potential to create new markets and to provide the basis for new start-up companies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A compelling business case for potential research outcomes. * Demonstrated interest by groups representing the industry that the technology will impact (e.g. sector associations, NGO) through an in-kind contribution. * Intellectual Property arising from the project will be managed in accordance with the University/College/Hospital and Research Collaboration Agreements entered into with OCE. * Demonstrated talent development and training opportunities for students. * Potential to create a new market (therefore industry partnerships are not required). * Demonstrated potential benefit to the Ontario economy.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	OCE investments are made on a 12-month renewable term, typically for up to two years, based on the financial return expected from the research outcomes. Annual investments in a Champions of Innovation project average \$50,000.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	pplicants should contact an OCE representative to discuss their proposal and obtain the relevant forms.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
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OCE Collaborative Research

Summary	OCE's investment is determined by the support and commitment from the partners up to \$200,000 per year with a maximum duration of three years. Typically, collaborative projects involve an annual OCE investment of \$50,000 per year. The Collaborative Research initiative is designed to promote and harness innovative research partnerships between industry and Ontario universities, colleges or research hospitals.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Rcolla.aspx
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Student, researcher, academic, institution, IP
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$200,000 per year for 3 years.
Program Objective	The Collaborative Research initiative is designed to promote and harness innovative research partnerships between industry and Ontario universities, colleges or research hospitals.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Projects must include both private sector and academic partners. Public sector partners may also participate. * A critical component of the initiative will be talent development and training opportunities for students, post-doctoral fellows and other highly qualified personnel within the project. * Intellectual Property arising from the project will be managed in accordance with the University/College/Hospital and Research Collaboration Agreements entered into with OCE. * Industry partner(s) make a cash and in-kind contribution to the project that matches or exceeds that of OCE. The ratio of cash to in-kind will depend on the participating firms and the project objectives. * Demonstrated potential benefit to the Ontario economy.
Eligible Costs	Student salaries, travel expenses, some equipment.
Terms	OCE's investment is determined by the support and commitment from the partners up to \$200,000 per year with a maximum duration of three years. Typically, collaborative projects involve an annual OCE investment of \$50,000 per year. Funding flows directly to the academic research institution. Industry partners make cash and in-kind contributions that match or exceed those of OCE.
Judgment Criteria	Research caliber, industry support and relevance, student training.
Application Documentation and Process	Application is handled by an OCE representative, in consultation with the research staff and the proposed industry partner.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE First Job

Summary	The First Job initiative moves talented people from academia to industry. It makes it possible for companies to improve their ability to innovate by recruiting talented young researchers with significant academic experience.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Tjob.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Researcher, staff, job, employee, salary, pay, wage
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$40,000 for established companies Up to \$50,000 for start-up companies.
Program Objective	The First Job initiative moves talented people from academia to industry. It makes it possible for companies to improve their ability to innovate by recruiting talented young researchers with significant academic experience. These researchers bring leading-edge scientific knowledge that helps companies increase their competitiveness and productivity.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The researcher has graduated with an advanced degree (Masters or PhD), preferably, within the last five years and is eligible to work in Canada. Holders of other post-secondary credentials (Bachelors and college diplomas) are also eligible. * The applying company will be able to demonstrate that hiring the researcher will enhance their competitive position.
Eligible Costs	50% of the researcher's salary
Terms	Successful applicants receive a grant of 50% of the recruit's salary (up to \$40,000); start-up companies are eligible for a grant of 80% of the recruit's salary (up to \$50,000).
Judgment Criteria	<p>Impact on industry partner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct revenue (or revenue opportunity) • Cost Savings • New technology developments • New products/services/processes <p>Development of Intern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New skills and expertise • Retention of full-time permanent
Application Documentation and Process	All applications are internally and externally reviewed and consist of the form (3-4 pages), the candidate's CV and a letter of support from the company;
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Market Readiness

Summary	Small-scale funding for commercialization fo academic-based innovation.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Cmarket.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Commercialization
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$150,000
Program Objective	<p>1) to determine whether a profitable market exists for the technology</p> <p>2) to determine whether the technology should be commercialized through licensing to existing Ontario companies or through the creation of a new company</p> <p>3) if the technology is to be licensed, to mature the technology and the IP ownership to a point where it can be formally licensed to an existing or new Ontario company</p> <p>4) if the technology is to be the foundation of a new company, to bring that company to a level of development where private capital is prepared to invest</p>
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Intellectual property developed at an Ontario college, university or research hospital. Funding can go to the institution or to a newly-created spinoff.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Assessment • Market Assessment • I.P. Protection • Prototype Development • Material Characterization • Proof of Concept Demonstration • Business Plan Development • New Company Start-Up • Key Position Staffing
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Commercial viability *Strength of innovation *Strength of business and marketing plan *Management team
Application Documentation and Process	The inventor will work together with an OCE Business Development Manager to define the goals of the initiative and draft an application for review. The proposal must be approved by the academic institution's Office of Research, technology transfer office or equivalent
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Martin Walmsley Fellowship

Summary	Awards the successful candidates with \$50,000 per year, for up to two years, to start a company. Second year funding is dependent on a satisfactory review of first year outcomes.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/cmartin.aspx
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials and Manufacturing • Communications and IT • Photonics • Earth and Environment • Energy
Keywords	Award, start-up, seed, technology, entrepreneur, transfer
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$50,000 per year for 2 years
Program Objective	The Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship is designed to support an academic innovator who is working to transfer technology developed with the support of Ontario Centers of Excellence into a new technologically innovative business (TIB) venture.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The candidate must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, committed to founding in Ontario a new TIB venture based on intellectual property developed with the support of Ontario Centers of Excellence. * The Fellowship is awarded to a researcher (e.g. faculty member, graduate student, post doctoral fellow) who has been associated with the development of this intellectual property. * The successful candidate will demonstrate the requisite motivation and skills to extract the proposed technology nugget from the research in which they have been engaged, conduct the necessary market research, develop a successful business plan, and lead others in the formation of a new TIB registered in Ontario.
Eligible Costs	*Start-up costs and costs directly attributable to the project.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	*Potential for wealth creation in strategic areas of Ontario's economy.
Application Documentation and Process	Applications for the Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship are accepted annually in the spring. Prospective applicants work closely on the application with the OCE Business Development Officer dedicated to the research project that originated the technology to be commercialized. Proposals are submitted to a Selection Committee consisting of technical and business experts.
Application Deadlines	Applications for the Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship are accepted annually in the spring. Generally 2 prizes are awarded each year.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario BioAuto Council

Summary	The council will partner with existing companies for projects valued up to \$2 million. Funding will be geared towards securing Ontario's global leadership in product development from renewable feedstocks. Priority will be given to the commercialization of near market-ready products and processes.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bioautocouncil.com/funding.aspx
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	The Government of Ontario
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Biogas and biofuels •Green/renewable energy
Keywords	biogas, biofuel, bioproduct, automobile, green, environmental, automotive, feedstocks, agriculture, energy
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	from \$150 000 to \$1 million, to a maximum of 50% of eligible project costs.
Program Objective	The Ontario BioAuto Council aims to ensure Ontario companies lead the green evolution of biomaterials – especially when it comes to bioplastics, biocomposites and other materials headed for the auto sector.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Proposals must be for bio-based product or process commercialization resulting in product sales.</p> <p>Participants must adequately demonstrate their financial ability to carry out the project.</p> <p>Publicly funded research centers, government agencies, universities and colleges are not eligible applicants.</p> <p>Requested funding should fall in the range of \$150 000 to \$1 million</p> <p>Projects must be led by a company located in Ontario. BioAuto funding can only support eligible expenditures of Ontario participants.</p> <p>Participants must be a for-profit entity.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct labour 2. Benefits 3. Overhead 4. Direct materials 5. Consultants and sub-contractors 6. Equipment 7. Rentals
Terms	Ontario BioAuto Council will invest up to 50% of the total project costs. Participants are expected to contribute at least 25% of the project value as cash with the remaining matching contribution as eligible in-kind (see appendix for eligible in-kind contributions). Other sources of project funding are encouraged and their presence will make the project more attractive for Ontario BioAuto Council funding.
Judgment Criteria	<p>What will be the benefits to Ontario?</p> <p>How can an investment from the BioAuto Council help your business?</p> <p>What will be the other sources of funding for the project? Applicants must declare if other provincial funds will be used as part of the matching contribution.</p>
Application Documentation and Process	<p>One-page executive summary that clearly communicates the project goals and timeline</p> <p>Bio-based product description – with reference to literature review and competitive analysis (to be included as appended material)</p> <p>Description of IP strategy (if applicable)</p> <p>Market plan and analysis – the applicant is expected to demonstrate that the participants have an in-depth understanding of the market opportunity for the bio-based product, based on sound market intelligence, including the scope and scale of markets and customer needs</p> <p>Sales forecasts</p> <p>Organization chart and bios for staff to be involved with the project</p> <p>Current and historical (3 years) audited financial statements (to be included as appended material)</p> <p>Project budget – provide a detailed breakdown of the total expenditures expected for the project outlining participant contributions – in-kind and cash – and requested contribution from BioAuto Council</p>

Application Deadlines All current application deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for further application dates.

Processing Time

Notes

Ontario Emerging Technologies Fund

Summary	The Government has announced that the Fund will be a \$250 million fund over five years, to a maximum of \$50 million per year for each of the five years, to co-invest alongside Qualified investors into innovative, high-growth Ontario companies. the deal structure of a co-investment will be the same for the Fund and the Qualified Investor in any one investment round.
Abbreviation	OCGC-OETF
Website	http://www.ocgc.gov.on.ca/site/en/funds/ontario-emerging-technologies-fund/
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	The Ontario Capital Growth Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean technologies; • life sciences and advanced health technologies; and • digital media; and information and communication technology
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$15 million per round to a maximum total investment of \$25 million.
Program Objective	Increase the amount of investment made directly into Ontario-based companies targeting three key sectors.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The investee company must carry on business solely in one of the Eligible sectors of clean technology, life science and advanced health technologies, and digital media and information Communications Technology • Be privately held at the time of the Initial Investment • Pay at least 50 per cent of wages, salaries and fees to employees and contractors working in Ontario • The majority of the company's full-time employees must be working in Ontario; and • The majority of senior officers must maintain their permanent residence in Ontario.
Eligible Costs	<p>OCGC can make either a first time investment or a subsequent investment in an investee company where OCGC has previously made an initial investment.</p> <p>An Initial Investment will be classified as follows:</p> <p>A. New Company Investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and an initial investment by a Qualified Investor, where the aggregate investment in the Investee Company in the investment round is at least \$1 million but less than \$4 million, or • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and a follow-on investment in the Investee Company by a Qualified Investor, where the Qualified Investor's existing investment in the investee company is \$1 million or less, and the aggregate investment in the investee company in the investment round is at least \$1 million, but less than \$4 million. <p>B. Significant New Company Investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and an initial investment by a Qualified Investor where the aggregate investment in the Investee Company in the investment round is at least \$4 million but less than or equal to \$15 million. <p>C. Portfolio Company Investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and a follow-on investment in the Investee Company by a Qualified Investor where the aggregate investment in the Investee Company in the investment round is greater than \$2 million but less than or equal to \$15 million; provided that, where another Qualified Investor is also making an initial investment in the investee company and such investment is at least \$1 million and constitutes at least 20% of the investment round, such investment shall be deemed to be a new company Investment or a Significant New Company Investment, as applicable.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aggregate amount of an initial investment by OCGC in an Investee Company will not be more than \$5 million • The aggregate amount of all Fund investments made by OCGC in an Investee Company over the life of the Fund will not be more than \$25 million • OCGC's investment in an investment round or an Investee Company will not be more than the Qualified Investor's investment • OCGC will not be the largest single investor in an Investee Company. • The company is seeking to raise an initial investment of at least \$1 million and not more than \$15 million • Investments will be structured and negotiated by the Qualified Investor and will be equity or quasi-equity investments (e.g. common shares, preferred shares and convertible debentures). Debentures or other debt which have principal and/or interest payments from the eligible investee company or shares which have cash dividend payments within three years are ineligible. Ineligible investments include debt which has principle or interest payments due within 3 years.

New Company Investment

- The OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor who is making a new investment in an Investee Company and the valuation of the investment is determined by the Qualified Investor.
- All deal structure terms of the investment will be the same for the OCGC and the Qualified Investor.
- Where the Qualified Investor's existing investment in the Investee Company is \$1 million or less, the investment will be treated as if it were a new Investee Company by the Qualified investor.

Significant New Company Investment:

- OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor and one Significant Investor, each of whom is making a new investment in an Investee Company and the valuation is set by the Qualified OETF Investor, and where each of the Qualified Investor and the Significant Investor invests at least \$1 million in the investee company and each such investment constitutes at least 20% of the investment round.
- All deal structure terms of the investment are the same for OCGC, the Qualified Investor and the Significant Investor.

Portfolio Company Investment:

- OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor and one Significant Investor where each of the Qualified Investor and the Significant Investor invests at least \$1 million in the Investee company and each such investment constitutes at least 20% of the investment round.
- OCGC will only invest in the investee company by way of a convertible debenture which provides (i) for a conversion price equal to an amount to be established at a discount to the valuation set in the next Qualified Investment Round (as defined below) in which a Qualified Investor that has not previously invested in the investee company invests at least \$1 million in the investee company, and (ii) that if a liquidation event occurs prior to a Qualified Investment Round, the holder may elect to convert its convertible debenture into the equity instrument employed in the investment round immediately preceding the issuance of such convertible debentures. All deal structure terms of the investment are the same for OCGC, the Qualified Investor and the Significant investor.

Follow-On Investment:

- OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor. All deal structure terms of the investment are the same for OCGC and the Qualified Investor.
- A "Significant Investor" is an investor that is not a Qualified Investor and that invests in an investee company in any investment round at least \$1 million, which investment constitutes at least 20% of the aggregate amount invested in such investment round, provided that a Significant investor may not be a syndicate of investors unless each syndicate participant invests at least \$1 million in the investment round.
- "Qualified Investment Round" means an investment round in which the Investee Company raises an amount that is at least equal to the amount raised by the investee company in the investment round in which the OCGC acquired its convertible debentures and in which a Qualified Investor that has not previously invested in such investee company invests at least \$1 million, which investment constitutes at least 20% of the aggregate amount invested in such investment round.

Judgment Criteria

Applicant companies must have an established relationship with a Qualified Investor who is prepared to make an investment in the company, and is seeking coinvestment from the OCGC. The Qualified Investor will complete an application to the OCGC for funding on behalf of the company. Eligibility Considerations for the "Qualified Investor": OCGC will follow the market-based assessment made by Qualified Investors who bring potential investment deals to OCGC. Investors must apply to OCGC to become Qualified Investors. Applicants will be reviewed against the following set of criteria:

In assessing a Venture Capital or other Private Equity Fund for qualification, OCGC will consider a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Dollar value of assets under management
- Amount of capital available for investment
- Capital invested and track record of investments made in the preceding five years
- Location of the principal office and commitment to invest in Ontario
- Principals (partners or senior executives) who have been employed or engaged by the applicant or an affiliate, and have relevant and sufficient experience investing in, operating and selling early-stage companies in the Eligible Sectors (as defined in Section 6).
- Experience making equity or quasi-equity investments in portfolio companies
- Portfolio company exits in the preceding five years
- Previous limited partners, fund sponsors, and investors.

