Capital Expenses Grants

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Manufacturing Jobs Fund

SUMMARY

The BC Manufacturing Job Fund provides funding of up to \$10 million to manufacturers to conduct business/project planning as well as invest in new manufacturing infrastructure, technology, and processes. The program has 2 funding streams: the Project Readiness stream and the Capital Investment stream. The intent of the program is to boost productivity, increase competitiveness and support clean and inclusive growth.

DEADLINE

Continuous Intake

MAX FUNDING

\$10,000,000

ELIGIBILITY

- * Registered for-profit manufacturing businesses in BC;
- * Have established operations (at a proposed project location or elsewhere);
- * Have an established employee base;
- * Be in a viable financial position.
- * Have a business plan and/or financial records demonstrating the ability to pay off short-term debts;
- * Not in foreclosure or for sale;
- * Paid taxes in the last fiscal year.

Be located in B.C.;

Contribute to long-term regional economic growth, sustainability, and/or diversity;

Be financially viable and leverage market demand;

Create, maintain, or diversify job opportunities for local workers; and

Have a high degree of readiness and bring direct benefits to communities.

Stream 1 - must be related to business and project planning to prepare for investment:

- * Business plans;
- * Market assessments;
- * Operational plans;
- * Financial plans and costing;
- * Risk analyses; and
- * Operational technical assessments.

Stream 2 - must be essential to project delivery:

- * Capital expenditures including equipment, machinery, technology, and construction materials;
- * Wage or contract costs for net new and project-specific labour;
- * Material transportation costs;
- * Installation and implementation costs; and
- * Other time-limited costs directly related to project implementation.



Start-Up & Scale-Up

SUMMARY

Provides funding to start-up or scale-up companies with promising clean technology

DEADLINE

Continuous Intake

MAX FUNDING

Average contribution of \$4,000,000

- * Be a Canadian company
- * Pre-commercial small- and medium-sized companies;
- * A minimum of 25% of the eligible costs funded by private organizations (in-kind contributions included);
- * Have innovative technology that has a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 3-8;
- * Have a business plan and market roll-out for eventual profitability and commercialization;
- * Have product validation from a potential customer or end-use partner (see consortium partners below in Project Details);
- * Have Intellectual Property strategy; and
- * Has not and will not directly or indirectly pay a broker, consultant, or advisor a success-based fee for assistance in obtaining SDTC funding.
- * Have the potential to deliver significant and quantifiable environmental benefits;
- * Technology must have never been demonstrated or commercialized in any other country;
- * At least 50% of eligible project costs must be incurred in Canada.
- * Salaries and benefits;
- * Purchase, installation, repair, upgrade, testing and commissioning of equipment, materials, and products;
- * Licence fees and permits;
- * Shipping costs, including customs costs;
- * Reasonable travel and conference expenses related to the project;
- * Capital items specifically required for the delivery of the project (including lease of land, data collection equipment, prototypes, pilot plants, or demonstration facilities)

Workplace Accessibility Grant

SUMMARY

Provides funding to small business employers in BC to create an accessible work environment for persons with disabilities.

DEADLINE

Continuous Intake (intake renewed)

MAX FUNDING

Up to \$2,500

- * Be registered and licensed in British Columbia at the time of submission; and
- Must maintain a BC Business Registration number.
- * Have between 1 and 50 employees (both part-time and full-time), including the business owner.
- * Must address the removal of the following categories of workplace barriers:
- Environment: ramps, lighting levels, accessible washrooms, adaptations to vehicles, etc.
- Attitudes: anti-bias training
- Practices: training to review and amend interview processes, ASL interpreting for new staff orientation, accessibility audit of workflow, etc.
- Policies: funding for legal and consulting advice in revising policies, time for staff to revise policies, etc.
- Information and Communication: job task checklists in pictorial form, ASL version of policies, application forms accessible to screen readers, reprinting hard copies of material in large font, Braille versions of documents, updating web pages for accessibility, etc.
- Technologies: purchasing software that enables the production of accessible documents, flashing fire alarms for deaf employees, specialized headsets, tablets for communication, laptops for remote working, specialized tools, etc.

CleanBC Commercial Vehicle Pilots Program

SUMMARY

Provides funding to deploy commercial zero emissions vehicles, including mediumand heavy-duty on-road vehicles, rail, marine, aircraft, and off-road equipment

DEADLINE

09/30/2024

MAX FUNDING

- * Must be a business, non-profit, local government, Indigenous government, or public sector organization located and operating in BC;
- Note: Provincial Ministries and Crowns are not eligible, but non-core entities such as health authorities, school districts, etc., are eligible;
- * The purchaser/lessee of the vehicle technology must be the primary applicant for the CVP program; and
- * Consortiums may apply as long as the purchaser/lessee of the vehicle technology is the primary applicant.
- * On-road vehicles;
- * Off-road vehicles; and
- * Infrastructure.
- Electric charging infrastructure;
- Hydrogen fueling infrastructure;
- Technology must be approved for use in Canada
- Must be a new installation or expansion of existing installation. (replacements are not eligible)

Heavy-Duty Vehicle Efficiency Program

SUMMARY

Offers rebates on qualifying fuel-efficiency equipment to support the reduction of heavy-duty on-road commercial greenhouse gas emissions in BC.

DEADLINE

Continuous Intake

MAX FUNDING

Up to \$15,000 per vehicle or up to \$100,000 per fleet

ELIGIBILITY

- * Have one or more heavy-duty commercial vehicles in their fleet (a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight greater than 11,794kg) that is licensed and insured to operate in BC;
- * Have a current National Safety Code (NSC) certificate with a satisfactory rating;
- * Conduct business in BC;
- * Have a terminal located in BC; and
- * Have a company delegate take and pass the CleanBC Heavy-Duty Vehicle Efficiency program course within the program year (August 12, 2022 to August 31, 2023) prior to taking possession of fuel-saving equipment.

Type of Equipment:

- * Wide-base tires;
- * Tire pressure;
- * Aerodynamics;
- * Auxiliary power units;
- * Other anti-idling devices;
- * Zero-emission reefer;
- * Engine/fuel modifications;
- * Alternative fuel commercial motor vehicle

Forestry Residue Management

SUMMARY

Provides funding for innovation focuses on forestry residue management, with the aim to identify high impact projects that accelerate the reduction of global greenhouse gases and enable a net-negative emissions future.

DEADLINE

08/18/2023

MAX FUNDING

No max amount of funding

- * Companies with solutions relevant to BC;
- * Consortia of companies working together to complete a project are acceptable and welcomed however a single lead company should be the applicant; and
- * Companies located in BC but will allow participation of companies outside of the province with presence or a project in BC.
- *Commercially viable pathways for collection, transportation, and management of forestry residue, including opportunities for slash and thinning by-products to reduce wildfire risks;
- * Diversification of utilization solutions to derive energy value from forestry residue, such as biogases, advance biofuels, and other scalable end-use products; and
- * Proposals that align forest management with carbon-based innovations, such as nature-based solutions, bioenergy with carbon capture utilization and storage (BECCUS), and other potentially negative-emission technologies.
- * Any expenses directly relating to the project including:
- > Salaries;
- > Consultants;
- > Reasonable direct costs of project management;
- > Secure demonstration sites;
- > Build prototypes;
- > Integrate system components;
- > Demonstrate pilot production; or
- > Scale up manufacturing.