

Federal (Canada) - COVID-19 - Targeted Relief Measures

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Program Name	Targeted Demographics/Sectors	Funds Accessed Per Applicant	Coverage	Availability Date	Additional Information
Airport Lease Rents Waiver	Airport operators	Waiver of rents on federal aviation land until December 2020	Rents for airports	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/government-announces-support-for-air-transportation-sector-during-covid-19-pandemic.html
Canada Emergency Business Account	Private sector SMEs and non-profits	Interest free loan up to \$40,000	Short term operating costs to businesses that paid between \$20000 and \$1.5M in total payroll in 2019/	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html#_New_Loan_Programs
Canada Emergency Response Benefit	People who have lost income as a result of COVID-19	\$2 000 a month for up to 6 months per person	Basic income for those aged 15 years or older, who made at least \$5 000 in the last 12 months, who have an income of \$1 000 or less per month.	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ceerb-application.html
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	Employees of organizations that have experienced at least a 15% revenue decline due to COVID-19 between March 15 and April 12 and/or a 30% revenue decline in months thereafter	75% of their wage up to \$58,700 for up to 3 months	Wages, backdated to March 15	Now - through CRA business account portal Ends August 29	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/wage-subsidy.html
Canada Student Loan Payments Waiver	People with outstanding federal student loans	Temporary suspension of loan payments until July	Temporary loan payments	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-individuals.html#canada_student_loans
Co-Lending Program for Small and Medium Enterprises	Companies with fewer than 500 employees	Loan up to \$6 250 000	Cash flow needs for the short-medium term	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html#_New_Loan_Programs
Deferral of Customs Duty and Sales Tax for Importers	Importers	Deferral of tax and duty payments until June 30	Tax and duty payments	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html
Enhanced Canada Child Benefit	All families currently receiving the CCB	\$300 per child	Extra money per child	With normal cheques	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html#child-benefit
GST/HST Remittance Deferral	Anyone who collects GST/HST	Deferral of GST/HST remittances until June 30	GST/HST payments	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html
Increased Credit for Farmers	Agricultural producers needing short term loans	Repayable loans	Operating costs	Now	https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/about-fcc/media-newsroom/news-releases/2020/lending-capacity-increases-to-alleviate-industry-financial-pressure.html
Indigenous Community Support Fund	Indigenous communities	Formula based, automatically transferred	Emergency expenditures related to COVID-19 response.	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-individuals.html#indigenous_community_support_fund