A separate certification process has been established to qualify individuals and organizations that have the financial resources to invest in high-growth, innovative companies in Ontario. Investors (other than venture capital and other private equity funds) may apply for certification with OCGC as "Other Qualified Investors". these investors will include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel investors or angel groups • Pledge funds • Corporations or other entities (e.g. pension funds) that are not principally engaged in the making venture capital or private equity investments • Venture capital or other private equity funds where 80% or more of such fund’s assets under management or committed capital has been provided or committed, as applicable, by one individual or an Affiliated Group.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>There are two steps involved in the approval process that must be successfully completed before OCGC will co-invest in a company:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of application for certification as a Qualified Investor 2. Review of application for an Eligible Investment including satisfaction of terms and conditions required by OCGC. <p>There are separate application forms for certification as a Qualified Investor and approval of an Eligible investment. the application process is described in greater detail in the following section. Application forms are available for download at the OcgC website at www.ontario.ca/ocgc, where you can also find further information, including frequently asked questions related to the Fund. Further information regarding submission procedures are on the application forms. Applicants will be notified upon receipt of their application.</p>
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Varies
Notes	<p>OCGC has established limits on stacking of government funding (total government funding – federal, provincial or municipal investment provided to a company for the same purpose). For the purposes of OETF, “Government Funds” are defined as any equity or quasi-equity investment made by any federal, provincial or municipal government, agency or crown corporation, and includes, without limitation, equity or quasi-equity investments made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Venture Capital Fund • Investment Accelerator Fund • Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation • Business Development Bank of Canada • Export Development Canada • Farm Credit Canada • Ontario Commercialization Investment Funds (OCIF) • Any future government equity or quasi-equity investment programs that may be announced during the active investment period of the Fund. <p>With respect to an investee company that has received or will receive government Funds concurrently with OcgC’s investment, the following limitations will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aggregate amount of Government Funds plus the investment from OCGC cannot exceed 50% of the aggregate investment in an Investee Company in any investment round • The aggregate amount of Government Funds plus the investment from OCGC cannot exceed 50% of the aggregate investment in an Investee Company at any time • OCGC’s pro rata share of an investment made as a limited partner of OVCF is to be calculated in determining the amount of Government Funds invested in an Investee Company by OCGC as a limited partner of OVCF • The Ministry of Research and Innovation’s (MRI) pro rata share of an OCIF is to be calculated in determining the amount of Government Funds invested in an Investee Company.

Ontario Innovation Tax Credit

Summary	The OITC is a 10% refundable tax credit for corporations that make expenditures on scientific research & experimental development (SR&ED) carried on in Ontario.
Abbreviation	OITC
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oitc/index.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	SR&ED, research, experimentation, R&D, development
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$200,000 per taxation year
Program Objective	To support Ontario innovation R&D
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The credit is available to all public and private corporations with permanent establishments in Ontario. Only expenditures for scientific research & experimental development carried on in Ontario, for which the taxpayer is eligible for federal (SR & ED) investment tax credit, qualify for the OITC.
Eligible Costs	Only expenditures for scientific research & experimental development carried on in Ontario, for which the taxpayer is eligible for federal (SR & ED) investment tax credit, qualify for the OITC.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The OITC is calculated at 10% of qualifying expenditures * Maximum claim is \$300,000 per taxation year * Qualifying expenditures are 100% of current expenses such as salaries and wages, and 40% of capital expenditures; OITC is available on qualifying SR&ED expenditures to a maximum of \$2 million annually
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application Documentation and Process	To claim the OITC, corporations must complete the OITC claim form, file the Ontario corporate tax return (CT23 or CT8) and enter the amount on line 191. To ensure quick identification of the claim, provide a copy of the related federal schedules (T2 SCH 31 and T661).
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario New Technology Tax Incentive

Summary	The Ontario New Technology Tax Incentive (ONTTI) allows a 100% immediate write-off of the eligible cost of qualifying intellectual properties acquired in the course of an intellectual property transfer.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/credit/ontti/
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ontario Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Intellectual property transactions
Keywords	Technology
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	Introduced in the 1997 Ontario Budget, the ONTTI encourages the development and transfer of new technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*The corporation must carry on business in Ontario. *Qualifying intellectual property is a patent, a license, a permit, know-how, a commercial secret, a process, a formula or other similar property constituting knowledge.
Eligible Costs	The eligible costs of qualifying intellectual properties are included in a Class 12 capital cost allowance (CCA) pool and allowed as a 100% deduction from income in the year of acquisition.
Terms	The eligible costs of qualifying intellectual properties are included in a Class 12 capital cost allowance (CCA) pool and allowed as a 100% deduction from income in the year of acquisition. The expenditure limit for a taxation year is \$20 million. A taxpayer's total ONTTI deduction for a taxation year is equal to the total amount of CCA allowed in respect of each ONTTI property. Neither the half-year rule nor the available for use rule applies.
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application Documentation and Process	The ONTTI is included on Ontario CCA Schedule
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Power Authority Feed In Tariff Program

Summary	The program allows the OPA to purchase power generated from renewables - solar, wind etc - at a higher rate than the cost of electricity.
Abbreviation	FIT
Website	http://fit.powerauthority.on.ca/
Funding Type	Subsidy
Source	Ontario Power Authority
Market	•Renewable Power
Keywords	Power, energy, biomass, solar, wind, bioenergy, fuel, gas, agrifuel, biofuel, renewable, green
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Funding is applied as a subsidy rate on top of traditional sale prices for electricity to Ontario utilities.
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Increase capacity of renewable energy supply to ensure adequate generation and reduce emissions * Simpler method to procure and develop generation * Create new green industries through new investment and job creation * Provide incentives for investment in renewable energy technologies
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>*The FIT Program is for Renewable Generating Facilities up to a maximum capacity of 10 MW for solar PV Projects, 50 MW for waterpower Projects and unlimited in capacity for Projects using other Renewable Fuels</p> <p>(a) To be eligible to participate in the FIT Program, a proposed generating facility must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) constitute a Renewable Generating Facility; (ii) be located in the Province of Ontario; (iii) [not have a Contract Capacity of more than 10 MW in the case of PV Projects and 50 MW in the case of waterpower Projects. For greater certainty, an Incremental Project together with the Existing Generating Facility to which it is incremental may exceed these size limits so long as the increase in Gross Nameplate Capacity resulting from the Incremental Project does not exceed these size limits;] (iv) not be an Existing Generating Facility, unless it is an Incremental Project, in which case only the Contract Capacity relating to the Expansion or Upgrade is eligible; [NTD: Consider the appropriate additional eligibility requirements for waterpower Projects that are Expansions or Upgrades.] (v) connect to a Distribution System, a Host Facility or the IESO-Controlled Grid; (vi) have separate metering suitable for FIT Program data collection and settlement purposes, as described in Section 6; and (vii) not have or have had a physical or financial power or capacity purchase contract relating to the generation of Electricity by such proposed facility, or other form of contract relating to Electricity or Related Products relating to such proposed facility. For greater certainty, this includes Standard Offer Contracts. <p>(b) [Although it is not an eligibility requirement for purposes of an Application, all Applicants should be aware that the FIT Contract will require that a Project be comprised of at least 1% Provincial Content as determined in accordance with Exhibit "C".]</p>
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Consult program website for program terms.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Application completeness *Project viability *Connection/distribution capacity
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Application Fee *Online application *Extensive distribution documentation *Extensive environmental impact documentation *Power-source-specific documentation
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	Dependent upon connection capacity assessment by Ontario Power Authority
Notes	

Ontario Research and Development Expenditure Deduction

Summary	The Ontario Research and Development Expenditure Deduction allows corporations to exclude from Ontario taxable income the portion of the federal investment tax credit that relates to qualifying Ontario Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) expenditures through Ontario pool calculation on CT23 Schedule 161.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/credit/orded/index.html
Funding Type	Tax Deduction
Source	Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	Make the income from the Federal SR&ED tax credit deductible from Ontario corporate income tax obligations
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Must be making a SR&ED claim.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application Documentation and Process	To claim, complete CT23 Schedule 161, and enter the amount on Line 679 of the tax return.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Tax Exemption for Commercialization

Summary	To support innovation in the Ontario economy, the 2008 Ontario budget proposed a 10-year tax exemption for new corporations that commercialize intellectual property developed by qualifying Canadian universities, colleges or research institutes. The OTEC program was implemented by amendments to the Corporations Tax Act and the Taxation Act, 2007 in Bill 100, which received Royal Assent on December 10, 2008.
Abbreviation	OTEC
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/TaxExemptionCommercialization.asp
Funding Type	Tax Refund
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	The exemption generally applies to corporations that commercialize intellectual property in priority areas such as bio-economy/clean technologies, advanced health technologies and telecommunications, computer and digital technologies.
Keywords	Innovation, commercialization
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Not applicable.
Program Objective	To support innovation in the Ontario economy.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To qualify for the Ontario tax exemption, a corporation must be a new corporation, incorporated in Canada that is not formed as a result of an amalgamation or merger and must derive all of its income from eligible commercialization activities carried on in Ontario. Eligible commercialization activities include the development of prototypes and the marketing and manufacturing of products related to the intellectual property.</p> <p>A qualifying corporation incorporated in Canada after March 24, 2008 and before March 25, 2012 may be exempt from Ontario Corporate Income Tax and Corporate Minimum Tax for its first 10 taxation years.</p> <p>The term "eligible commercialization business" includes an active business that is an "advanced health technology business", a "bioeconomy business", a telecommunications, computer or digital technologies production business.</p> <p>The sole purpose of the business must be the sale of property that derives more than 50% of its value from "eligible intellectual property" developed at a qualifying institution, the sale of property that has eligible intellectual property as an essential element, the licensing of computer programs that are eligible intellectual property or such other purpose as prescribed by the regulations.</p> <p>A "qualifying institute" is a university in Ontario, a college of applied arts and technology in Ontario, a non-profit organization prescribed by the Minister of Finance, a college or university in Canada but outside Ontario, a hospital research institute or an entity prescribed by the Minister of Finance.</p>
Eligible Costs	Eligible commercialization activities include the development of prototypes and the marketing and manufacturing of products related to the intellectual property.
Terms	Before a refund can be obtained, a taxpayer must apply for a certificate of eligibility after the end of the year. A refund application must be made no later than the end of the third taxation year ending after the taxation year for which the refund is claimed. If the corporation is assessed or reassessed for a taxation year, the corporation can apply for a refund within three months of the assessment or reassessment. A refund is paid without interest, although interest accrues on refunds that are repayable to Ontario Revenue, except where the amount of the excess refund results from a loss carry back deduction.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	Corporations who wish to claim an exemption must apply to The Minister of Research and Innovation for a Certificate of Eligibility after the end of its first year. The Certificate along with the refund claim may be submitted to the Ministry of Revenue before the end of the third taxation year ending after the taxation year for which the refund is claimed.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

PRECARN Small Company Funding

Summary	Specifically targeting projects with early commercialization potential, Precarn has allocated a \$2.5 Million funding boost to promote the research and development (R&D) efforts of Canadian companies applying intelligent systems to solve commercial problems in the environment and manufacturing sectors.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.precarn.ca/ProgramsFunding/index.html
Funding Type	
Source	PRECARN Incorporated
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	This program has been developed to meet the needs of Canada's small businesses by strengthening Canadian industrial capabilities, exploiting a commercial opportunity, and demonstrating a net benefit to the Canadian economy.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Project teams must demonstrate their financial capability to carry out the project and must have between 5 and 100 employees with a minimum of \$500,000 in annual revenue. Laboratories operated by the Federal and Provincial Governments can participate on a self-funded basis, but cannot be project Lead Participants and are not eligible to receive project funding. Requested funding from the Program must not exceed 65% of all eligible project costs, and cannot exceed \$500,000. Program funds can only support the eligible expenditures of Canadian participants. International participants can participate on a self-funded basis.</p> <p>To be eligible for consideration proposals must meet the following mandatory criteria:</p> <p>a) Proposals must be for R&D projects in "intelligent systems" (as defined in Appendix 1).</p> <p>b) The lead proponent must be a Precarn member or state their intention to become a Precarn member. One of the participants must be an end user/first customer (preferably a Large Company), and a University or Community College must also be involved. Given the emphasis of the RFP on projects that will produce commercial results quickly, the role of the University or Community College does not have to be in the R&D portion of the work. The involvement of a Business School in the commercialization/marketing aspects of the project would also suffice.</p> <p>c) Project teams must demonstrate their financial capability to carry out the project and must have between 5 and 100 employees with a minimum of \$500,000 in annual revenue. Laboratories operated by the Federal and Provincial Governments can participate on a self-funded basis, but cannot be project Lead Participants and are not eligible to receive project funding. Requested funding from the Program must not exceed 65% of all eligible project costs, and cannot exceed \$500,000. Program funds can only support the eligible expenditures of Canadian participants. International participants can participate on a self-funded basis.</p> <p>d) A concept document is not required prior to the submission of a full proposal. However, first time applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Precarn to discuss their proposal prior to submission.</p> <p>e) The proposal must describe the potential intellectual property that will result from the project and must address the treatment of all intellectual property as summarized in Section 2 (Program Requirements) of this document. Projects that involve only the implementation of existing technology, transfer of foreign technology, provision of routine analytical services, data collection without interpretation of underlying mechanisms, or the exercise of professional practice or provision of general consulting services will not qualify for support.</p> <p>f) Proposals must be in the format as specified in this RFP including the required authorized signatures from all participating organizations. Proposals lacking such signatures will not be reviewed.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Direct Labour *Benefits *Overhead *Direct Materials *Sub-contractors and Consultats *Equipment *Traning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Travel *Patents *Rentals *Audit costs *Other
Terms	A maximum of \$500,000 in Precarn funding per project is available. Precarn will contribute up to 65% of the total eligible project costs to a maximum of \$500,000 with the participants contributing the remaining 35%.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Proposal Assessment Proposals will be assessed in a two-stage process: first by staff to determine eligibility, and then by an Expert Advisory Panel. Applicants will be notified immediately if one or more of the mandatory eligibility criteria are not met.</p> <p>Review Criteria An Expert Advisory Panel—comprised of technical experts and business professionals from the private sector, academia and government—will review proposals that meet the minimum eligibility requirements. Proposals will be evaluated using ProGrid, an evaluation software package that provides an initial ranking of proposals. The final assessment and ranking will be done by the panel.</p>
Application Documentation and Process	A Full Proposal consists of the completed Proposal Application Form (Appendix 3), the Proposal Content section (15 pages maximum) and Appendix 4 - Schedules A (Financial Plan), B (Personal Data Forms), and C (Supplemental Financial Information).
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Please check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	A stacking limit is the total of all government assistance as a percentage of eligible costs. Total assistance includes federal, provincial and municipal funding. Precarn's stacking limit is 75%. Any amount exceeding this limit is subject to recovery.

