

## 2022 OPPORTUNITIES - GRANT 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.

### Background

The provincial and federal governments continuously release grants to support small to medium-sized businesses in growth and recovery. The Squamish Chamber Grant Writing Services provides local businesses with free access to grant writing assistance, 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 for helping make this program possible.

This program was kickstarted during the pandemic to provide Squamish businesses with access to COVID-10 relief and recovery funding. To date, we have managed to secure over \$650,00 and counting for local businesses. We are pleased to continue offering this service free of charge into 2022/23 focusing on business growth and recovery.

Prior to applying, we recommend reviewing this list and the Grant Ready Checklist to ensure you have all the information typically required to move forward with a grant.

Any questions should be directed to [admin@squamishchamber.com](mailto:admin@squamishchamber.com).

### Grant List

The following grants are eligible under the Chamber's Grant Writing Services Program. The list has been categorized into eight key categories for ease of reference:

Accessibility	Employee Training and Wage Subsidies
Business Planning and Expansion	Market Development
Electric Vehicles and Green Economy	Product Development
Event Development and Marketing	Research and Development

## Accessibility

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[Workplace Accessibility Grant](#) - This program provides direct supports to small business employers in BC by providing direct financial assistance towards creating an accessible work environment for persons with a disability(ies). Eligible businesses can apply for funding for projects that improve workplace accessibility in the business, while addressing and removing barriers in your workplace for people with disabilities.

Funding provided by: Small Business BC

Applicant type: All businesses

Max amount of funding available: \$1,000

[Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) - This program provides funding for projects that make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities. It aims to create more inclusion opportunities for persons with disabilities.

*\*Community focused accessibility projects are not eligible to receive the Chamber's Grant Writing Services for this grant. Your project must be workplace focused and contribute to the advancement of your business.*

Funding provided by: Government of Canada

Applicant type: All businesses

Maximum amount of funding available: small projects \$100,000, mid-sized projects \$3,000,000

## Business Planning and Expansion

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[Small Farm Business Acceleration Pilot Program](#) – The pilot program supports-cost-shared purchasing of commercial farm infrastructure and equipment needed to accelerate the revenue growth of farm businesses.

Funding provided by: Government of Canada

Applicant type: Agricultural producers and agriculture, food and beverage processors

Maximum amount of funding available: \$17,500

[#StandwithOwners Competition](#) - This one-time competition provides \$25,000 in funding, advertising, and technology to winning businesses.

Funding provided by: Telus

Applicant type: All businesses

Maximum of funding available: \$25,000

[Canada Digital Adoption Program: Boost Your Business Technology](#) - This fund covers the cost of a free digital needs assessment to help businesses better understand their digital readiness. They can apply for a grant to cover 90%, up to a maximum of \$15,000, of the cost of developing a digital adoption plan.

*\*This is a tiered option program. Step 1 – the \$15,000 digital business plan is the only option eligible to receive grant writing services under the Chamber's Grant Writing Program.*

Funding provided by: Government of Canada  
Applicant type: All businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$15,000

[Canada Digital Adoption Program: Grow Your Business Online](#) - This micro-grant covers costs associated with a range of digital activities, including website development, search engine optimization, subscription fees for e-commerce platforms, and social media advertising.

Funding provided by: Government of Canada  
Applicant type: All businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$2,400

[Music Industry Initiatives](#) - This program supports initiatives that grow and develop BC's music ecosystem. Successful projects will build the capacity of BC music industry through training, knowledge transfer, and the creation of new business opportunities. Canadian companies, not-for-profit organizations, individuals, and collectives are able to apply.

Funding provided by: Creative BC  
Applicant type: Music industry businesses  
Maximum amount of funding: \$60,000

[Business Equity Program](#) – The BEP will consider non-repayable contributions to aboriginal clients for eligible capital and business support to start, expand or acquire a viable business. Non-repayable contributions for business plans, marketing and other related business support services will also be considered.

Funding provided by: Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation  
Applicant type: Indigenous entrepreneurs and majority indigenous-owned businesses  
Maximum amount of funding: \$99,999 individual, \$250,000 community-owned business

[Amber Grants for Women](#) – WomensNet funds several women business grants throughout the year.

Funding provided by: WomensNet  
Applicant type: Women-owned businesses  
Maximum amount of funding: \$25,000

[Tourism Relief Fund](#) - The Tourism Relief Fund supports tourism businesses and organizations adapt their operations to meet public health requirements while investing in products and services to facilitate their future growth.

*\*This is a two tiered program. Step 1 – the \$100,000 non-repayable contributions is the only option eligible to receive services under the Chamber’s Grant Writing Program.*

Funding provided by: Government of Canada  
Applicant type: Tourism businesses  
Maximum amount of funding: \$100,000

[BC Agri-Business Planning Program](#) - This program supports producers and food processors through three business planning streams: business plan coaching, business disaster recovery planning, and specialized business planning

Funding provided by: Government of BC  
Applicant type: Agricultural Producers and Agriculture/Food/Beverage Processors  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$3,000 business plan coaching; \$5,000 (individual) or \$20,000 (group) Business Disaster Recovery Planning; \$5,000 (individual) or \$20,000 (group) Specialized Business Planning (group)

[Indigenous Agriculture Development Program](#) – The program provides two steps of financial support to work with a B.C. Ministry of Agriculture pre-approved Qualified Business Consultant. Services include feasibility analysis, financial and business planning and skills development for agriculture and food production and processing activities, including for community food security.