Special Goods and Services Tax Credit Payment	Low- and modest-income families	\$400 per person, \$600 per couple	One-time payment to individuals.	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-individuals.html#increased_goods_services_tax_credit
Work Sharing Program Extension	Companies looking to reduce worker hours	Subsidy extended from 38 to 76 weeks	Income support for employees seeing reduced hours.	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html#extending_workshare_programs
Family Violence Prevention Program Funding	Indigenous women and children fleeing violence		Up to \$10 million will be provided to Indigenous Services Canada's (ISC) existing network of 46 emergency shelters on reserve and in Yukon to support Indigenous women and children fleeing violence.	Now	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035253/1533304683142
Women and Gender Equality Canada Funding	Women in unsafe situations		\$40 million will go to Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE). Up to \$30 million of which will address immediate needs of shelters and sexual assault centres.	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html
Temporary Foreign Workers Funding	Farmers, fish harvesters, and all food production and processing employers.	\$1 500 for each temporary foreign worker, to employers or those working with them to ensure requirements are fully met.	To support isolation measures as required under the Quarantine Act.	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/keeping-canadians-and-workers-in-the-food-supply-chain-safe.html
Canada Summer Jobs Changes	Youth	Wage subsidy up to 100 per cent of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage for each employee for 6-16 weeks.	Employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public-sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees, for young people aged 15 to 30 years.	Now to February 28, 2021	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html
Health and Social Support for Northern Communities	Northern populations		\$15 million in non-repayable support for businesses in the territories, \$17.3 million to the governments of Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut to support northern air carriers, and lastly, \$25 million to Nutrition North Canada to increase subsidies so families can afford much-needed nutritious food and personal hygiene products.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/14/prime-minister-announces-health-and-social-support-northern
Support for essential workers	Essential workers		Top-ups in wages for those who are working but making less than \$2 500 per month.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/07/prime-minister-announces-agreements-boost-wages-essential-workers
Support for the energy sector	Oil and gas	\$1.72 billion, including funding to the governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, and the Alberta Orphan Well Association	To clean up orphan and/or inactive oil and gas wells.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs
Emissions Reduction Fund	Oil and gas	\$750M total in the fund	This fund will provide primarily repayable contributions to conventional and offshore oil and gas firms to support their investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Of this amount, \$75 million will be allocated to the offshore sector.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs
Business Credit Availability Program expansion	Oil and gas		Available to medium-sized businesses with larger financing needs, beginning with companies in Canada's energy sector, to help them maintain operations and keep their employees on the job.	Now - through EDC and BDC	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance	Small business	Forgivable loans to qualifying commercial property owners to cover 50 per cent of three monthly rent payments	The loans will be forgiven if the property owner agrees to reduce the eligible small business tenants' rent by at least 75 per cent for the three corresponding months under a rent forgiveness agreement, which will include a term not to evict the tenant while the agreement is in place. The small business tenant would cover the remainder, up to 25 per cent of the rent.	Applications open May 25, for rent periods of April - June	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/20/prime-minister-announces-opening-program-protect-jobs-and-help
Support for Charities and Non-Profits	Local charities	\$350M distributed through the Red Cross, United Way, and Community Foundations Canada	To support volunteer delivery services, transportation services, helping vulnerable people access government services and providing support lines.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/21/prime-minister-announces-further-support-help-canadians-need
Support for Indigenous Businesses	Indigenous SMEs	\$360M in funding - total	Short-term, interest-free loans and non-repayable contributions through Aboriginal Financial Institutions.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses
AgriRecovery initiative	Agriculture	\$125 million in funding - total	This includes set-asides for cattle and hog management programs to manage livestock backed-up on farms, due to the temporary closure of food processing plants. This new federal funding will help beef and pork producers and processors adapt to a changing market, and help farmers and ranchers keep their animals longer before marketing.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply
Canadian Dairy Commission	Agriculture	Increasing the Commission's borrowing limit by \$200M	To support costs associated with the temporary storage of cheese and butter to avoid food waste.	TBD - legislation to be passed	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply
Surplus Food Purchase Program	Agriculture	Initial \$50 million fund	Designed to help redistribute existing and unsold inventories, which could include products such as potatoes and poultry, to local food organizations who are serving vulnerable Canadians.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply
AgriStability	Agriculture	Increase interim payments from 50 per cent to 75 per cent	A federal, provincial and territorial program that supports producers who face significant revenue declines.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply
AgriInsurance program	Agriculture	TBD	Working with provinces and territories on expanding the AgriInsurance program to include labour shortages as an eligible risk for the horticulture sector.	TBD	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply
Business Credit Availability Program - expansion 2	All sectors	Support for mid-market businesses will include loans of up to \$60 million per company, and guarantees of up to \$80 million.	Through the BCAP, Export Development Canada (EDC) and the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) will work with private sector lenders to support access to capital for Canadian businesses in all sectors and regions.	TBD - in coming days	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/11/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-businesses-help-save

Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF)	All sectors	Loans of more than \$60M	The LEEFF program will be open to large for-profit businesses – with the exception of those in the financial sector – as well as certain not-for-profit businesses, such as airports, with annual revenues generally in the order of \$300 million or higher. To qualify for LEEFF support, eligible businesses must be seeking financing of about \$60 million or more, have significant operations or workforce in Canada, and not be involved in active insolvency proceedings. Broader sectoral dynamics for LEEFF applicants will be considered through processes led by ISED.	20-May	https://www.cdev.gc.ca/leeff-factsheet/
OAS/GIS top-ups	Seniors	\$300 for seniors who receive OAS, additional \$200 for those receiving GIS	One-time, tax-free payments made automatically to seniors receiving OAS/GIS.	06-Jul	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/11/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-businesses-help-save
New Horizons Program	Seniors	Additional \$20 million in funding	Provides community support services to seniors.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/11/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-businesses-help-save
Regional Relief Recovery Program	Small business	Total capital of \$1 billion	Support for small businesses who have not qualified for previously announced support programs. Applications to be made to regional development agency.	Now	https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/h_07682.html
Fish Harvester Benefit	Fishing	Up to \$847 per week for up to 12 weeks	Available to those that experience fishing income declines of greater than 25 per cent in the 2020 tax year, compared with a reference period to be identified. This measure covers 75 per cent of fishing income losses beyond a 25 per cent income decline threshold, up to a maximum individual entitlement equivalent to what is provided under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/14/prime-minister-announces-new-support-canadas-fish-harvesters
Fish Harvester Grant	Fishing	Non-repayable support of up to \$10 000	To help fish harvesters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and who are ineligible for the Canada Emergency Business Account or equivalent measures. This will give them more liquidity to address non-deferrable business costs. The program would provide non-repayable support of up to \$10,000 to self-employed fish harvesters with a valid fishing licence. Size of the non-repayable support will vary depending on the level of fish harvesters' historic revenue.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/14/prime-minister-announces-new-support-canadas-fish-harvesters
EI Changes for Fish Harvesters	Fishing	Up to \$573 per week	Allow self-employed fish harvesters and sharepersons to access EI benefits on the basis of insurable earnings from previous seasons (winter and summer claims).	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/14/prime-minister-announces-new-support-canadas-fish-harvesters