Rolex Awards for Enterprise

Summary	The next Rolex Awards for Enterprise will be presented in 2012 to five new Laureates for their projects that demonstrate innovative thought and benefit the world we live in. For their new ventures or completion of ongoing projects, each Laureate receives US\$100,000, a Rolex chronometer, and the benefits of international publicity.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://rolexawards.com/en/index.jsp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Rolex
Market	science and health; applied technology; exploration and discovery; the environment; and cultural heritage
Keywords	science and health, applied technology, exploration, the environment and cultural preservation
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	\$100,000
Program Objective	The Rolex Awards for Enterprise aim to foster a spirit of enterprise around the world. The Awards recognise innovative thinking and give individuals the means to carry out forward-looking projects that benefit their fields of endeavour, their communities and the wider world.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The Rolex Awards are open to any individual of any age, with a concrete working project. Proposals may be submitted in almost any area of activity, including science and health; applied technology; exploration and discovery; the environment; and cultural heritage.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not applicable
Judgment Criteria	<p>In reviewing pre-applications, Rolex will determine primarily whether the candidates show exceptional spirit of enterprise. The following criteria will also be applied to select the projects in the pre-application stage:</p> <p>*Clear project purpose. *Contribution of the project to expanding the knowledge of our world, improving the quality of life on the planet or betterment of humankind. *Project's feasibility.</p> <p>An independent Jury of international experts from a range of disciplines judges projects on their originality, potential impact and, above all, on the candidates' spirit of enterprise. Applicants must show how they can turn an original idea into a functioning project, and how, through initiative and ingenuity, their projects will benefit mankind.</p>
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Pre-applicants will have one month, from the time they create their user account on the Extranet, to submit their pre-application. The final deadline for submission is May 31, 2011.</p> <p>Pre-applications must be completed in English. Incomplete pre-applications will not be reviewed. Text can be filled in only in the spaces provided. Candidates cannot add pages or annex documents to the pre-application form.</p> <p>Pre-applicants will be notified of receipt of their pre-application form.</p>
Application Deadlines	The final deadline for submitting a pre-application is 31 May 2011. However, you are strongly advised to submit a pre-application form as soon as possible.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Rolex Young Laureates Programme

Summary	The Awards provide financial support – US\$50,000 over two years – to advance each person’s project. Rolex will also promote the winners through international media coverage. The Young Laureates will become active members in the Rolex community of innovators, taking advice from former Laureates and Associate Laureates, and, in turn, passing on their knowledge to other young people.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://rolexawards.com/en/about-the-awards/young-laureates-programme.jsp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Rolex
Market	science and health, applied technology, exploration, the environment and cultural preservation
Keywords	science and health, applied technology, exploration, the environment and cultural preservation
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	Young Laureates Programme, which enables visionary young men and women to tackle the most pressing issues facing our world.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Candidates must be between 18 and 30 years old when the Award is presented and need to have bright, feasible ideas with potential social or scientific benefits. All candidates must be nominated and cannot apply directly.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	US\$50,000 over two years
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	The application deadline for this competition has passed. Please check the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	Unknown

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program

Summary	The program offers promising young scientists and post-secondary graduates hands-on experience working on environmental projects under the mentorship and coaching of experienced scientists and program managers. Approximately one hundred youth placements, lasting from 6 months to 10 months, will be awarded across Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ec.gc.ca/sci_hor/
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Environment Canada
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$12,000
Program Objective	The program offers promising young scientists and post-secondary graduates hands-on experience working on environmental projects under the mentorship and coaching of experienced scientists and program managers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Unknown
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible costs may include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * salaries, wages and related expenses of interns such as statutory employee benefits; * operating expenses such as travel, training, utilities, materials and supplies, rental of premises, disbursement for research and technical studies. <p>It is expected the major cost of any project would be the salary or wages paid to the interns. Central administrative costs are NOT eligible costs.</p>
Terms	A maximum of \$12,000 per placement. Employers must provide a minimum of 30% of the eligible cost of the project. Project costs must be only those costs associated with the Youth's involvement in the project.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Environment Canada will assess the projects against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the degree of congruence and relevancy of the proposed project activities to the Science Horizons Youth Internship program objectives and the mandate of Environment Canada * the project must provide meaningful work experience for the youth * the duration of projects must be from 6 months to 1 year. * all projects must start on or after June 2009 and terminate by March 31, 2010 * the employer must provide a minimum of 30% of the project costs * a mentor must be identified for each project
Application Documentation and Process	Potential employers should submit an application form electronically, by mail or fax
Application Deadlines	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. Check back at the program website for updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

SDTC NextGen Biofuels Fund

Summary	Provides large, zero-interest loans to commercialize renewable fuel production facilities.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.sdtc.ca/index.php?page=nextgen-funding-niche&hl=en_CA
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Sustainable Development Technology Canada
Market	•Biofuel
Keywords	Biofuel, biodiesel, agrifuel, biomass, feedstock, power, energy, generation, ethanol
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$200 million
Program Objective	The \$500M NextGen Biofuels Fund™ is aimed at supporting the establishment of first-of-kind commercial scale demonstration facilities for the production of next-generation renewable fuels and co-products. The fund will help Canada sustainably meet its Renewable Fuels Standards. The purpose of the fund is to encourage retention and growth of technology expertise and innovation capacity for cellulosic ethanol and biodiesel production in Canada.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible to apply to the NextGen Biofuels Fund™, an Eligible Recipient must be a:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for-profit corporation; 2. partnership; 3. limited partnership; or 4. business trust <p>with legal capacity in Canada and that has access to expertise in Next-generation Renewable Fuels Production Pathways.</p> <p>To be eligible, a project must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. be a First-of-Kind facility that primarily produces a Next-generation Renewable Fuel at Large Demonstration-scale; 2. be located in Canada; 3. use Feedstocks that are or could be representative of Canadian Biomass; and 4. have demonstrated their technology at the pre-commercial pilot scale.
Eligible Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. costs for initial project definition and assessment (e.g. to confirm project parameters, investment level requirements, market and environmental impacts); 2. contract costs for design, engineering, procurement and construction services; 3. costs associated with environmental assessments; 4. costs for production systems and equipment, including monitoring and tracking systems; 5. salary costs for design, engineering, procurement and construction; 6. salary and contract costs for implementing and commissioning; 7. project management and related administrative costs; and, 8. costs related to project reporting.
Terms	<p>*An SDTC funding contribution limit of 40% of the Eligible Project Costs incurred over the course of the Project Period for any given Eligible Project, or \$200 million per Eligible Project, whichever is less.</p> <p>*Repayment terms based on a negotiated percentage of free cash flow over a period of 10 years after project completion</p>
Judgment Criteria	<p>Pre-Commercial Pilot Technology and Process Stage of Development Business Parameters Engineering and Construction Financial Regulatory permitting and approvals Sustainable Development Results Application documentation</p>
Application Documentation and Process	<p>*Extensive Application For Funding Document *Application analysis *Extensive due diligence</p>
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

SDTC SD Tech Fund

Summary	Provides large non-repayable grants to clean tech ventures.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.sdtec.ca/en/funding/SD_Tech_Fund/index.htm
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Sustainable Development Technology Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Energy Exploration, Production, Transmission and Distribution * Power Generation * Transportation * Agriculture, Forestry and Mining * Waste Management
Keywords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Energy Exploration, Production, Transmission and Distribution * Power Generation * Transportation * Agriculture, Forestry and Mining * Waste Management
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to 50% of eligible project costs.
Program Objective	<p>The SD Tech Fund is aimed at supporting the late-stage development and pre-commercial demonstration of clean technology solutions: products and processes that contribute to clean air, clean water and clean land, that address climate change and improve the productivity and the global competitiveness of the Canadian industry.</p> <p>SDTC does not require any repayments of the financial contributions it provides to funded projects through the SD Tech Fund..</p>
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>A for-profit corporation, a partnership, a limited partnership or a business trust that has entered into a contract relating to the execution of the applicant's project with one or more of the following legal entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • another corporation; • a partnership, a limited partnership or a business trust that has expertise in sustainable development technology; • a university, college or other provincially accredited post-secondary educational institution; • a research institute; • an individual who has expertise in sustainable development technology; • a not-for-profit corporation, with one of its purposes being to undertake, fund or otherwise support the development or demonstration of sustainable Development technology.
Eligible Costs	<p>(a) all goods and services and professional and technical personnel costs required to plan and conduct the scientific, technical, environmental, management and/or reporting activities directly related to the project (labor rates include T4 rates plus benefits but do not include a percentage of direct labor as overhead);</p> <p>(b) The cost of capital items that have no residual value beyond the period of funding of the Eligible Project and are specifically required for the delivery of the project, including but not limited to the lease of land or license to use land, data collection equipment, prototypes, pilot plants or Demonstration plants including facilities that are themselves necessary for the project ; and</p> <p>(c) The depreciation expense for the period of funding, of capital items that have an enduring commercial value accrued to an individual organization beyond the funding period, as determined by GAAP; and</p> <p>(d) Feasibility studies pertaining to the Eligible Project</p>
Terms	*The Foundation may fund, on average across its portfolio of funded projects, up to 33 percent of Eligible Project Costs and never more than 50 percent of eligible project costs for any given project.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the proposed project is technically sound and undertaken by an applicant with the necessary technical, financial and management capacity; * the proposed project will be undertaken in a collaborative and innovative manner; * the new technology and related intellectual property will be diffused in a timely manner in the relevant market sectors; and

	* the funding is necessary to ensure that the project proceeds in a manner to ensure broad benefits to Canadians nationally or regionally.
Application Documentation and Process	*Comprehensive Statement of Interest *Extensive online application process *Extensive proposal once admitted to Phase II *Extensive due diligence
Application Deadlines	SDTC holds two rounds of funding each year. Check online for their next call for Statements of Interest. These usually occur in February and September.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Small Firm Assistance Program

Summary	The Small Firm Assistance Program (SFAP) provides financial assistance to small and early stage firms to help them access technology, business and/or technical support services to assist them in their growth or competitiveness.
Abbreviation	SFAP
Website	http://www.ssmic.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&PageID=1028&PageCategory=26#SFAP
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Sault Ste. Marie area
Funding Amount	Up to \$5,000
Program Objective	This program encourages clients to work with both SSMIC and NRC-IRAP to help them grow and achieve increased profitability.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The client must be a Canadian firm (<100 employees), seeking assistance in the development of new products or services, or in the adoption of technology, which has the potential to help increase sales, employment or productivity. Non-profit agencies can be considered a contractor if they are the client's preferred contractor and they have the expertise. An applicant's labour costs and capital equipment purchases are not eligible for reimbursement.
Eligible Costs	This assistance includes, but is not limited to the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Technical experts * Technical feasibility analysis * Productivity enhancement analysis * Marketing including competitive intelligence/market research and promotion * Development of sales and distribution systems * Applied Research and Development (possibly dependant on nature of request)
Terms	Assistance is be limited to \$5,000/company/year to a maximum of 100% of the total costs of the service. SSMIC would administer the payment directly to the approved contractor and the client would be required to pay a 10% administrative fee to the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre.
Judgment Criteria	3-page application form
Application Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

St Andrews Prize for the Environment

Summary	The St Andrews Prize for the Environment is an initiative by the University of St Andrews in Scotland and the international integrated energy company, ConocoPhillips. The Prize recognises significant contributions to environmental conservation.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/index.htm
Funding Type	Prize
Source	University of St Andrews, United Kingdom
Market	Environmental science
Keywords	Environment, clean technology, green
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Qualified applicants of any nationality are eligible. Applications are invited from individuals, multi-disciplinary teams or community groups. Topics covered by previous winners and finalists include urban regeneration, by-products from waste, health and water issues, agriculture and renewable energy.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	\$50,000 USD for the winner and \$10,000 USD for each of the two runners-up
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Anyone wishing to enter the 2007 prize should submit a single page project summary of no more than 500 words by October 31. The shortlisted entries will be invited for a more substantial submission in January and the winners will be announced at a seminar at the University of St Andrews in May.
Application Deadlines	Project summaries due October 31 of each year.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Strategic Jobs and Investment Fund - Ministry of Economic Development and Trade

Summary	Projects must either create or retain at least 50 jobs, or invest \$10 million over five years. JIP can provide grants up to 15% of eligible project costs.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/1medt/econdev/en/ed_sjif_main_en.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clean/Green Technologies; * Financial Services; * Information and Communication Technology; * Life Sciences.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to 15% of the total eligible costs of a Project
Program Objective	The purpose of the Jobs and Investment Program (JIP) is to support research, development and commercialization in innovative industries and attract new investments and jobs in areas of great potential for Ontario
Obligations	Projects must either create or retain at least 50 jobs, or invest \$10 million over five years.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The Jobs and Investment Program (JIP) is open to Canadian and foreign incorporated companies provided they have an incorporated Ontario/Canadian subsidiary. A Project must be a clearly defined innovative investment that increases a company's capacity.</p> <p>All projects must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide economic and environmental benefits to Ontario • demonstrate innovation • include investments or expansions that meet the project thresholds of \$10M or create/retain 50 high value jobs within five years • demonstrate the financial capability to complete and implement the project • be in one of the Priority Investment Targets
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible costs generally relate to one-time establishment. They are to fund a project that would not otherwise be undertaken. • Eligible costs are actual costs directly attributable to and necessary for the completion of the Project, and are not wholly or partially for another purpose. • Eligible costs incurred and paid after the date that a full and complete proposal is received, as determined by Ontario, are eligible for reimbursement. • Eligible costs are actual cash outlays (not in-kind contributions) that must be documented through invoices or receipts acceptable to the Ministry and are subject to verification by an independent auditor. Evidence of payment must be maintained for audit purposes. The Ministry's decisions as to the expenditure eligibility and valuation shall be final and determinative. <p>*Construction/leasehold improvements *Equipment and machinery *Labour (one-time) *R&D *Training *Overhead</p>
Terms	The Jobs and Investment Program will provide up to 15% of the total eligible costs of a Project which have been incurred and paid after the date that a complete proposal is received by the Ministry. Approved funding will be provided in the form of a conditional grant. However, the ministry may consider requests for funding in the form of loan (a low interest rate loan, a forgivable interest loan, or a forgivable loan) on a case by case basis.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Applicants and proposals will be subject to detailed analysis by the Ministry and/or its agents to verify that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Include a viable Project plan, project budget, market assessment and evidence of ongoing sustainability. o Possess the requisite organizational and managerial capabilities and financial capacity to achieve the stated objectives of the project (including the company's financial stability). o Meet the NGOJF Jobs and Investment Program objectives and criteria including:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs and investment commitments • Innovation • Environmental benefits (where applicable) • Priority investment targets
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Application form (signed) * Business plan * Business plan charts – milestones, sources of financing, project costs, job target, security, etc. * Annual audited or accountant-reviewed financial statements for the past five years * Most recent interim financial statements (internal) * Details of existing debt (lender, payments, interest, security) * Five-year detailed forecast of revenues and expenses for the company as a whole * Information for financial due diligence * Copies of the documentation confirming the establishment of the business (i.e. articles of incorporation, amendments, partnership agreements, etc.).
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	The service guarantee means that a decision regarding your proposal will be provided 45 days from the date of a written acknowledgement from the JIP Secretariat.
Notes	

Sultan Qaboos Prize for Environmental Research

Summary	The purpose of the prize is to afford recognition to outstanding contributions by individuals, groups of individuals, institutes or organizations in the management or preservation of the environment, consistent with the policies, aims and objectives of UNESCO, and in relation to the UNESCO's programmes in this field.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://portal.unesco.org/science/en/ev.php-URL_ID=6832&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
Funding Type	Prize
Source	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Market	Environmental science
Keywords	Environment, clean technology, green
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The objective of the Prize is to afford recognition to outstanding contributions by individuals, groups of individuals, institutes or organizations in the management or preservation of the environment, consistent with the policies, aims and objectives of UNESCO, and in relation to the Organization's programmes in this field.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Nominations for the Prize can only be made by UNESCO Members States and by International Organizations or by Non-Governmental Organizations which have consultative status with UNESCO, each of which may make only one nomination in any biennium. Individuals or universities, as well as organization which do not have consultative status with UNESCO, can therefore not submit nominations.</p> <p># Candidates must have made an outstanding contribution to the management or preservation of the environment, particularly in one of the following fields: environmental and natural resources research; # environmental education and training; # creation of environmental awareness through the preparation of environmental information materials; # establishing and managing protected areas such as biosphere reserves and natural world heritage sites.</p>
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	The prize, provided on a biannual basis, consists of a diploma together with a financial reward of approximately US\$20,000. The financial value of the prize is subject to change in any given year.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Nomination forms for the 2011 Prize will be made available in early 2011.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Sustainable Chemistry Alliance

Summary	With initial funding from the Centres of Excellence for Commercialization and Research, and from private sources, the alliance will provide more than \$5 million in funding over the next five years. Funding will be targeted to the highest potential emerging innovations and breakthroughs.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.suschemalliance.ca/commercialization.html
Funding Type	No information
Source	No information
Market	No information
Keywords	No information
Regions Available	No information
Funding Amount	No information
Program Objective	No information
Obligations	No information
Eligibility Requirements	No information
Eligible Costs	No information
Terms	No information
Judgment Criteria	No information
Application Documentation and Process	No information
Application Deadlines	No information
Processing Time	
Notes	This is a new program and while no information is available online, companies have already received funding through the SCA. Please contact the program administrators directly for further information.

