

## 2022 OPPORTUNITIES - GRANT APPLICATION WRITING SERVICES

### Overview

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce facilitates grant writing services to support small and medium sized businesses in the Squamish area. Applications will be considered from both individuals and organizations, with support subject to availability of funds and eligibility approval.

### Provincial Support

Digital Adoption Grant ([Grow Your Business Online](#)) Eligible businesses will receive a micro-grant of up to \$2,400 to help with the costs related to adopting digital technologies.

Digital Adoption Grant ([Boost Your Business Technology](#)) The grant covers up to 90% of the eligible cost of retaining the services of a digital advisor, up to a maximum grant value of \$15,000 per SME, to develop a digital adoption plan. Businesses also have the opportunity to secure a 0% interest loan from the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) to facilitate the acquisition of new technology. In addition, applicants can leverage the help of talented post-secondary students and recent graduates through subsidized work placements.

[B.C Employer Training Grant-C19 Impacted Worker Training Stream](#) to help British Columbians access the skills training needed to adapt to the changing requirements of jobs and the labour market while encouraging employer involvement in the training of their employees. *(Various eligibility deadlines for training with a start dates according to stream selected)*

[Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program](#) – Provides support through wage and rent subsidies to other businesses that are not covered by THRP but have faced losses of 50% in the last year and, with a subsidy rate of up to 50%. *(Ongoing: Visit webpage to see each claim period)*

[Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program](#) – Provides support through wage and rent subsidies to, for example, operation and maintenance of recreation and amusement facilities and services. *(Ongoing: Visit webpage to see each claim period)*

[Canada Recovery Hiring Program](#) – For eligible employers with current revenue losses above 10% with the subsidy rate increasing to 50%. *(Extended to May 7, 2022)*

## Federal Support

[Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit](#) – This program has been *temporarily expanded* to include workers in regions where provincial or territorial governments have introduced capacity-limiting restrictions of 50 per cent or more. Up to \$300 for contractors. *(You may apply for any weeks your region is eligible between October 24, 2021 and May 7, 2022.)*

[Tourism HR Canada – Propel – Student Work Placement Program](#) – Qualifying employers are provided with a wage subsidy of up to \$7,500 for each student hired through the program. *(Ongoing. Next Info session May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022)*

## Eligibility Overview

Looking to identify which wage and rent support program you qualify for? [Click here](#) and answer a few questions or read criteria within each link above.

## Grant Search Tools

[Civic Info BC grant search tool](#)

[Government of BC Economic Development Funding & Grants search tool](#)

[Government of BC Grants & Funding search tool](#)

[Government of Canada Grants & Funding search tool](#)

[Grant Connect](#) *(fees associated)*

[BC GrantWatch](#) *(fees associated)*

[Grant Advance](#) *(fees associated)*

## Background

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the provincial and federal governments have released grants to support small to medium-sized businesses in COVID-19 Recovery. The Squamish Chamber Grant Support Service provides local businesses with free access to grant writing support, with the goal of supporting the Squamish business community and our local economy. This service is provided to both members and non-members of the Chamber.

The Squamish Chamber is grateful to the District of Squamish – via the BC Restart Grant – for helping make this program possible.

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