Funding provided by: Government of BC  
Applicant type: Indigenous businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$5,000 agricultural feasibility assessment; \$10,000 agricultural financial and business planning; \$2,000 top-up funding for community engagement

Recovery and Resiliency Fund – Multi-year flexible grants for charities and non-profit organizations disproportionately impacted by the pandemic to support their recovery and long-term resiliency.

Funding provided by: Vancouver Foundation  
Applicant type: non-profit organizations  
Maximum amount of funding: \$72,000/year for a maximum of three years

## **Electric Vehicles and Green Economy**

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[CleanBC Go Electric Program](#) - Several offerings available that help to support the adoption of zero-emission vehicles by businesses and communities in B.C.

*\*This is a two-tiered program. Individual and residential options are not eligible to receive services under the Chamber’s grant writing program.*

Funding provided by: Government of BC  
Applicant type: All businesses  
Maximum amount of funding: Varies

[Amplify BC – Music Company](#) - This program supports the sustainability, growth, and capacity of BC's music companies, through investing in business development activities.

Funding provided by: Creative BC  
Applicant type: Event organizers  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$75,000

### **Event Development and Marketing**

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[Tourism Events Program](#) - This program supports a wide range of events, including arts, cultural or internationally recognized competitive sporting events. The total event budget must be a minimum of \$100,000 to be eligible to apply and only up to 10% of the budget is covered by grant funding.

Funding provided by: Government of BC  
Applicant type: Event organizers  
Maximum amount of funding: \$250,000

[Amplify BC: Live Music](#) – This program supports BC-based live music events, creating engagement opportunities for audiences and artists, and enhancing music tourism throughout BC. Live music presenters could apply for live music presentation and business development activities.

Funding provided by: Creative BC  
Applicant type: Event organizers  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$100,000

[Amplify BC – Music Company](#) - This program supports the sustainability, growth, and capacity of BC's music companies, through investing in business development activities.

Funding provided by: Creative BC  
Applicant type: Event organizers  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$75,000

### **Employee Training and Wage Subsidies**

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[WorkBC - BC Employer Training Grant](#) – This program provides funding to small, medium and large enterprises to support skills training for their workforces, including prospective new hires. Maximum covered is \$10,000 per employee and \$300,000 per employer.

Funding provided by: Government of BC

Applicant type: All businesses  
Maximum amount of funding: \$300,000

[Get Youth Working! Program](#) - This program offers eligible employers in BC a negotiated wages subsidy as an incentive to hire eligible youth age 17 to 29.

Funding provided by: Government of Canada  
Applicant type: All businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: Not defined

[Experience Matters! Program](#) - The Program offers employment counselling, job entry skills, certificate training, paid work experience, mentoring and post job placement support to eligible workers aged 55 and older. Employers that hire and train eligible workers 55+ and provide full time sustainable employment are eligible for a negotiated Wage Subsidy incentive.

Funding provided by: Government of BC  
Applicant type: All businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$2,800

[Innovator Skills Initiative](#) - This program provides funding to help employers hire a new employee. The program helps under-represented people get their first job in BC's tech sector and supports companies facing skills shortages to grow and expand.

Funding provided by: Innovate BC  
Applicant type: Technology businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$10,000

[Digital Skills for Youth](#) - This program supports businesses hiring and training young professionals (under 30 years) in digital skills training.

Funded provided by: Innovate BC  
Applicant type: Technology businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$4,000 training; \$5,000 capital cost; \$25,500 salary reimbursement

## **Market Development**

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[CanExport Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Program](#) - This program supports small and medium-sized business with international market development activities. Funding covers up to 50% of costs for export marketing of products and services in international markets where a business has little or no sales.

Funding provided by: Government of BC  
Applicant type: All businesses

Maximum amount of funding: \$50,000

## Product Development

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[Ignite Program](#) - This program has been specifically designed to provide funding to advance research and commercialization activities for industry and academic collaborative projects, that are driven by industry needs and will have significant benefits to British Columbia.

Funding provided by: Innovate BC

Applicant type: Natural resources and applied sciences businesses

Maximum amount of funding available: \$300,000

## Research & Development

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[Canadian International Innovation Program](#) - This program helps Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) engage in collaborative research and development (R&D) projects with a foreign entity. Funding is available for 50% of costs for projects in the following markets: Brazil, China, India, Israel, and South Korea.

Funding provided by: Government of Canada

Applicant type: All businesses

Maximum amount of funding available: \$600,000

[CanExport Innovation Fund](#) - This program assists businesses with research and development for a single technology.

Funding provided by: Government of Canada

Applicant type: All businesses

Maximum amount of funding available: \$75,000

[National Research Council Canada - Industrial Research Assistance Program](#) - This program provides funding to support technology-driven innovation research and development projects at various stages of the innovation cycle.

Funding provided by: Government of Canada

Applicant type: Technology businesses

Maximum amount of funding available: Not defined

[Bee BC Program](#) - This program supports small scale regional/community-based projects to research, explore, field-test and share information about best management practices associated with bee health in BC. The program will enhance bee health related activities and enhance information sharing amongst beekeepers.

Funding provided by: Investment Agricultural Foundation  
Applicant type: Beekeeping businesses  
Maximum amount of funding available: \$7,000