Technology Development Fund

Summary	Financial assistance to support pre-commercial technologies or applications that have the potential to improve electricity supply, conservation or demand management.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/tdfund/
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Power Authority
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Advanced refrigeration and cooling * Advanced integrated building controls * Advanced lighting * "Smart" technologies * Enabling technologies for renewable and distributed generation
Keywords	Energy, power, electricity, refrigeration, cooling, building, controls, lighting, smart, technology, enabling, renewable, generation
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$250,000
Program Objective	The Ontario Power Authority contributes to the development of a reliable and sustainable electricity system by funding innovative energy efficient technologies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must propose to study, develop, demonstrate and/or verify the performance of an emerging, pre-commercial energy technology or application. • Projects must be consistent with the Fund objective to support pre-commercial technology applications that have the potential to improve electricity supply, conservation or demand management. • Projects must be led by applicants who demonstrate the financial and organizational capacity to undertake the project. • Projects must be led by registered partnerships or corporations and not by individuals.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, feasibility studies and field tests, including costs for qualified professional and technical consultants who are directly involved in the project • Costs of purchasing office supplies that are required to complete the project activities • Funding for participation in conferences, workshops and other proceedings where the event is deemed to be important to the execution of the project activity • Travel costs necessary to complete the project activity • Costs to consult with and educate a community or sector about the proposed project activity, including surveys, website development and other communication tools directly related to execution of the project activity • Costs of pilot installations: construction or renovation/retrofit of facilities and structures and leases essential for completion of the project activity but that are limited to the life of the project activity • Costs to develop a business case for commercialization.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The maximum contribution by the OPA for any one project is \$250,000. * Projects may be funded over a maximum of 36 consecutive months. * The OPA will only provide as much funding to a project as the next highest funder. * In-kind contributions may be considered as part of the funding composition of a project if they are reasonable and verifiable.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency with and supportiveness of the OPA mandate and mission, and potential for positive impact on Ontario's electricity system and electricity consumers • Amount of leverage funding from the applicant or other sources (recommended minimum 50 percent of the cost of the project, cash or in-kind) • Strength and practicality of the proposed methodology to measure results and report on the work • Strength of feasibility analysis and the extent to which meaningful measurable results are clearly outlined

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Relevance of the mandate of the applicant to the proposed project • Strength of the project team in the area of inquiry, research or demonstration • Strength of working partnerships with relevant organizations or partners •Financial viability of the applicant, including a demonstrated ability to manage and sustain growth that may result from the grant.
Application Documentation and Process	*Complete a comprehensive expression of interest according to a template.
Application Deadlines	25-Aug-10
Processing Time	
Notes	

The Steacie Prize

Summary	The Steacie Prize is a Canadian award presented once a year to a scientist or engineer of 40 years of age or less for outstanding scientific research carried out in Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.steacieprize.ca/index_e.html
Funding Type	Prize
Source	* E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Trustees Fund, Canada * National Research Council of Canada (NRC), Canada
Market	Natural sciences
Keywords	Natural sciences
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Steacie Prize is named in memory of E.W.R. Steacie, a physical chemist and former President of the National Research Council of Canada, to whom much is owed for the development of science in Canada. The Prize is awarded annually to a young scientist or engineer in Canada and is administered by the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Trustees Fund.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The Steacie Prize is a Canadian award of \$10,000 presented once a year to a scientist or engineer of 40 years of age or less for outstanding scientific research carried out in Canada. The winner is selected by a distinguished panel which is appointed annually by the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fund, a private foundation dedicated to the advancement of science and engineering in Canada. Nominations of candidates should be made by a colleague, and should include a description and evaluation of the nominee's work, together with a curriculum vitae, a publication list, and a list of referees.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	The Steacie Prize is a Canadian award of \$10,000 presented once a year to a scientist or engineer of 40 years of age or less for outstanding scientific research carried out in Canada.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Candidates for the prize are nominated by their colleagues. Nomination packages longer than 25 pages (single-sided) may be edited for brevity. The nominations should contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a nomination letter explaining why the candidate should be considered for the prize, and giving the candidate's birth date, (ii) a curriculum vitae with publication list, and (iii) a list of names and addresses of 5 or 6 independent referees with recognized expertise in the candidate's field.
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	All current application deadlines have passed. Please check back at the fund website for future updates.

The Stockholm Water Prize

Summary	The Stockholm Water Prize is a global award presented annually to an individual, organisation or institution for outstanding water-related activities. The activities can be within the fields of aid, awareness building and education, technology, management or science.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.siwi.org/stockholmwaterprize
Funding Type	Prize
Source	The Stockholm International Water Institute
Market	Water, Hydrology
Keywords	Water, Hydrology
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The world's most prestigious prize for outstanding achievement in water-related activities.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Stockholm Water Prize Laureates have over the years represented many water-related activities, professions and scientific disciplines and have come from around the world. Any activity or actor which contributes broadly to the conservation and protection of the world's water resources, and to improved water conditions which contribute to the health of the planet's inhabitants and our ecosystems, is eligible to be nominated for the Stockholm Water Prize.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	USD 150,000 award and a crystal sculpture
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application	Unknown
Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	The nomination period for the 2011 prize is open now. Deadline for submission is 30 September 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

The Tech Awards

Summary	Each year, candidates are nominated and then invited to submit applications. Individuals, for-profit companies, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible. International panels of judges review the applications and annually select 15 Laureates. Awards are presented in five categories: Health, Education, Environment, Economic Development, and Equality.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.techawards.org/index.php
Funding Type	http://techawards.thetech.org
Source	Applied Materials and Partners
Market	Various
Keywords	Health, education, environment, economic development, equality
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Tech Awards Laureates are profoundly improving the human condition through the use of technology. It is the goal of The Tech Awards to showcase their compelling stories and reward their brilliant accomplishments.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Individuals, for-profit companies, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Three Laureates in each category are honored and one Laureate per category receives \$50,000.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The technology application significantly improves the human condition in one of the five award areas: environment, economic development, education, equality, or health. * A serious problem or challenge with global significance is addressed by this use of technology. * The application of this technology, which may be either a new invention or an innovative use of an existing technology, makes a noteworthy contribution that surpasses previous or current solutions. * The technology application has the potential to serve as an inspiration or model for further innovation. * The technology application is in the field and has demonstrated a measurable benefit.
Application Documentation and Process	The Tech Museum encourages and solicits online nominations from anyone who can identify a worthy candidate, including self-nominations.
Application Deadlines	Nomination for The Tech Awards 2011 re-open October 1, 2010
Processing Time	
Notes	The award is based in the United States.

Toronto Atmospheric Fund

Summary	TAF uses its Loans Program to make approximately \$8 million of its endowment fund available to finance mandate-related initiatives.
Abbreviation	TAF
Website	http://www.toronto.ca/taf/
Funding Type	Loan
Source	City of Toronto
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Green energy •Renewable energy
Keywords	Green energy, renewable energy, wind, solar, geothermal
Regions Available	Greater Toronto Area
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * support and encourage local reductions of air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions; * stimulate best practices in energy conservation and efficiency; * contribute to public understanding of global climate change and its implications for the urban environment; * support or initiate research and technology development that will contribute to effective local emissions reduction strategies; and * develop partnerships with non-governmental organizations, other levels of government, businesses and academic institutions
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Aligned with program areas/capabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Linked to one of TAF's 4 program areas *Requires funding (i.e., not pure advocacy) *Potential synergy with City initiatives/priorities <p>Has the potential to catalyze transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Demonstrates a concept/creates a market *Aligns a complex group of stakeholders
Eligible Costs	Varies by project
Terms	Varies by project.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * relevance to TAF's mandate and funding priorities * quantifiable energy savings or revenue stream * measurable risk * quantified equivalent carbon emissions reduced * quantified smog precursor emissions reduced * potential to attract other financing or investment * satisfactory covenant or security arrangement
Application Documentation and Process	Signature of a memorandum of understanding between TAF and the applicant.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, however TAF funding mandates are subject to change. Check the TAF program website frequently for deadline and funding updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Virgin Earth Challenge

Summary	The Virgin Earth Challenge is a prize of \$25m for whoever can demonstrate to the judges' satisfaction a commercially viable design which results in the removal of anthropogenic, atmospheric greenhouse gases so as to contribute materially to the stability of Earth's climate.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.virgin.com/subsites/virginearth/
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Virgin
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Global
Funding Amount	\$25 million
Program Objective	The purpose of the Virgin Earth Challenge (the "VEC") is to encourage development of a commercially viable new technology, process or method to remove anthropogenic greenhouse gases ("GHG(s)") from the atmosphere, so as to improve the stability of the Earth's climate.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The VEC is NOT open to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) board members and employees of the Virgin Group of companies; (b) anyone who has been involved in the organising, promoting or judging of the VEC; and (c) anyone under the age of 18.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>6.1 The main prize pool is US\$25million (the "Prize").</p> <p>6.2 The Judges may elect to award the entire Prize to one Winner or to share the Prize between two or more Winners. The Judges are under no obligation to award any or all of the Prize if suitable winners are not found. The Judges may also elect to award other amounts to Entrants outside of the main Prize pool.</p> <p>6.3 The winners may not be rewarded the Prize instantaneously or in one go. The award of the Prize may depend on the winner showing their entry working for an agreed period of time.</p> <p>6.4 The winners agree to provide to Virgin all non-confidential, available information regarding their winning entry (and any subsequent improvements, variations or developments thereof) upon request within 1 (one) year from the announcement of the award of their proportion of the Prize.</p> <p>6.5 An award of the Prize may be subject to withholding tax (if applicable) and/or income tax or other applicable tax which may be ordinarily payable by a winner upon receipt of the Prize.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<p>The entries will first be assessed by a technical panel of experts in the field of GHG sequestration (the "Technical Panel"). The Technical Panel will ensure that each entry will at least fulfil all of the following assessment criteria, in order to progress to the next stage of judging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ability of the design to achieve a net removal of a quantifiable amount of GHGs from the atmosphere; b) All atmospheric GHGs (not only carbon dioxide) should be considered, in relation to their global warming potential; c) The proposed system should be scalable to a significant size in order to meet the informal removal target of 1 billion tonnes of carbon-equivalent per year for 10 years (the "Removal Target"); d) Ability of the design to achieve the Removal Target. Removal will be considered on a net life cycle basis (i.e., direct and indirect GHG emissions caused by the manufacture, operation and decommissioning of the system should be taken into account); e) The system should provide long term GHG removal from the atmosphere. Systems which include potential for GHG release at any point in the cycle will be approached with caution; f) The design must show technical viability, effectiveness and efficiency; g) Any harmful effects and/or other incidental consequences of the solution should be stated. The proposed system at scale should not create other significant direct or indirect environmental or social damage that would be likely to negate the climate benefit (e.g. extensive ecosystem

	<p>degradation or significant security threats);</p> <p>h) The system for removal of GHGs must be commercially viable. To this end a clear case should be made for expected return on investment over three and ten years (or longer), taking into account credible scenarios for the future cost of energy, raw materials and management, and future revenue from carbon markets and/or other sources;</p> <p>i) The proposed mechanism for measurement of carbon removed should be sufficiently credible (1) to accurately monitor the system's performance over time; and (2) to enable revenue generation on the regulatory and/or voluntary carbon market (if applicable to the commercial viability);</p> <p>j) If applicable, any other contributions to the reduction in environmental GHGs should be stated;</p> <p>k) The proposed operation for each entry must be demonstrable at least in the laboratory environment prior to final judging.</p> <p>l) There should be clarity as to ownership of intellectual property in the design submission. This is likely to be assessed at later stages of the selection process, but any concerns should be identified.</p>
Application Documentation and Process	To enter the Virgin Earth Challenge please download and fill in a Challenge Checklist. The Challenge Checklist is designed to help applicants provide the right information to us and to help the judges to confirm that entries are within the scope of the Virgin Earth Challenge. Please answer all of the questions on the Challenge Checklist which are relevant to your Design.
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed for this competition. Check back at the competition website for any updates or new competitions.
Processing Time	
Notes	

General Funding Programs Applicable to All Companies

Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit

Summary	The AJCTC is a non-refundable tax credit equal to 10% of the eligible salaries and wages payable to eligible apprentices in respect of employment after May 1, 2006. The maximum credit is \$2,000 per year for each eligible apprentice.
Abbreviation	AJCTC
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvds/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/lns409-485/412/jctc-eng.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	10% of Eligible Salaries and Wages up to \$2,000/year/apprentice
Program Objective	Apprenticeship is a proven industry-based learning system that combines on-the-job experience with technical training to produce a certified journeyperson.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Any business that hires an "eligible apprentice".
Eligible Costs	"Eligible salaries and wages" are those payable by the employer to an eligible apprentice for the apprentices' employment in Canada in the tax year and during the first 24 months of the apprenticeship. It does not include remuneration based on profits, bonuses, and taxable benefits including stock options, and certain unpaid remuneration.
Terms	Non-refundable tax credit.
Judgment Criteria	
Application Documentation and Process	Employers will be able to claim the credit on their income tax returns, using either Form T2038(IND), Investment Tax Credit (Individuals) or Form T2SCH31, Investment Tax Credit - Corporations. Forms can be ordered on-line at www.cra.gc.ca/forms .
Application Deadlines	Due with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit