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) Expansion	Small business	Loan up to \$40 000	To qualify under the expanded eligibility criteria, applicants with payroll lower than \$20 000 would need: - A business operating account at a participating financial institution; - A Canada Revenue Agency business number, and to have filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return; and - Eligible, non-deferrable expenses from \$40 000 to \$1.5 million. Eligible non-deferrable expenses could include costs such as rent, property taxes, utilities, and insurance.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/19/prime-minister-announces-expansion-support-workers-and-small
Funding for Organizations Supporting Indigenous Peoples Living in Urban Centres and Off Reserve	Indigenous	\$75 million in total funding	The funding will support more community-based projects that address the critical needs of Indigenous populations during this crisis, including food security, mental health support services, and sanitation and protective equipment. It could also help with other needs, such as support for Elders, transportation, and educational materials for Indigenous children and youth. Funding for projects will start rolling out in the coming weeks.	In the coming weeks	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/21/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-indigenous-peoples-living
Enhancement of the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP)	Youth and Agriculture	9.2 million in total funding	An investment of up to \$9.2 million to enhance the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) and fund up to 700 new positions for youth in the agriculture industry. The YESP will provide agriculture employers up to 50 per cent of the cost of hiring a Canadian youth up to \$14,000. Indigenous applicants and those applicants hiring a youth facing barriers are eligible for funding of up to 80 per cent of their costs.	Now	https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-enhances-youth-employment-and-skills-program-to-help-create-new-positions-for-youth-in-the-agriculture-sector-867584783.html
Additional funding for health, economic, and social support for Indigenous peoples and communities	Indigenous	\$285.1 million in total funding	\$285.1 million to support the ongoing public health response to COVID-19 in Indigenous communities. The investment will fund community-led responses to the pandemic, and provide targeted increases in primary health care resources for First Nations communities. In case of outbreaks, this funding can be drawn upon to provide surge capacity and additional support for community-based services in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/29/prime-minister-announces-additional-funding-health-economic-and
On-Reserve Income Assistance Program supplement	Indigenous	\$270 million total funding	will help individuals and families meet their essential living expenses. It will also help hire additional staff to better serve First Nations communities and connect individuals to other government programs.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/29/prime-minister-announces-additional-funding-health-economic-and

Shelters for women and girls in First Nations communities	Indigenous	\$40.8 million to support operational costs for these new shelters over the first five years, and \$10.2 million annually ongoing. \$1 million a year ongoing, starting this year, to support engagement with Métis leaders and service providers on shelter provision and community-led violence prevention projects for Métis women, girls, and LGBTQ and two-spirit people.	Indigenous women and girls experiencing and fleeing violence.	Now	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/29/prime-minister-announces-additional-funding-health-economic-and
Gas Tax Fund	Infrastructure/Municipalities	\$2.2 billion in expedited funding, not new funding.	Funding delivered through the federal Gas Tax Fund will be accelerated this year to help communities as quickly as possible while respecting public health guidelines. \$2.2 billion in annual federal infrastructure funding for communities will be delivered in one payment in June. Early delivery of the full funding for 2020-21 will help communities quickly move forward with infrastructure projects that will improve our quality of life and help restart local economies.	In the coming weeks	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/06/01/prime-minister-announces-support-help-communities-create-jobs-and
Disability Tax Credit increase	People living with disabilities	up to \$600 per applicant	This support includes a special one-time, tax-free payment to individuals who are certificate holders of the Disability Tax Credit as of June 1, 2020, as follows: - \$600 for Canadians with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate. - \$300 for Canadians with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and who are eligible for the Old Age Security (OAS) pension. - \$100 for Canadians with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and who are eligible for the OAS pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).	In the coming weeks	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/06/05/prime-minister-announces-supports-canadians-disabilities-address
National Workplace Accessibility Stream	People living with disabilities	\$15 million in total funding for 2020-21	Created through the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities. A new investment of \$15 million in 2020-21 will provide community organizations with resources to improve workplace accessibility and access to jobs in response to COVID-19, including by helping employers set up accessible and effective work-from-home arrangements. This support will also cover expanding accessible online training opportunities and helping connect Canadians with disabilities working from home with employers.	In the coming weeks	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/06/05/prime-minister-announces-supports-canadians-disabilities-address

