



GRANTS & FINANCING

If you are a social entrepreneur, or are affiliated with a charitable organization or cooperative looking to start or expand a social enterprise, there are many resources available.

Here you'll find a variety of local, provincial and national grants, loans, and equity investments to help you in your social innovation efforts.



GRANTS

LOCAL

ENACTUS WINDSOR

www.enactuswindsor.com

A student run nonprofit organization, it provides grants for programs which improve the quality of life for local residents.

EPICentre - UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

www.epicentreuwindor.ca

Start up funding, as well as funding to help develop ideas into minimum viable product, for students and recent graduates.

LIBRO CREDIT UNION

www.libro.ca/Community/ProsperityFund.aspx

Libro Prosperity Fund - Supporting entrepreneurship, small enterprise and co-operative start-ups.

LOCAL POVERTY REDUCTION FUND

www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/program/5129

For not-for-profit, registered charities or Aboriginal organizations. The grant amount will depend on the nature of the project. It must be a new local, innovative and sustainable program or service that reduces poverty.

THE O'NEIL FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

www.theoneilfoundation.org

A bi-annual program that award grants of up to \$10,000 to registered charities in Windsor-Essex that demonstrate strategic leadership in advancing the most pressing problems facing our community.

WEtech-ALLIANCE WINnovation FUND

www.wetech-alliance.com

Provides up to \$3,000 to enable clients aged 18-29 to access specialized advisory services for start-up related activities.

PROVINCIAL

CONSEIL DE LA COOPÉRATION DE L'ONTARIO (SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ONTARIO)

www.canadabusiness.ca/programs/social-enterprise-ontario-1

For social enterprises with an environmental or social goal, grants of up to \$16,000 towards business start-up or growth. Also provides personalized business support.

FUEL INJECTION PROGRAM

www.canadabusiness.ca/programs/fuel-injection-program-1

For advanced manufacturing or social innovation business - access support services and up to \$30,000 in seed funding for growth projects.

INNOWEAVE

www.innoweave.ca/en/about/grants

Provides funding to help organizations access the coaching they require to implement a new approach. All organizations that have attended an Innoveave workshop are eligible to apply for Innoveave Implementation Funding.

OCE ONTARIO SOCIAL IMPACT VOUCHER PROGRAM (OSIV)

www.oce-ontario.org/programs/entrepreneurship-programs/osiv-program

Up to \$3,000 for access to value-added social entrepreneurship business supports and/or services.

ONTARIO JOB CREATION PARTNERSHIPS

www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employers/jobCreation.html

For those who need an employee for a new business project, apply to hire an employee who will be paid by the program.





ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

www.otf.ca/what-we-fund/investment-streams

Offers Seed, Grow, Capital and Collective Impact Grants ranging from \$5,000 - \$500,000

SMARTSTART SEED FUND

www.oce-ontario.org/programs/entrepreneurship-programs/smartstart-seed-fund

Co-funded by the Government of Canada, this program provides both seed financing and financing for entrepreneurship skills training to help recipients grow their start-up and make them investment and customer ready.

THE ONTARIO COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

www.ontario.coop/programs_services/coop_development/financing_capital_and_offering_statements/coop_funding_sources

A one-stop funding resource list for co-operatives and CED initiatives looking for funds through grants, loans or equity.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DEMONSTRATION FUND

www.ontario.ca/page/social-enterprise-demonstration-fund

Growth financing for Ontario Based Social Enterprises in the form of grants, loans, equity investments, royalties or through other financial tools.

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT FUND

www.ontario.ca/page/southwestern-ontario-development-fund

Gives money to businesses, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations for economic development in southwestern Ontario.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND

www.otf.ca/what-we-fund/investment-streams/youth-opportunities-fund/grassroots-innovation

An annual program that provides grants and capacity-building supports to youth-led grassroots groups and collaboratives serving young people, with benefit to marginalized youth aged 12-25 and their families.

NATIONAL

CANADIAN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FOUNDATION

www.caifoundation.ca/grants.html

Provides capacity building and technical assistance grants from \$5,000-\$15,000. Three granting streams: Project Feasibility Study, Business Plan Development, Capacity Building.

LIFT PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS

www.liftpartners.ca

Provides social purpose organizations with a multi-year package of support including hands-on management support, business expertise and resources, and strategic funding.