Summary	The 2004 Ontario Budget announced a new refundable tax credit for corporations and unincorporated businesses employing apprentices in certain skilled trades during the first 36 months of an apprenticeship program.
Abbreviation	ATTC
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/crprtns/prv/on/pprntcshp-eng.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Ontario Ministry of Revenue
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	The maximum credit for each apprenticeship is \$10,000 per year. The maximum credit over the first 48-month period of the apprenticeship is \$40,000.
Program Objective	To invest in apprentices to build careers, businesses and the Canadian economy.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>*Corporations with permanent establishments in Ontario subject to Ontario corporate income tax are eligible.</p> <p>*All proprietors filing Ontario personal income tax returns whose unincorporated business has a permanent establishment in Ontario are eligible.</p> <p>*A corporation or unincorporated business that pays a fee to an employment agency for the services of an apprentice is deemed to be the eligible employer and to employ the apprentice, not the employment agency. As well, the corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to be participating in the apprenticeship program with the apprentice, not the employment agency.</p> <p>*Members of a partnership may share the ATTC for each qualifying apprenticeship. Limited partners are not entitled to this credit; however, the general partners of a limited partnership are entitled to share the credit.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>*Eligible expenditures are salaries and wages, including taxable benefits (i.e., amounts reported on the apprentice's T4 slip) paid or payable to an apprentice in a qualifying skilled trade for services performed by the apprentice for *Eligible expenditures also include fees paid or payable to an employment agency by a corporation or unincorporated business for services performed by the apprentice in a qualifying apprenticeship after May 18, 2004 and before January 1, 2015.</p> <p>*All eligible expenditures must be for services provided by the apprentice to the eligible employer during the first 36 months of the apprenticeship program. All eligible expenditures must be attributable to an Ontario permanent establishment (place of business) and must be reasonable in the circumstances.</p>
Terms	The ATTC is based on salaries and wages paid to an apprentice. The maximum credit for each apprenticeship is \$10,000 per year. The maximum credit over the first 48-month period of the apprenticeship is \$40,000.
Judgment Criteria	
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Incorporated Business</p> <p>Corporations may claim the tax credit on Schedule T2SCH552 and file it with their T2 Corporation Income Tax Return.</p> <p>Unincorporated Business</p> <p>Employers operating unincorporated businesses may claim the credit on Form ON479, Ontario Credits, included in their personal income tax return.</p> <p>Others</p> <p>Members of partnerships claim their share of the credit on their own corporate or personal tax returns.</p>
Application Deadlines	Due with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Financing for Working Capital

Summary	No details available.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_working_capital_general.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	Inventory, R&D expenses, e-commerce or exporting efforts, product development & marketing or implementing quality solutions.
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Young Entrepreneur Financing Program

Summary	Small loans, sometimes requiring guarantees, with fixed or floating interest
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/i_am/young_entrepreneur/Pages/default.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Working capital: to supplement an existing line of credit * Acquiring fixed assets * Marketing and start-up fees * Buying a franchise
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Financing for Starting a Business

Summary	Small loans, sometimes requiring guarantees, with fixed or floating interest
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/EN/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_start_business_general.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Working capital: to supplement an existing line of credit * Acquiring fixed assets * Marketing and start-up fees * Buying a franchise
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Market Xpansion Loan

Summary	BDC's innovative Market Xpansion Loan provides up to \$100,000 and can be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in prospecting initiatives like trade shows overseas > Develop export and/or e-commerce plans > Advance SR&ED (Scientific Research & Experimental Development) refunds to replenish working capital, or cover SR&ED consulting costs > Conduct product development and R&D > Purchase additional inventory for export
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_market_expansion.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$100,000
Program Objective	Expand your domestic market or explore foreign markets
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Assessed on a case-by-case basis
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in prospecting initiatives like trade shows overseas > Develop export and/or e-commerce plans > Advance SR&ED (Scientific Research & Experimental Development) refunds to replenish working capital, or cover SR&ED consulting costs > Conduct product development and R&D > Purchase additional inventory for export
Terms	Contact BDC for program terms
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Contact a BDC branch directly for application information
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Young Entrepreneur Award

Summary	Pays tribute to outstanding young Canadian entrepreneurs.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/about/events/young_entrepreneur_awards/Pages/young_entrepreneurs_awards.aspx
Funding Type	Award
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Award, prize
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Travel cost reimbursement only.
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nationwide media visibility unparalleled opportunities for networking with other entrepreneurs valuable media relations training many skills development opportunities
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian citizens between 19 and 35 years of age as of December 31, 2009 Be a manager and have been actively involved in the company's daily management for a minimum of two years as of December 31, 2009 Hold at least 20% of the company's capital stock
Eligible Costs	*Travel expenses to award ceremony, including round-trip economy-class train or airfare.
Terms	<p>The YEA winners will be invited to receive their award during the awards gala in Ottawa, on October 20, 2009 as part of Small Business Week®. Over 350 business people and representatives of BDC, its partners and the various levels of government are expected to attend the gala. The winners will benefit from nationwide media visibility, unparalleled networking opportunities, valuable media relations training and many skills development opportunities.</p> <p>*You will also be eligible to the Export Development Canada Export Excellence Award (this award comes with a \$10,000 grant) or the Corporate Social Responsibility Award, presented at the gala.</p> <p>*BDC will reimburse travel expenses (round-trip, economy class only) from the award winners' city of residence to Ottawa.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are in the start-up or early growth phase (first 12 months of sales) Can demonstrate realistic market and sales potential Possess experience or expertise in their chosen field Demonstrate key personal characteristics of a successful entrepreneur Have assembled a competent management team Have invested reasonable financial resources in the enterprise Can provide personal and credit references
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Application form</p> <p>Corporate profile</p> <p>Financial statements Other</p> <p>Business plan</p> <p>Corporate brochure</p>
Application Deadlines	The YEA nomination campaign will be launched during Small Business Week™ 2010 (October 17 - 23) and will end on November 30, 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Small Business Financing Program

Summary	Under the program, the Government of Canada makes it easier for small businesses to get loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders.
Abbreviation	CSBF
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/csbfp-pfpec.nsf/eng/Home
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank loan, small business loan
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to a maximum of \$500,000 for any one business, of which no more than \$350,000 can be used for purchasing leasehold improvements or improving leased property and purchasing or improving new or used equipment.
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help new businesses get started and established firms make improvements and expand To improve access to loans that would not otherwise be available to small businesses To stimulate economic growth and create jobs for Canadians
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Small businesses operating for profit in Canada, with gross annual revenues of \$5 million or less.
Eligible Costs	<p>Loans can be used for financing up to 90% of the cost of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> purchasing or improving land, real property or immovables purchasing leasehold improvements or improving leased property purchasing or improving new or used equipment
Terms	<p>The interest rate is determined by your financial institution. The interest rate may be variable or fixed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable rate: The maximum chargeable is the lender's prime lending rate plus 3%. Fixed rate: The maximum chargeable is the lender's single family residential mortgage rate plus 3%. <p>A registration fee of 2% of the total amount loaned under the program must also be paid by the borrower to the lender. It can be financed as part of the loan.</p> <p>The registration fee and a portion of the interest are submitted to Industry Canada by the lender to help offset the costs of the program for the government</p> <p>Lenders are required to take security in the assets financed. Lenders also have the option to take an additional unsecured personal guarantee, which cannot exceed 25% of the total amount loaned.</p>
Judgment Criteria	Decisions to lend are based on lending criteria of each financial institution.
Application Documentation and Process	financial institutions deliver the program. Discuss your business needs with a financial officer at any bank, caisse populaire, or credit union in Canada. The financial officer will review your business proposal and make a decision on your loan application. Once the decision is made to offer financing under the program, the financial institution will register the loan with Industry Canada.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Youth Business Foundation & BDC Start-Up Financing Program

Summary	Provides small, low interest loans to young entrepreneurs with sound business plans who are taking over a business.
Abbreviation	CYBF
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/cybfbdc.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Loan, small business, start-up, young, entrepreneur, young entrepreneur, small, bank, low
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	up to \$15,000
Program Objective	This is a loan program aimed at young startups in all areas.
Obligations	Must agree to work with a mentor for two years.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be approved first for CYBF Start-Up financing * Meet BDC's eligibility as per Application for Financing FormLegal problems, bankruptcy/insolvency, taxes, criminal record, permits/licenses, ineligible activities etc. and environment policies where applicable, subject to a final review by BDC before authorization * Applicant to have a minimum investment of 10%Proof can be shown by way of invoices for items purchased for the company; items transferred to the company by the owner or through bank statements with adequate deposit balances. of the total value of the project (including the transfer of personal assets). * Existing CYBF clients have up to 30 days from CYBF approval date to apply for BDC Financing * BDC matches up to \$15,000 matching the CYBF approved amount
Eligible Costs	Start-up related costs.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Up to \$15,000 matching the CYBF approved amount * Amortized over 3 to 5 years matching the CYBF amortization period * Repayment of outstanding BDC principal at the loan maturity date with one balloon payment * Interest rate: BDC Floating Base Rate + 5.65%, interest payable monthly after disbursement * \$50 processing fee withheld upon loan disbursement * Other standard terms and conditions will apply as per BDC letter of offer (once approved by BDC)
Judgment Criteria	Sound business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *CYBF portion same as CYBF Start-Up Financing *Complete BDC Loan Application up to 30 days after the CYBF portion is approved.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Youth Business Foundation Start-Up Loan

Summary	Provides small, low interest loans to young entrepreneurs with sound business plans.
Abbreviation	CYBF
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/cybfstartuploan.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Loan, small business, start-up, young, entrepreneur, young entrepreneur, small, low
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	For loans up to 7500, repayable after 3 years. For loans up to 15k, repayable after 5 years.
Program Objective	This is a loan program aimed at young startups in all areas.
Obligations	Must agree to work with a mentor for two years.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Between 18-34 years old * Eligible to work in Canada (work permit holders not eligible) * Produce a complete and viable business plan * In business, fully operating, for less than 12 months * Lives in or operates the business in the community which offers the CYBF program * Has some training / experience related to their business idea * Agrees to work with mentor for a period of two years * Has a business idea that creates full-time sustainable employment for the applicant * Must hold at least 51% voting share in the business (if a partnership) * Not a full-time student * Loan proceeds may NOT be used for refinancing of existing debt
Eligible Costs	Start-up related costs.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Amortized over 3 years if loan is \$7,500 or less * Amortized over 5 years for loans over \$7,500 * Interest-only payments in the first year * Principal repayments are made in equal monthly installments together with interest, over the remaining two to four years, depending on the amount borrowed * No penalty for early re-payment * First year, CIBC prime rate plus 2% * Second year, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate plus 1% * Third and subsequent years, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate. <p>*\$50.00 CYBF loan administration fee *\$10.00 CYBF monthly administration fee</p>
Judgment Criteria	Sound business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Online Application Business Plan Reference Check Form Attend and interview Complete online orientation</p>
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Youth Business Foundation Succession Financing Program

Summary	Provides small, low interest loans to young entrepreneurs with sound business plans.
Abbreviation	CYBF
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/successionfinancing.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Takeover, taking over, succession, new owner
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$15,000
Program Objective	Assist young people take over businesses.
Obligations	Must agree to work with a mentor for two years.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 18-34 years old Eligible to work in Canada (work permit holders not eligible) Produce a complete and viable business plan In business, fully operating, for less than 12 months Lives in or operates the business in the community which offers the CYBF program Has some training / experience related to their business idea Agrees to work with mentor for a period of two years Has a business idea that creates full-time sustainable employment for the applicant Have until the end of the fifth year of operation to attain 51% ownership in the Company financed by CYBF. (Under normal Start-Up criteria, you must have 51% ownership at inception). Not a full-time student Loan proceeds may NOT be used for refinancing of existing debt
Eligible Costs	Any
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amortized over 3 years if loan is \$7,500 or less Amortized over 5 years for loans over \$7,500 Interest-only payments in the first year Principal repayments are made in equal monthly installments together with interest, over the remaining two to four years, depending on the amount borrowed No penalty for early re-payment First year, CIBC prime rate plus 2% Second year, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate plus 1% Third and subsequent years, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate Current prime rates may be obtained from CIBC at http://www.cibc.com/ca/rates/index.html \$50.00 CYBF loan administration fee \$10.00 CYBF monthly administration fee
Judgment Criteria	Sound business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Application Business Plan Reference Check Form Attend and interview Complete online orientation
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canadian Newcomer Entrepreneur Program

Summary	CYBF is proud to offer the CYBF Canadian Newcomer Program. This program has been designed to help individuals between the ages of 18 to 34, who are new to Canada, access pre-launch coaching, start-up financing, mentoring and business resources to start a business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/canadiannewcomer.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	CYBF Canadian Youth Business Foundation
Market	Any
Keywords	Foreign
Regions Available	Ontario and BC
Funding Amount	Up to \$15,000
Program Objective	CYBF recognizes that young people often face significant barriers to starting their own business and that newcomers to Canada sometimes face additional barriers such as language difficulties and requirements for Canadian credit history or work experience. That's why our application process and program caters to you and your needs.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	
Eligible Costs	
Terms	CYBF lends young entrepreneurs up to \$15,000* for their start-up. We support businesses of all kinds – skilled trades, retail stores, services, and everything in between. CYBF does not require security for its loans – CYBF lends based on character and a great business plan. CYBF lends up to \$15,000. However, additional financing may be available through the CYBF-BDC Start-Up Financing Program, where you can get up to an additional \$15,000.
Judgment Criteria	Character and strength of the business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Custom business plan, Bank Letter and References form. Once you have completed your Business Plan, have your Bank Letter and References ready, you will need to submit your online application to CYBF. Contact your Community Partner to get the access code to register in our system and then complete the online application form.</p> <p>CYBF will then begin the process of reviewing your application.</p> <p>* Loan assessment requirements that have been altered to capture individuals who do not have credit history or long standing references</p> <p>* CYBF will attempt to match each new entrepreneur with a mentor who shares the same first language and who has a strong knowledge of the Canadian small business market. Along with your CYBF loan you will benefit from our mandatory world-class mentoring program. Every entrepreneur is hand-matched with an experienced business mentor for 2 years to allow knowledge sharing and ensure a higher business success rate.</p>
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Career Focus

Summary	Career Focus offers youth a range of work experiences, learning and skill-building activities to help them choose careers and to encourage them to pursue advanced studies.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/career.shtml
Funding Type	
Source	Service Canada
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Unknown
Program Objective	Under the Youth Employment Strategy, Career Focus provides funding for employers to help post-secondary graduates obtain career-related work opportunities in Canada to support their development of advanced skills, to help them make career-related links to the job market, and to assist them in becoming leaders in their field.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Organizations: Businesses, organizations (including not-for-profit, professional, employer and labour associations), public health and educational institutions, band/tribal councils, Aboriginal organizations and municipal governments.</p> <p>Participants: To participate in Career Focus, youth must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * between the ages of 15 and 30 (inclusive) at the time of intake/selection; * post-secondary graduates; * Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or persons on whom refugee protection has been conferred; * out of school; * legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations; and * not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. <p>Note: Post-secondary graduates are limited to participation in one Career Focus project.</p>
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Interested employers should contact their local Service Canada Center and consult the Youth Employment Strategy Guide for Applicant.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Co-operative Development Initiative