Accessible Technology Stream	People living with disabilities	\$1.18 million in total funding	With this funding, organizations will develop dynamic and affordable technology, such as accessible payment terminals for retailers and tools to make communication easier for Canadians with disabilities in the digital economy.	In the coming weeks	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/06/05/prime-minister-announces-supports-canadians-disabilities-address
Canadian Seafood Stabilization Fund	Fisheries	\$62.5 million fund	The CSSF will help fish and seafood processors put in place health and safety measures to help protect workers against COVID-19 and maintain Canadian jobs. It will increase plant capacity to process, store, package, and distribute healthy, high-quality products, and to adapt processes and marketing to suit changing consumer demands. Bolstering the processing sector will be vital to supporting fish and seafood harvesters and strengthening Canada's food supply chain.	22-Jun-20	https://www.canada.ca/en/western-economic-diversification/news/2020/06/covid-19-canadian-seafood-stabilization-fund-opens-june-22-2020-across-the-west.html
AgriRecovery initiatives	Agriculture	\$2 per head of cattle per day	<p>The funding will help cover the increased costs of feeding market ready cattle and hogs due to COVID-19 related processing delays, while redirecting surplus pork products to help those in need.</p> <p>The beef cattle set-aside program will provide beef farmers with up to \$5 million in support. Farmers can claim \$2 per head of cattle per day to help pay for additional maintenance costs should they have to keep their market-ready animals on their farms for extended periods of time.</p> <p>The hog sector support program will also provide hog farmers with up to \$5 million to help cover additional maintenance costs. Ontario is also providing up to \$1.5 million to process and package surplus pork for food banks, to provide those in need with fresh, locally produced pork products.</p>	Now	https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/06/canada-and-ontario-support-beef-and-hog-farmers-during-covid-19.html
Canada Student Service Grant	Students	up to \$5000 per student	<p>The new Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) aims to encourage young people to take part in service activities that will help them support their communities' COVID-19 response and gain invaluable experience.</p> <p>Administered by WE Charity, the CSSG is a one-time payment available at five levels, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The amount will vary based on the number of hours each volunteer completes, with \$1,000 provided for each 100 hours completed, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for 500 hours.</p>	25-Jun-20	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/06/25/canada-student-service-grant

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Arts and Culture Resilience Supplement	Arts and Culture Sector	This one-time grant will range (maximum \$15,000) depending on the size of your organization.	Operating Assistance clients and eligible project clients will receive a one-time supplement in early April in order to further support organizations during this unprecedented time. This supplement is designed to provide flexibility for organizations. Organizations can choose how they spend the funding, guided by the principles of organizational sustainability and supporting the artists and arts and cultural workers you rely on.	Now	https://www.bcartscouncil.ca/funding/covid-19-updates-and-faq/
BC Arts Council Advance	Arts and Culture Sector		Spring and Fall Operating Assistance clients will be receiving 50% of their last year's operating grant as an advance for the next intake cycle (April and September) in early April. This funding is being delivered in order to support organizational sustainability and artists and arts and cultural workers.	Now	https://www.bcartscouncil.ca/funding/covid-19-updates-and-faq/
BC COVID-19 Action Plan	Businesses		\$1.5 billion in provincial funding will support economic stimulus once the pandemic has passed.	Post-COVID-19 State of Emergency	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports
BC Emergency Benefit for Workers	Individuals	\$1 000	A one-time \$1 000 payment for people who lost income.	Now	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports#BCEBW
BC Hydro COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program	Individuals and Businesses		Customers can defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty.	Now	https://www.bchydro.com/news/press_centre/news_releases/2020/bill-relief-covid-19.html
BC Hydro Customer Crisis Fund	Individuals	Up to \$600	Customers experiencing job loss, illness or lost wages due to COVID-19 can access grants up to \$600 to pay their hydro bills.	Now	https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crisis-fund.html
BC Student Loan Deferral	Students		Starting March 30, 2020, B.C. student loan payments are automatically frozen for six months.	Now	
BC Transit Program	Individuals		BC Transit will not charge fees for the use of their services during the state of emergency.	Now	https://www.bctransit.com/covid19
Climate Action Tax Credit	Low-Income Families	\$218 per adult and \$64 per child	A one-time enhancement to the climate action tax credit will be paid in July 2020 for moderate to low-income families.	July	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports#CATC
Deferred Sales Tax or Security Payments	Businesses		Effective March 23, 2020, the filing and payment due dates for sales taxes are extended to September 30, 2020. This includes carbon tax, motor fuel tax (including the International Fuel Tax Agreement), provincial sales tax (PST) (including the municipal and regional district tax on accommodation), and Tobacco tax.	Now	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/taxes/sales-taxes/publications/notice-2020-002-covid-19-sales-tax-changes.pdf