OPPORTUNITIES FUND FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/of/index.shtml

For those individuals with disabilities who want to start a business, or an employer who would like to hire someone with a disability.

THE J.W. MCCONNELL FAMILY FOUNDATION

www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en

Grants to federally registered charities and municipalities in four areas: Inclusion, Sustainability, Resilience, Innovation

THE MCCONNELL SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND

www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/programs/social-innovation-fund

Community organizations that have proven or promising early stage innovations and need additional support: up to \$150,000. Established organizations scaling up or introducing new innovations: up to \$300,000.

MaRS FUNDING PORTAL

www.marsdd.com/funding/search

Funding Portal search tool of hundreds of grants, programs and tax credits for early-stage enterprises and startups





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www.canadabusiness.ca/programs/social-enterprise-ontario-1/

For social enterprises with an environmental or social goal, loans up to \$40,000 towards business start-up or growth. Also provides personalized business support.

CROWDFUNDING

www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/page/4311

An alternative to traditional forms of financing, usually done over the Internet, for a fee, through crowdfunding platforms and funding portals.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK OF CANADA

www.bdc.ca/en/business-centres/ontario/pages/windsor.aspx

For a new business in the start-up phase or first 12 months of sales.

BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTRE OF ESSEX COUNTY

www.ec-businessresourcecentre.ca

Offers loans to new and expanding businesses located in Essex County (excluding those located within the City of Windsor).

CANADIAN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FOUNDATION

www.caifoundation.ca/capital.html

Provides affordable, flexible loans and mortgages to assist charities providing social services and supports that create positive social change in their community.

FUTURPRENEUR CANADA NEWCOMER PROGRAM

www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/program/2566

For newcomers to Canada between the ages of 18 and 35, with a limited credit history. \$7,500 repayable loan to start a business. This amount could be matched with a repayable loan from the BDC for a potential total of \$15K. For those between 35 and 39, applications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

FUTURPRENEUR CANADA START UP PROGRAM

www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/program/2565

For people between the ages of 18 and 39, loans of up to \$15,000 to start or buy a business. Can also apply for an extra \$30,000 through Futurpreneur Canada-BDC Start-Up Program.

GRAND CHALLENGES CANADA

www.grandchallenges.ca

Grand Challenges Canada supports global health initiatives. Funded by the Government of Canada they fund innovators in low- and middle-income countries and Canada. The ideas they support integrate science and technology, social and business innovation.

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MaRS CENTRE FOR IMPACT INVESTING

impactinvesting.marsdd.com/knowledge-hub/funds

The Centre for Impact Investing is a social finance hub and project incubator. Find impact-oriented financial sources in Canada through their Knowledge Hub.

ONTARIO CATAPULT MICROLOAN FUND FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

www.socialinnovation.ca/catapult

Offers loans to Ontario-based social enterprises with existing revenues that require growth capital. Loans between \$5,000 - \$25,000 for revenue-generating social enterprises, and \$1,000 - \$5,000 for pre-revenue social enterprises.

RBC GENERATOR

www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/rbc-social-finance-initiative/investing-for-impact.html

For organizations with unique business models and third-party funds that drive economic growth while helping to create a more sustainable future. Provides organizations with early-stage financing to help build success and attract commercial financing.





RISE ASSET DEVELOPMENT

www.riseassetdevelopment.com

Rise provides low interest small business loans, training, and mentorship to entrepreneurs with a history of mental health or addiction challenges. Eligible entrepreneurs can access loans up to \$10,000 throughout Ontario.

WE CAN - WINDSOR ESSEX CAPITAL ANGEL NETWORK

www.weangelnetwork.com

WE CAN is a non-profit Angel Group and a member of Angle Investors Ontario, NACO - National Angel Capital Organization (Canada) that works within its own group of investors and through syndication opportunities with 12 other Angel Investment Groups across Ontario, and 13 venture funds, family offices and strategic investors collaboratively to identify and co-invest in ventures whose social, environment and cultural impacts are intentional, measured, reported and aligned with financial performance and investment returns.

YOUTH SOCIAL INNOVATION CAPITAL FUND

www.youthsocialinnovation.org

For Canadian Residents between the ages of 18 and 35 running a for-profit or non-profit social enterprise. Loans ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 with the option of an additional \$15,000 from a partner organization, for a maximum amount of \$25,000.

For more information, visit
wetech-alliance.com