Summary	Building on the recognized strengths of co-operatives, the Government of Canada is interested in learning more about how co-operatives can contribute to meeting the economic and social needs of Canadians.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en/innovative-co-op-projects/Program-information
Funding Type	
Source	Government of Canada
Market	<p>Within this context, the following are current priority areas, which may evolve over the course of the program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. agriculture, including farmer-driven projects for value-added agriculture and bio-fuels; 2. rural/northern community development; 3. innovative goods and services, including innovative uses of technology; and 4. projects that contribute to capacity building and sustainability of the co-operative sector as a whole in Canada.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Program is currently under revision.
Program Objective	The goal of this CDI program component is to support projects in areas of public policy priority that test innovative applications of the co-operative model. Within this goal, broad activities to be supported should contribute to: testing the co-op model in new and innovative ways; strengthening co-operatives and co-operative sectors; and generating information on best practices and lessons learned, or other information that adds to the body of co-op development knowledge.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Program is currently under revision.
Eligible Costs	Program is currently under revision.
Terms	Program is currently under revision.
Judgment Criteria	Program is currently under revision.
Application Documentation and Process	Program is currently under revision.
Application Deadlines	Program is currently under revision.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Community Futures Program

Summary	Through Government of Canada funding, CFDCs administer local investment funds to help finance new or existing small businesses and social enterprises for start-up, expansion or stabilization plans that help maintain or create jobs.
Abbreviation	CFP
Website	http://ontcfdc.com/frame3.asp?lang=english
Funding Type	Loan
Source	FedNor / Industry Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project
Regions Available	Northern Ontario, Rural Southern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$150,000
Program Objective	to help finance new or existing small businesses and social enterprises for start-up, expansion or stabilization plans that help maintain or create jobs
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Organizations, entrepreneurs, small-to-medium businesses and social enterprises located in Northern Ontario and rural Southern Ontario residing within the boundaries of the 61 Community Futures Development Corporations are eligible for CFDC support and services.
Eligible Costs	New or existing small businesses for start-up, expansion or stabilization plans that help maintain or create jobs.
Terms	Repayable financing of up to \$150000 on commercial terms through loans, loan guarantees or equity investments is available when financing from other sources is insufficient.
Judgment Criteria	*Job creation *Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	*Business plan and interview.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Computer Capital Cost Allowance

Summary	Certain types of computer equipment and office equipment can become obsolete before you can fully deduct their cost for income tax purposes. 45% deduction on general-purpose computer equipment and software purchases.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/slprtnr/rprtng/cptl/dprcbl-eng.html#electronic
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The CCA you can claim depends on the type of property you own and the date you acquired it.</p> <p>You group the depreciable property you own into classes. A specific rate of CCA generally applies to each class.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>You might acquire a depreciable property to use in your business or professional activities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * building * furniture * equipment
Terms	A specific rate of CCA generally applies to each class.
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	File with annual corporate tax return.
Application Deadlines	File with annual corporate tax return.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Eastern Ontario Development Fund

Summary	The Eastern Ontario Development Fund will invest up to 50 per cent for economic development projects valued at \$100,000 or more.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/1medt/econdev/en/ed_eodf_main_en.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing • Processing (primary and secondary, including projects in sectors such as agriculture and food and forestry) • Tourism (e.g. hospitality & entertainment) • Business services • Cultural industries • Technology (e.g. Information and Communications, digital media) • Green technologies (environmental services)
Keywords	manufacturing, processing, agriculture, food, forestry, tourism, business services, culture, technology, ICT, media, digital, green, clean, environment
Regions Available	Eastern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$1.5 million
Program Objective	To attract investment and support job creation in eastern Ontario
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Support is available to businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With at least 10 employees, and who can provide 3 years of financial statements, - With a project idea that involves a minimum investment of \$500,000 in eligible project costs and will create 10 net new jobs over 5 years, <p>**Retail, personal services, electricity generation, primary production (from agriculture, forestry, mining, etc.), free standing restaurants, golf courses, residential development, academic/research institutions, arms length government agencies, and consultants are ineligible.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of special purpose buildings, including retrofits. • Project-related infrastructure • Project-related capital expenses directly attributable to the project • One-time labour and materials, including such fees as engineering costs to set up/commission new equipment, technology or systems. • Intellectual capital • Skills training, including employer-provided, related to the project. • Costs of permits, inspections and other fees directly related to the project.
Terms	The Eastern Ontario Development Fund–Business Stream will fund up to 15 per cent of eligible project costs for approved projects. Successful applicants are expected to contribute at least 50 per cent of total project costs from their own business resources or through private financing. Maximum funding from EODF is up to \$1.5 million per approved project.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prospects for the proposed project to help the business grow move forward or transition to new markets/lines of business. • Quality of business plan – understanding/assessment of business environment and plan to address it, prospects for ongoing business success • Feasibility/viability of project – technical, market-related, degree of innovation • Project budget • Prospects for the proposed project to deliver outcomes/benefits on EODF measures • Risk Assessment
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the eligibility checklist 2. Discuss your project with one of the program contacts 3. Complete the full application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	Once a complete proposal is submitted, and you receive a confirmation of complete proposal, the 45-day customer service guarantee begins.
Notes	Up to 35 per cent of the total project costs can come from other public sector funding sources. Up to 15 per cent will come from the EODF - Business Stream funding, and the remaining 50 per cent is expected to come from your own business resources or through private financing.

EDC Buyer Financing

Summary	EDC provides a small, term loan to your foreign buyers.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_foreign_buyer.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Export, loan, financing, buyer financing
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to 85 per cent of the value of the sale and to a maximum of USD\$100 with repayment terms ranging from two to ten years
Program Objective	to help you offer your customer extended payment terms by providing them with financing for an export sale of capital goods and/or services.
Obligations	Loan is conditional upon approval of your buyer by the EDC.
Eligibility Requirements	Foreign buyers for purchases of capital goods and/or services from Canada
Eligible Costs	Foreign buyers for purchases of capital goods and/or services from Canada
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis with foreign buyers
Judgment Criteria	Buyer loan approval
Application Documentation and Process	<p>From the Borrower/Investor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At least three (3) years of audited financial statements and interim reports; * Company profile and key clients; * Bank reference; * In some case, available security or guarantee; * The financial preference: currency, length of the credit, fixed or floating interest rate. <p>From the Canadian exporter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A copy of the commercial proposal or draft contract; * Information on the relationship with the buyer and the market; * Information on the exporter's competitor(s) for this transaction and suspected financing being offered (if available); * Information on the products being exported, and estimate of the contract, and the expected terms of payment, the expected terms of delivery, and a delivery schedule; * On a case-by-case basis, the exporter may be requested to complete a Canadian Benefits Report.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Equity Direct Investment

Summary	Equity Investments allows you to leverage EDC's access to a unique combination of financial tools, expertise and international networks, and acquire the private equity and venture capital you need to grow your export business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_equity_investments.htm
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Technology • Industrial Technology • Clean Technology
Keywords	Export, Equity, Investment, Venture Capital, Private Equity, Trade, Technology
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	CAD 1 to 3 million
Program Objective	helps you access equity and venture capital to grow your international business.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Assessed on a case-by-case basis.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Early commercialization, expansion and later stage financing *Projects (case-by-case)
Terms	* Commercial viability.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Commercial viability *Sustainable competitive position
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a business plan or information memorandum; * a copy of the proposed investment terms and conditions (if available); * identification of other key parties, including other potential equity investors, strategic alliances, debt providers, and project sponsors (if applicable); * copies of relevant commercial documentation.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Equity Indirect Investment

Summary	Equity Investments allows you to leverage EDC's access to a unique combination of financial tools, expertise and international networks, and acquire the private equity and venture capital you need to grow your export business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_equity_investments.htm
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Export, Equity, Investment, Venture Capital, Private Equity, Trade, Technology
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	helps you access equity and venture capital to grow your international business.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Assessed on a case-by-case basis.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tenor Preference: Within 10 years * EDC Equity Participation: Subject to Export Development Canada Exercise of Certain Powers Regulations. Preference not to exceed 10% of aggregate commitments * Co-Investors: At least 2 other arms-length, value-added and reputable co-investors
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sound business plan *Commercial viability *Available co-investment partners
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a business plan or information memorandum; * a copy of the proposed investment terms and conditions (if available); * identification of other key parties, including other potential equity investors, strategic alliances, debt providers, and project sponsors (if applicable); * copies of relevant commercial documentation.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC EXPORT Express Credit

Summary	EDC provides fundin to promote your company in a new foreign market, attend a trade show or increase production capacity for an export order. Through EDC's partnership with Mercantile Finance Services Ltd., EDC can provide unsecured loans of up to \$50,000 with flexible repayment terms of up to two years
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_export_express_credit.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Export, loan, trade show, marketing, trade, border, equipment, travel, foreign
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$50,000
Program Objective	To promote Canadian companies in foreign markets.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	This program is designed for Canadian exporting companies with at least two-years operating history and with annual sales of less than \$5 million.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cover specific contract costs – all costs associated with a specific export contract. •Fund a marketing program – this includes trade shows, brochures, display units, market research, etc. •Purchase equipment – the equipment must be specific to the manufacturer of the specific product being exported.
Terms	Borrow up to \$50,000 over 2 years, no penalty for early payback, no pledge of company or personal assets is required to qualify, \$200 administration fee is due at application.
Judgment Criteria	Viability of your business
Application Documentation and Process	4-page application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	As little as 24 hours
Notes	

EDC Export Guarantee Program

Summary	Enables you to obtain loans from your financial institution to provide you with the financing you need for your export-related activities or foreign investments.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_export_guarantee.htm
Funding Type	Loan guarantee
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• All
Keywords	Guarantee, loan, export, trade, international,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * up to 100% for loans where Canadian companies are making direct investments abroad; * up to 90% for guaranteed amounts up to and including \$500,000; * up to 75% for guaranteed amounts greater than \$500,000 and up to \$10 million.
Program Objective	By providing a guarantee to your financial institution, the Export Guarantee Program could help you access additional financing to support export-related activities and/or foreign investments.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Any Canadian company with export-related activities or foreign investments can inquire about this program. To qualify, your financial institution must be willing to establish a credit arrangement with your company and participate in the financing. *small and medium sized Canadian companies in most sectors; * you must have, or be able to obtain credit arrangements with your financial institution; and *your financial institution must indicate their willingness to participate in the deal.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finance your work in progress and inventory related to a specific or multiple export contracts; •finance ongoing export-related working capital needs; •finance the purchase of equipment or other expenses related to export activities; •provide support for those looking to expand their business by making business investments outside Canada; •finance foreign-domiciled inventory. Among other requirements, this type of inventory must consist of finished goods for which the exporter has unencumbered legal title; and •free up your working capital by using the security of your foreign receivables and an EDC guarantee to your financial institution to increase your operating line of credit.
Terms	Costs are based on the associated risks, the duration of the contract and the amount of financing required.
Judgment Criteria	Contingent upon acceptance and participation by your banking institution.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Signed Term Sheet or Facility Agreement *Export Contract or Exporter Declaration * Exporter's financial statements (3 years) *Financial Institution's credit write-up
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake.
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Project Finance

Summary	Project Finance provides structuring expertise and direct financing of complex, large-scale global projects across a variety of industry sectors. This type of financing support is typically required when the project sponsor needs to build, expand or acquire a project.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_project_finance.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Project, international, trade, export, large
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Variable
Program Objective	Provides project sponsors with access to limited-recourse financing for large-scale global infrastructure and industrial projects.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Complex, large-scale global projects. Any project sponsor with a project that demonstrates economic benefits to Canada can inquire about our project financing solutions
Eligible Costs	
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *research and development potential; *number of start-up firms created; *employment growth; *quality of jobs created; *dividends, royalties, licensing fees, etc.; *market share maintenance or growth (particularly for new products or technologies); *number of primary/lead contractor designations for projects; and *potential for small and medium sized business growth
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a financial model clearly detailing the sources of revenue; * market and feasibility studies; * an insurance review; * an independent engineer's report; * an environmental assessment; and * details of Canadian content and/or ownership (as applicable).
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Supplier Financing

Summary	Tailored towards small- and medium-sized export contracts. Under a note purchase arrangement, EDC can buy promissory notes issued to you by your foreign buyer related to the sale of Canadian goods and services. This reduces your risk of non-payment and increasing your access to cash.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_supplier_financing.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Guarantee, loan, export, trade, international, risk, note, payable, foreign
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Variable
Program Objective	provides you with access to cash rather than waiting for payment from your foreign buyers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Contact us before the commercial contract with a foreign buyer is signed to determine whether a note purchase is feasible because certain requirements must be met to qualify for this arrangement.
Eligible Costs	*Transaction financing
Terms	Rates are based on credit risk of your customer, term of the note and market risk.
Judgment Criteria	*Financial standing of the supplier.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>From the Borrower/Investor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At least three (3) years of audited financial statements and interim reports; * Company profile and key clients; * Bank reference; * In some case, available security or guarantee; * The financial preference: currency, length of the credit, fixed or floating interest rate. <p>From the Canadian exporter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A copy of the commercial proposal or draft contract; * Information on the relationship with the buyer and the market; * Information on the exporter's competitor(s) for this transaction and suspected financing being offered (if available); * Information on the products being exported, and estimate of the contract, and the expected terms of payment, the expected terms of delivery, and a delivery schedule; * On a case-by-case basis, the exporter may be requested to complete a Canadian Benefits Report.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Employer Signing Bonus

Summary	The 2004 Ontario Budget included a new \$2,000 Employer Signing Bonus initiative to encourage employers in the trades to register new apprentices in sectors where there is a high demand for skilled workers.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/employers/emp_bonus.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Employment Ontario
Market	Trades
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$2,000
Program Objective	This initiative will assist employers to hire and register youth under 25 years of age who have left school and require upgrading to meet the registration standards for apprenticeship training.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Employer must be in the "trades", and must hire and register a youth under 25 years of age who has left school and requires upgrading to meet the registration standards for apprenticeship training
Eligible Costs	Hiring an apprentice.
Terms	<p>The Employer Signing Bonus will be delivered in two equal instalments over six months. To be eligible for the first instalment, employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Meet all the specific apprenticeship requirements to provide training in the trade, and * Hire and register an apprenticeship scholarship candidate as an apprentice. <p>To receive the second instalment, employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continue to employ the apprentice and provide on-the-job training for at least six months from the date that the apprentice was registered
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Call the toll-free Employment Ontario Hotline at 1-800-387-5656, TTY (telephone service for the deaf) 1-866-533-6339 for the phone number and location of the apprenticeship office in your area. Newcomers to Ontario can ask for this information in the language of their choice.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Enterprises North Job Creation Program

Summary	NOHFC provides financial assistance to the private sector to help bring new jobs and economic prosperity to the North.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_enjcp_e.asp
Funding Type	Loan, Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Mining • Forest products • Resource-based, cultural, adventure or nature-based tourism • Manufacturing • Technology • Telecom
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, employee, salary, job,
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	The maximum project funding from the NOHFC will generally not exceed 50 per cent of eligible costs up to \$1 million.
Program Objective	Job creation and economic growth in Northern Ontario
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	New and existing enterprises that will create jobs in Northern Ontario.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Leasehold improvements * Purchase of new or used equipment * Intellectual capital * Capital construction costs related to establishing or expanding a business *Staff training *Marketing *Land servicing
Terms	Up to one-half of NOHFC funding may be in the form of a conditional grant with the remainder in the form of a repayable loan.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Job creation *Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	Application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Export Market Access