Delayed Carbon Tax Increase	Individuals and Businesses		Carbon tax rates will remain at their current levels until further notice. The tax measure announced in Budget 2020 aligning the carbon tax rates with the federal carbon pricing backstop is also postponed until further notice.	Now	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/planning-and-action/carbon-tax
Employer Health Tax Extension	Employers		Employers that declare bankruptcy or cease to have a permanent establishment in B.C. in 2020 on or before September 29, 2020 are not required to file their employer health tax return or pay the tax until September 30, 2020.	Now	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/employer-health-tax/employer-health-tax-overview/eht-file-pay
Employer Health Tax Installment Payment Extension	Employers		Employers required to make instalment payments won't need to make them until after September 30, 2020. Future instalment payment due dates will be determined at a later date.	Now	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/employer-health-tax/employer-health-tax-overview/eht-file-pay
ICBC Customer Relief	ICBC Customers		Customers on a monthly payment plan who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19 may defer their payment for up to 90 days with no penalty.	Now	https://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/contact-us/Pages/covid-19.aspx
Reduced School Tax Rates for Businesses	Businesses		School tax rates for commercial properties (Classes 4, 5 and 6) will be reduced by 50% for the 2020 tax year.	Now	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/school-tax
WorkSafeBC Relief	Businesses		Q1 payments for 2020 have been postponed. Businesses that report payroll and make payments on a quarterly basis can defer payments without penalty until June 30, 2020 (instead of the usual date of April 20).	Now	https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/news-events/announcements/2020/March/covid-19-situation-your-reporting-payment-deadline
Temporary Rental Supplement	Tenants	\$500 per month	It will be available to low to- moderate-income renters who are facing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, but do not qualify for existing rental assistance programs.	Now until August 31st	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/covid-19-support
Funding for Critical Services	Vulnerable Populations		Increased by \$1.7 billion to support health care pressures, social services and vulnerable populations, housing and shelter programs, and the First Nations Health Authority.	Now	
Civil Resolutions Tribunal Relief	Individuals	\$25 to \$200	The CRT has extended deadlines for respondents who are impacted by the pandemic until at least May 15, 2020. For this reason, the CRT will not process new applications for default decisions and orders from March 18, 2020, until at least May 15, 2020. The CRT waives fees for those who cannot afford to pay them. CRT fees, for items such as filing an application for dispute resolution, adding third-party claims or filing a notice of objection over a decision, range from \$25 to \$200.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0030-000651
Emergency Relief Support Fund	Families	\$225 per month for the next three months	For children and youth with special needs and their families. The fund will provide a direct payment of \$225 per month to eligible families over the next three months (to June 30, 2020).	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD043-000650