Summary	If your company has 5 or more employees and annual sales of \$500,000 or more, you may qualify for a grant covering up to 50% of eligible costs incurred to develop export sales. Eligible activities include market research, marketing tools, direct contacts and foreign bidding projects.
Abbreviation	EMA
Website	http://exportaccess.ca/en/
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Export, trade show, travel, expenses
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to 50% of the costs to become export-ready.
Program Objective	Export Market Access: A Global Expansion Program (EMA) is designed to assist small to medium size organizations (SMEs) to access and expand their growth in new foreign markets that are beyond the U.S.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Annual sales of \$500,000 or more * Have 5 to 500 employees * Registered company (federally or provincially) for minimum of two years * In full compliance with all government laws and regulations * Not receiving any other contributions from public funds towards the activities contained in the funding application other than support provided through export development programs offered by the International Trade Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Eligible Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct Contacts: International trade shows, fairs and exhibits as well as incoming and outgoing missions which are verifiable and supported by a recognized third party such as governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and trade related organizations. 2. Marketing Tools: Developing promotional materials to be used for increasing awareness of applicant's activities, and goods and services for potential international buyers and/or foreign audiences to broadly market the applicant's products. 3. Market Research: Conducting market research for more precise international market targeting. 4. Foreign Bidding Projects: This element of EMA is intended for providers of professional services (engineering, consulting, constructions etc.) bidding on foreign projects against foreign competition.
Terms	The payment clause in the EMA legal agreement stipulates that payment of 25% of eligible costs will be made upon contract signing. The balance will be reimbursed upon submission by the applicant, following completion of the activities/project, a detailed report on project progress to include details on performance achievements upon project completion, and a financial report detailing costs incurred and revenues along with supporting documentation such as receipts and invoices. Upon approval and acceptance of the final report, the OCC will reimburse the applicant for the balance of 25% of eligible costs not to exceed the amount stipulated in the contract document.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Eligibility of activities and expenditures for funding and linking of proposed activities to EMA's objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial and management capability of the applicant to complete the proposed activities as described in a timely basis; • Level of funding requested in relation to the performance measurement; • Validation of expected results and outcomes - what are the measurements, how will these be measured and what performance indicators will be used; and • Completeness of the application.
Application Documentation and Process	Online Application
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

First Capital Business Loan Fund

Summary	The First Capital Business Loan Fund will provide loans of up to \$10,000 to qualified individuals who wish to start a new business or grow an existing business in Kingston and who have been turned down by a financial institution.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.firstcapitalchallenge.com/
Funding Type	Loan
Source	The Kingston Economic Development Corporation, Unity Savings and Credit Union.
Market	• Any
Keywords	Small business, loan, start-up
Regions Available	Kingston
Funding Amount	Up to \$10,000
Program Objective	To stimulate business growth and employment in the City of Kingston
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You must have a viable business idea * You must operate your business in Kingston * You must have been turned down for funding by an existing financial institution
Eligible Costs	*Business start-up costs.
Terms	*Similar to commercial lending terms.
Judgment Criteria	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The applicant has a complete business plan already prepared. * The applicant has a well-researched idea but needs help putting together the business plan. * The applicant is in the early stages of thinking about starting a business but needs advice on how to go about it.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Individuals interested in meeting with the Loans Manager are invited to complete the Introductory Information Form and submit it electronically. *The Loans Manager will arrange a meeting to assess the applicant. *The applicant's business plan is presented to the Loan Review Committee. *The committee will review the plan and decide whether a loan should be granted to the applicant.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Index Award

Summary	<p>INDEX: is dedicated to change global mindsets by showing and exploring how design can improve life for people.</p> <p>INDEX: is the largest design award in the world and focuses solely on Design to Improve Life.</p>
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.indexaward.dk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31&Itemid=9
Funding Type	Prize
Source	INDEX
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Worldwide
Funding Amount	\$100,000
Program Objective	Inspire design worldwide that responds to the needs of people in societies, both developed and developing. The jury's main concern is that the nominated designs substantially improve important aspects of people's lives or carry the potential to do so. The jury will evaluate three aspects of the designs: Form, Impact and Context.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Designers, design teams, public and private companies as well as design students and design enthusiasts from all over the world.</p> <p>INDEX: has no requirements regarding formal design education for INDEX:Award nominees.</p>
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>INDEX: Award is split into five categories: Body, Home, Work, Play and Community.</p> <p>One prize worth 100,000 euros will be presented to the winner of each category.</p> <p>Nominated designs can be tangible designs or intangible designs, such as concepts, strategies or services. The role of the designer/design team must be well-defined in each nomination.</p> <p>Nominated designs must be genuinely new. Sheer restyling of known designs is insufficient, unless it implies a genuinely new aspect to improve life. Publication of the design is accepted.</p> <p>Nominated designs must, as a minimum, be on a prototype stage, which enables testing or user comments.</p> <p>The nominated designs must not date back later than 2004.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<p>The jury's main concern is that the nominated designs substantially improve important aspects of people's lives or carry the potential to do so. The jury will evaluate three aspects of the designs: Form, Impact and Context.</p> <p>Form is concerned with the surface, material, interface, color, coherency and aesthetic of the design.</p> <p>Impact is concerned with the impact or potential impact of the design and, thus, the number of lives improved by the design, the distribution and the economic and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Context is concerned with the context that the design is designed to fit: the challenge or the problem, the relevance of the challenge, the culture and the geography.</p> <p>Design to Improve Life is evaluated according to the three parameters of Form, Impact and Context because, in short, Form relates to Design, Impact to Improvements and Context to Life, which creates the formula seen below.</p> <p>+FORM = DESIGN</p> <p>+IMPACT TO IMPROVE</p> <p>+CONTEXT LIFE</p>

Application Documentation and Process	No information
Application Deadlines	The next INDEX:Award will be presented in August 2011. INDEX: will issue the call for nominations for the upcoming award cycle on September 7, 2010. Deadline for submissions is December 17, 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Investment Cooperation Program

Summary	The Investment Cooperation Program (INC) is part of Canada's Official Development Assistance for developing countries.
Abbreviation	ICP
Website	http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/funding/investment-cooperation-program/home.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$575,000
Program Objective	The Investment Cooperation Program (INC)'s objective is to support responsible, developmentally beneficial, private sector engagement in developing countries leading to sustained economic growth and poverty reduction. The program achieves this by sharing some of the costs involved in studying the viability of an investment, demonstrating and adapting appropriate technologies, and undertaking activities aimed at enhancing the economic, environmental and social benefits of those investments.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Eligible recipients of an INC contribution are for-profit, private sector firms, in operation for at least three years, and registered in Canada. Recipients must be registered online on the Virtual Trade Commissioner and be eligible as clients of the Trade Commissioner Service [1]. Applicants must demonstrate that they are financially sound and have the capacity to implement the proposed investment; or are seeking support related to an existing investment or contract. Applicants must have at least \$2 million in annual revenues in both the previous two years, and be able to demonstrate a positive recent earnings/profit performance, sufficient liquidity in relation to the size of the investment, and the absorptive capacity necessary to take on obligations related to the eventual investment.</p> <p>The program also expects firms to have undertaken preliminary research on the project, including through a visit to the country, and established contact with clients or with a prospective partner.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Phase 1: Commercial Viability Study; * Phase 2: Adaptation and Demonstration of Technology (if applicable); * Phase 3: Sustainability assessments * Phase 4: Implementation costs
Terms	INC can contribute to examining the viability of a direct investment of \$500,000 or more, demonstrating technologies related to that investment, and studying and implementing initiatives that enhance the development impact of a proposed or existing investment[3]. INC will also provide support for activities that enhance the development impact of a services contract valued at \$1 million or more that is being executed by an eligible Canadian firm. The total maximum contribution available from the ICP is \$575,000.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the applicant's, and if applicable, the partner's, commitment to the project including the contribution to the project; * the potential commercial viability of the project, including previous study of – and visits to - the market; * ownership or rights and applicability of any technology to be transferred or adapted, if applicable; * project budget; * curricula vitae of the applicant's staff responsible for undertaking the funded activity or any external consultants hired for that purpose; * experience doing business in the host country, region, or other developing markets; * expected development impacts of the project and supported activities, including forecasted job creation, exports from the host country, government revenues/royalties; expenditure on local products/services; skills, technologies, and business processes transferred, etc.; * integration of internationally-recognized Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) performance standards and reporting guidelines at the corporate and project-level; * expected benefits to Canada (or impacts) in terms of incremental value-added, jobs, and research and development.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential clients must complete a Prequalification Application through the Virtual Trade Commissioner (VTC). To register for the VTC, or to access your existing account, login to the VTC. • Prior to applying through the VTC, applicants are strongly encouraged to read the Applicant's Guide and contact a Program Advisor from the Investment Cooperation Program (INC).
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Job Connect - Ontario

Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Job Connect employment specialists will match your employment requirements with the skills and goals of our registered participants * Applicants are pre-screened to ensure suitability * Basic Health & Safety Training is provided to all our participants * We provide an ongoing commitment to ensure your satisfaction * You can receive negotiated training supports that can potentially be assigned to wages, training or both.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.jobconnectontario.org/newsite/html/employers.html
Funding Type	Wage supports
Source	Employment Ontario
Market	No Information
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	No Information
Program Objective	Employment aid.
Obligations	No Information
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be licensed to operate in Ontario; * place trainees on the company's payroll and provide the same employment terms, conditions and benefits as for all regular employees; * comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Employment Standards Act; * maintain appropriate WSIB or alternate workplace safety insurance coverage; * have adequate third party general liability insurance * comply with all applicable federal and provincial human rights legislation, regulations, and any other relevant standards; and * comply with freedom of information and protection of privacy legislation.
Eligible Costs	Wages, new employee training.
Terms	Negotiated wage supports and grants for new employee training.
Judgment Criteria	No Information
Application Documentation and Process	No Information
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	No Information
Notes	

Leadership Grants

Summary	The Leadership Grants Organization is a newly registered non-profit funding organization that provides cash awards and in-kind resources to small business owners and entrepreneurs to start or grow a small business in Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.leadershipgrants.ca/LeadershipGrants/leadership_grants.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Industry donors
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$100,000
Program Objective	
Obligations	Grant funds allow small business operators to procure needed resources such as goods, services, equipment, inventory, advice, training and professional assistance.
Eligibility Requirements	To Qualify for consideration, Grant Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be ready to start or launch their new business within 6 months. * Use awarded proceeds within 6 months of receipt. * Be a Canadian citizen or legal immigrant. * Intend to start or grow a small business irrespective of receiving a grant. * Present an objective and balanced mandate to create or grow a for-profit business. * Meet deadlines for completing / submitting qualification criteria. * Demonstrate confidence, initiative and preparedness. * Present a specific, feasible business plan with well-defined goals and measurable results. * Provide evidence of thorough knowledge of their industry. * Possess general knowledge of basic business fundamentals. * Seek funding of \$1,000 to \$100,000. * Give priority to applicants that can demonstrate matching funds. * Assist in the process of evaluating their application.
Eligible Costs	Business start-up and operation costs.
Terms	See eligibility requirements for relevant grant terms.
Judgment Criteria	Proceeds are allocated on a discretionary basis contingent upon the applicant demonstrating confidence, initiative, preparedness and a reasonable likelihood of future success.
Application Documentation and Process	Application forms and business plan.
Application Deadlines	Deadlines are assigned on a case-by-case basis after a discussion with a program administrator. Grant Proposals are reviewed upon receipt. Final decisions and fund allocations are completed quarterly each year. (January, April, July & October)
Processing Time	
Notes	<i><u>*This program is run by a private organization and has been flagged by several applicants for unwelcome marketing attempts, particularly attempts to solicit fees for business plan writing and other related services for third-party "partners". Approach this organization with caution, and please email MaRS if you have any further comments that may add to our assessment of this group, and whether they should continue to be included in this compilation.</u></i>

New Exporters to Border States Program

Summary	The New Exporters to Border States (NEBS) program is a practical, hands-on introduction to the basics of exporting to the United States. Designed for Ontario small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), NEBS is ideal for anyone working in marketing, sales, management, or business development.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontarioexports.com/preparingexport/new_exporters.asp
Funding Type	Educational course
Source	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	N/A
Program Objective	To provide practical support to firms exporting to the United States.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	To participate in NEBS, your company must be export-ready, in business for at least one year, and have a manufacturing or service base in Ontario.
Eligible Costs	There is a registration fee for each individual participating in NEBS. Return transportation from the departure point and some meals are provided. Participants are responsible for the cost of accommodation and any incidental expenses.
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	N/A
Application	Unknown
Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Northern Ontario Entrepreneur Program

Summary	The NOHFC is proud to support northern entrepreneurs, with up to \$125,000 funding per project.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/programs/noep_e.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	NOHFC
Market	•Any
Keywords	Northern Ontario
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	up to \$125,000 funding per project.
Program Objective	The NOHFC's Northern Ontario Entrepreneur Program aims to mobilize motivated entrepreneurs and community builders in the North to secure a prosperous economy and foster long term job creation.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Residents of Northern Ontario who plan to start their own for-profit business in the North. *The new venture cannot be an expansion of a similar business owned by the entrepreneur and/or relatives. *The proposed new business must operate full-time and result in job creation in Northern Ontario.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Costs that may qualify for funding include but are not limited to leasehold improvements and capital costs related to starting a new business such as office furniture, fixtures and equipment. * Marketing costs totalling up to 20 per cent of eligible project costs.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The NOHFC may provide a conditional grant generally up to 50 per cent of eligible costs and not to exceed \$125,000 per project. * The entrepreneur must make a cash investment in the business of no less than 10 per cent of the NOHFC's conditional grant. * NOHFC funding, when combined with other provincial and/or federal government funding will generally not exceed 75 per cent of eligible costs. *Contributions to projects are not intended to allow for-profit proponents to generate profits or to increase the value of their business. If a contribution to a project leads to the for-profit proponent generating a profit, the proponent may be required to repay the contribution or share the resulting financial benefits with the federal government. The requirements that could trigger repayments will be detailed in the Contribution Agreement, along with the process for repayment.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Job creation *Ability to obtain funding other than from the program *Business potential
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Application form to determine eligibility, then further documentation, including business plan. Possible interview.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	Unknown
Notes	

Northern Ontario Young Entrepreneur Program

Summary	Funding is available to help the North's youth develop their business skills and to help them start their own enterprises in Northern Ontario.
Abbreviation	YEP
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_noyep_e.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
Market	• Any
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project, entrepreneur, start-up, capital
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$25,000
Program Objective	The NOHFC Young Entrepreneur program aims to mobilize a new generation of entrepreneurs and community builders in the North, securing a more prosperous future for tomorrow's northern families and workers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Residents of Northern Ontario, 18 to 29 who are planning on starting their own for-profit business in the North. * The new venture cannot be an expansion or natural extension of a similar business owned by the young entrepreneur and/or family members or direct relatives.
Eligible Costs	*Capital costs related to starting a new business such as office furniture, fixtures and equipment.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Generally, funding does not have to be repaid and may cover up to 85 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$25,000 per project. * The young entrepreneur must make a cash investment in the business equal to 10 per cent of the NOHFC's conditional contribution. * The proposed new business will operate as a full-time business and create a minimum of one new job in Northern Ontario.
Judgment Criteria	Commercial viability, job creation
Application Documentation and Process	Application form and business plan
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

NORTHSTAR Trade Finance

Summary	NORTHSTAR Trade Finance Inc. brings together the export strengths of the government of Canada through Export Development Canada (EDC) and Western Economic Diversification, the provincial government of British Columbia, and the private sector through BMO Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada, HSBC Bank Canada, and National Bank of Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.northstar.ca/whoWeAre.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada + Commercial Banks
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Varies
Program Objective	NORTHSTAR Trade Finance Inc. was created to support Canadian exporters by offering financing to credit worthy buyers of eligible Canadian goods and services.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	To be eligible for either financing options, exported good and services must satisfy Canadian benefits requirements of EDC.
Eligible Costs	Export sales
Terms	<p>Term Finance Fixed-rate, medium-term loans, from two to five years, are available from NORTHSTAR to your foreign buyer, providing them with a regular repayment schedule. These loans are for amounts up to US\$5 million, and are secured by a registered lien on the exported goods. NORTHSTAR is also able to offer loans on a variable rate basis should your buyer prefer.</p> <p>Floor Plan Finance This option provides a short-term loan to your foreign buyer. The buyer repays NORTHSTAR when the goods are sold, or within 360 days, whichever occurs first. Interest is payable monthly on the outstanding balance. The loans are for amounts up to US\$5 million and are secured by a promissory note and security interest in the inventory financed.</p>
Judgment Criteria	No information.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Step One</p> <p>Contact NORTHSTAR when negotiating an export contract that may require financing. A complimentary letter of intent can be issued to you by NORTHSTAR to assist in negotiations with your foreign buyer.</p> <p>Step Two</p> <p>Complete the Exporter application form (available on our website) when you have a final deal with your foreign buyer. Submit the application via the online application, by facsimile or mail directly to NORTHSTAR. Include all supporting documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Financial and corporate information about your foreign buyer (may be forwarded to NORTHSTAR by your buyer directly) * A copy of the export contract or proposed export contract * Canadian Benefits Report to confirm Canadian content requirements (available on our website) * A cheque for \$300 (plus GST / HST) <p>Step Three</p> <p>Once your application is approved, NORTHSTAR will issue an Offer Letter to your foreign buyer. If accepted, NORTHSTAR will enter into a loan agreement with the buyer. Once the acceptance of the exported goods is completed, including all sales conditions, NORTHSTAR will issue a cheque directly to you for the amount financed from the invoice. NORTHSTAR will then collect loan repayments directly from your buyer.</p>
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	NORTHSTAR offers a quick turnaround of applications for buyer financing (within ten business days of submitting a complete application)
Notes	

Ontario Co-Operative Education Tax Credit

Summary	An eligible employer may claim a refundable tax credit for each qualifying work placement ending in the tax year equal to the lesser of: 10% to 15% of eligible expenditures made for the work placement and \$3,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/crprtns/prv/on/cprtvdctn-eng.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	Salary, Support, Job, self-employed, pay, benefit, student, graduate, co-op, placement
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$3,000
Program Objective	The Co-operative Education Tax Credit (CETC) is a refundable tax credit available to employers who hire students enrolled in a recognized Ontario university or college co-operative education program.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * have a permanent establishment located in Ontario, and * be subject to Ontario income tax, and * incur eligible expenditures associated with hiring co-op students enrolled in an Ontario university or college.
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible expenditures are the following expenditures made by a business in respect of a qualifying work placement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Salaries and wages including taxable benefits (i.e., the amounts reported on the T-4 slip) paid or payable to the student in respect of the qualifying work placement. The student's remuneration must be attributable to an Ontario permanent establishment (place of business). * Fees paid or payable to an employment agency in respect of the qualifying work placement for the services of a student carried out primarily at an Ontario place of business.
Terms	The maximum credit for each work placement is \$3,000. Most work placements are for a minimum employment period of 10 weeks up to a maximum of four months.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable
Application Documentation and Process	Claim your tax credit on form ON479, Ontario Credits included in your federal income tax return.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Employer Health Tax Exemption

Summary	Employers are required to pay Employer Health Tax (EHT) based on Taxable Total Ontario Remuneration (i.e. annual gross total Ontario remuneration in excess of the employer's available exemption) paid to employees or former employees. Effective January 1, 1999, eligible employers become exempt from paying Employer Health Tax on the first \$400,000 of annual total Ontario remuneration. Eligible employers with a payroll less than the exemption amount for the year are not required to file an EHT annual return for that year. Associated employers are required to share the exemption amount, and must file an EHT annual return even if the payroll is below the exemption amount.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/tax/eht/index.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ontario Ministry of Revenue
Market	Any
Keywords	Tax credit
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Not applicable
Program Objective	Eligible employers do not pay tax on the first \$400,000 of annual Ontario payroll.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Eligible employers generally include private sector employers, organizations funded by the Ontario Government but not controlled by it and Crown corporations that are subject to federal income tax under Part I of the Income Tax Act (Canada).
Eligible Costs	Employer health tax
Terms	Eligible employers do not pay tax on the first \$400,000 of annual Ontario payroll.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable
Application Documentation and Process	An eligible employer is not required to remit tax instalments until the cumulative remuneration exceeds the employer's allocated exemption amount for the year. Final adjustments to the exemption amount claimed during the year should be made at the time of filing the annual return.
Application Deadlines	Not applicable
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Job Creation Partnerships

Summary	Ontario Job Creation Partnerships is an employment program that provides work experience to unemployed job seekers within projects that benefit the community or local economy.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/employers/jobCreation.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Service Canada
Market	•Any
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Approximately \$400/week
Program Objective	At the end of their participation, participants in the program will have recent work experience and additional skills to add to their résumés, increasing their chances of successfully finding long-term employment.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Finite projects, incremental to the sponsors normal activities * Projects must provide a benefit to the community or the local economy * Projects must provide participants with a meaningful work experience .
Eligible Costs	*Salary
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	Projects are assessed on the extent to which they benefit the community or local economy.
Application Documentation and Process	*Telephone consultation and application form.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Self-Employment Benefit

Summary	The Ontario Self-Employment Benefit provides unemployed people who are or have recently been eligible for Employment Insurance with income and entrepreneurial support while they develop and start their business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/employees/selfEmployment.html
Funding Type	Income support
Source	Ontario Ministry of Colleges, Training and Universities
Market	Any
Keywords	Salary, Support, Job, self-employed, pay, benefit
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Approximately \$400/week for 10 months
Program Objective	Self-Employment assists unemployed eligible individuals create jobs for themselves by starting a business.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Job seekers who are unemployed can apply to participate if they meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * They established a claim for Employment Insurance benefits or their Employment Insurance benefit period ended within the past three years. * They established a claim for Employment Insurance maternity or paternity benefits and were paid benefits within the past five years, and are re-entering the labour force after having left it to care for newborn or newly adopted children.
Eligible Costs	*Wage support
Terms	* The maximum duration of an agreement with a participant is 52 weeks.
Judgment Criteria	*Strength of action plan/ongoing self-employment potential
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Complete the application form Self-Employment Employment Benefit Participant Application (EMP5260) and submit it to the nearest Service Canada Centre. * As part of the application process, it is necessary for you to receive an employment assessment and develop a Return to Work Action Plan with a case manager. The case manager's decision is required before Service Canada can assess your application. Please contact your Service Canada Centre for information on where you can receive this service. *Individuals must then bring their completed action plans and applications to their nearest Service Canada Centre for assessment and decision making.
Application Deadlines	Applications are no longer being accepted to the Ontario Self Employment Benefit. The ministry will resume accepting applications for the program in Spring 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ottawa Community Loan Fund

Summary	The Ottawa Community Loan Fund provides short-term loans of up to \$15,000 to small business owners, aspiring entrepreneurs, talented individuals with international training and community groups.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oclf.org
Funding Type	Loan
Source	OCLF is a not-for-profit supported by various finance and community development organizations
Market	•Any
Keywords	Ottawa, start-up
Regions Available	Ottawa
Funding Amount	Up to \$15,000
Program Objective	By focusing on the micro-credit needs of our community, OCLF contributes to the wider prosperity of the Ottawa area.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You are 18 years or older and not attending school on a full-time basis. * You live in the City of Ottawa and have permanent legal status in Canada. * You have sole ownership in the company or partners that are willing to co-sign for the business loan. * You can demonstrate to the satisfaction of OCLF that you can fully repay the loan. * If applicable, you have been discharged from bankruptcy. * You can submit a complete business plan including start-up or expansion costs, and a cash flow forecast. * You have participated in a business training program associated with OCLF or, you are presently operating a business and can supply the required documentation or; * you have experience in a similar business. <p>Your business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be located in the City of Ottawa and operates a minimum of 10 hours per week. * Not be a network marketing business. * Be, or will be, a legally registered sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or co-operative. * Use the funds to start or expand business operations. * Not be applying the funds to consolidate debt.
Eligible Costs	<p>OCLF loan proceeds may be used to start or expand a business and can be used for a number of purposes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Working capital * Seed capital to start a business * Purchasing fixed assets
Terms	OCLF loans start at \$1,000 and go up to a maximum \$15,000 with interest rates that range from 3-7% above the current prime rate. Loan repayment terms range from 12 to 48 months.
Judgment Criteria	Assessment of OCLF loan applications is based on the viability of the business, the commitment and character of the applicant, and the capacity for repayment.
Application Documentation and Process	*Complete an application form and submit an application fee
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	up to 4 weeks
Notes	

RST Exemption for Manufacturing Equipment

Summary	(RST) exemptions for production machinery and equipment bought by, or for the use of, qualified manufacturers.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/guides/rst/400.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Under Ontario's Retail Sales Tax Act, a manufacturer is a person who manufactures, fabricates, produces or assembles goods for sale where the fair value of the goods sold to others is more than \$5,000 in the fiscal year or, the fair value of goods manufactured for own use is more than \$50,000 in the fiscal year.</p> <p>Note: This exemption also applies to machinery and equipment used by a manufacturer exclusively in research and/or development of goods and manufacturing/production processes for others. Non-manufacturing organizations involved in research and/or development are not entitled to the exemptions available to manufacturers.</p>
Eligible Costs	Purchase of manufacturing equipment and processing materials.
Terms	<p>If you qualify as a manufacturer, the following items may be bought without paying RST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * machinery and apparatus used primarily and directly in the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. manufacture or production of goods 2. *development of manufacturing/production processes 3. *development of goods for manufacture
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	Fill out appropriate entry in corporate tax return.
Application Deadlines	Submit with corporate tax return.
Processing Time	
Notes	

SSMIC CEO In Residence

Summary	The “CEO in Residence” will work directly with local companies identified by SSMIC staff as having high growth potential.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ssmic.com/News/index.cfm?fuseaction=view&id=62&categoryid=1
Funding Type	Grant
Source	NRC-IRAP and The Sault St. Marie Innovation Centre
Market	Unknown
Keywords	Unknown
Regions Available	Sault Ste. Marie area
Funding Amount	up to \$203,400
Program Objective	Unknown
Obligations	Unknown
Eligibility Requirements	To be eligible for the CEO in Residence program, clients must be a Canadian incorporated firm with less than 500 employees. They must be identified as having high growth potential.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attract investment • further their efforts to develop new products or services • strengthen their capability of bringing products to market • adopt new technology, which has the potential to help increase sales, employment or productivity
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	Unknown
Notes	This is a new program. Check back at the website for further program information once it is released.

Summer Company

Summary	If your application is accepted, you will be eligible to receive up to \$1,500 to put toward start-up costs and up to \$1,500 upon successful completion of the program.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/1medt/youth_summerco_index.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Market	•Any
Keywords	Summer, intern, job, start-up, young
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$3,000
Program Objective	an exciting opportunity for enterprising students, 15 to 29 years old, to start and run their own summer businesses.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The individual must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a student 15 to 29 years of age as of April 30, 2010. Note: applicants under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the application • proposing a new business (if you are unsure contact your Program Provider) • attending school and returning to school in the fall • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant • not operating an existing or previously existing business venture or employed elsewhere (working for more than 12 hours per week) during the term of the operation of the Summer Company program, and • prepared to commit to a minimum average of 35 hours a week, for a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks if you are in high-school or 12 consecutive weeks if you are attending post-secondary school. This should be defined in the business plan. Exceptions may be approved by the ministry. <p>The company must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a sole proprietorship or a corporation where the applicant will be the majority shareholder • is an independent business venture • fits the Canada Revenue Agency definition of being self-employed (FORM RC 4110 through the website www.cra-arc.gc.ca/sred/) • operates at arm's length from family business ventures • operates in Ontario • operates full-time as defined in the business plan • maintains its own books and records • maintains a separate business bank account • follows government rules and regulations for operating a business, and • is a new business, not previously registered or operated on an on-going basis.
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	<p>If your application is accepted, you will be eligible to receive an upfront award of up to \$1,500 to put toward start-up costs and up to \$1,500 upon successful completion of the program. Successful completion requires that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement your project substantially in accordance with the business plan • participate in coaching and training • meet with a local business mentor as specified • provide documents related to the experience and business operations as required in the guidelines, and • meet all program requirements for establishing and operating the business.
Judgment Criteria	*Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	*Business plan according to online template *Interview
Application Deadlines	Summer Company 2010 is now closed for new applications. Check back at the program website in the spring of 2011 for new deadline dates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Work-Sharing Program - Human Resources and Social Development Canada

Summary	WSP agreements benefit employers by allowing them to stabilize their work force, to retain trained employees and to avoid the costly process of recruiting and training new employees when business returns to normal levels. Employees benefit by maintaining their job and receiving Employment Insurance income benefits for the days without work. If a worker is laid off subsequent to the WSP, his/her entitlement to Employment Insurance regular benefits is unaffected by the receipt of WSP benefits.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/work_sharing/index.shtml
Funding Type	Employment assistance
Source	Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
Market	Any
Keywords	Employment benefit, employment insurance, job protection.
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Employment insurance benefits for the time the employee spends not working as part of the work-sharing arrangement with their employer.
Program Objective	The Work-Sharing Program (WSP) is designed to help employers and workers avert temporary layoffs. The program provides income support to workers eligible for Employment Insurance benefits and who are willing to work a temporary reduced work week when there is a reduction in the normal level of business activity that is beyond the control of the employer.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Eligible employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * have been in year-round business in Canada for at least two years; * show that the need for reduced hours is unavoidable; * show that the work shortage is temporary and unexpected; * demonstrate (through a recovery plan) how the business will be maintained for the duration of the agreement and return to normal working hours as the economy strengthens; * not be undergoing a labour dispute; and * have the agreement of the union (if applicable) and employees. <p>Eligible employees must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be "core staff" (year-round permanent full-time or part-time employees who are required to carry out the functions that will lead to recovery); * be eligible to receive regular Employment Insurance benefits; and * not be participating in a labour dispute.
Eligible Costs	Not applicable
Terms	<p>The employees are eligible to receive Employment Insurance benefits for the days they are not working (55% of their maximum yearly insurable earnings). There is no Employment Insurance waiting period to be served under work sharing benefits.</p> <p>The shortage of work must be expected to last for a minimum of 6 weeks to a maximum of 26 weeks. Extensions beyond the maximum of 26 weeks may be considered in extenuating circumstances for up to a maximum of 38 weeks (12-week extension), and must be thoroughly substantiated.</p> <p>The employer is responsible for setting up a schedule of work hours and notifying HRSDC/Service Canada officials of any changes in the amount of time worked and the number of employees on the WSP. WSP agreements do not affect workers' rights to regular Employment Insurance benefits if they happen to be laid off after the agreement ends.</p>
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	Employers and employees must agree to the terms of the work sharing arrangement and apply jointly to the closest Service Canada Centre.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
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