Property Tax Relief	Businesses, Non-Profits, and Organizations		The Province is providing enhanced relief for businesses by reducing most commercial property tax bills by an average of 25%, along with new measures to support local governments facing temporary revenue shortfalls as a result of COVID-19.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FIN0020-000703
Property Tax Late Payment Penalty Relief	Businesses, Non-Profits, and Organizations		Postponing the date that late payment penalties apply for commercial properties in classes 4,5,6,7 and 8 to Oct. 1, 2020, to give businesses and landlords more time to pay their reduced property tax, without penalty.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FIN0020-000703
Community Living BC (CLBC) Relief	Adults with Developmental Disabilities		Up to \$35.6 million will be available over three months from CLBC to support service providers to continue delivering residential services, including group homes, home sharing and supported independent living that about 9,500 adults with developmental disabilities count on.	Now, retroactive to April 1.	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0013-000730
VELA Microboard Association Payment	Adults with Developmental Disabilities		The Province has provided \$125 000 to VELA Microboard Association of B.C. to enhance its Support Worker Central web platform. Microboards are small groups of family and friends (a minimum of five people) who create a non-profit society to support adults with developmental disabilities. This is an online database designed to match individuals, families and agencies with support workers in their communities.	Now, retroactive to April 1.	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0013-000730
Connecting British Columbia Program	Rural, Remote and Indigenous Communities		\$50 million in targeted funding that will give people in rural, remote and Indigenous communities in British Columbia access to faster internet services. Internet service providers throughout the province can apply for grants of up to \$50,000 – or 90% of their expenses – to cover the cost of equipment, including antennas, electronics or other types of devices that relate to the performance or range of their network.		https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0008-000751
Family Caregivers of British Columbia Funding	Family Caregivers		The Province is doubling this year's funding for Family Caregivers of British Columbia to \$1 million, helping support both caregivers and seniors.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0141-000763
Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program - Provincial Contribution	Small Businesses		B.C. small businesses will receive a total of over \$300 million in federal-provincial relief, with B.C. contributing an estimated \$80 million. Federal-provincial funding will cover 50 per cent of commercial rent for small businesses. Landlords will be responsible for covering 25 per cent of the rent. This will be retroactive to April 1 and will be in effect for April, May, and June. Tenants who pay \$50 000 or less in rent per month and have experienced a 70 per cent loss in revenue due to COVID-19 are eligible.	Mid-May	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FIN0024-000754

License Deferrals for Forestry Industry	Forestry		Stumpage, the fee operators pay the Province to harvest, buy or sell trees from Crown land, is being deferred for three months. The deferral with interest is available to Tree Farm Licence, Replaceable Forest Licence and First Nations' Woodlands Licence holders who are in good financial standing with the Province. They also must be following through on their reforestation obligations.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FLNR0026-000786
Liquor License Renewal Deferrals	Businesses with liquor licenses		Government has temporarily deferred renewal fees for those liquor licensees experiencing financial hardship due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0033-000801
Temporary Layoff Period Extension	Businesses and workers		Government has extended the temporary layoff period to 16 weeks for COVID-19 related reasons.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0013-000810
The 2020 Northern Capital and Planning Grant			Provides \$50 million directly to local governments to help address their infrastructure needs and as they prepare for major resource and economic development.		https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0026-000850
B.C. Northern Healthy Communities Fund	Businesses and communities in Northern British Columbia		\$25 million will be available to communities as they prepare for major economic development. The fund will be available to local governments, First Nations and non-profits in the region to support local delivery of critical services, such as health and mental health care, housing and child care.		https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0026-000850
Ministry of Agriculture's Buy BC Partnership Program	Agri-food sector		The B.C. government is providing \$300 000 to support industry-led Buy BC e-commerce activities. The program helps farmers, ranchers and food and beverage processors market their products as locally grown, raised, harvested or produced.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AGRI0017-000857
Supporting Tourism Marketing Organizations	Businesses		59 B.C. community destination marketing organizations (DMOs) severely impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions will be supported with a \$10-million grant from the Province.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0022-000927
Supporting the Music Industry	The Music Industry		To help people in B.C.'s music industry continue to create and operate during the pandemic, the B.C. government is investing \$7.5 million through Creative BC for Amplify BC.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0025-000980
Increased Funding to the Youth Futures Education Fund (YFEF)	Youth		Youth who have aged out of government care and are ready to pursue post-secondary education this fall will have an additional \$250,000 from the Youth Futures Education Fund (YFEF) to help them with expenses beyond tuition, such as rent, utilities and groceries.		https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0027-001017
Supporting Farmers and Processors to Move Online	Agriculture		The B.C. government is providing an additional \$250,000 to support industry-led Buy BC activities focused on e-commerce, for a total of \$550,000 under government's Buy BC Partnership Program. The additional funding will help fund the applications that came in after the	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AGRI0023-001022

Temporary Emergency Funding Program	Childcare and Families		The temporary emergency funding program (TEF) for licensed child care centres is being extended until Aug. 31, 2020. This funding is a key part of the Province's COVID-19 response, as it helps to ensure essential-service workers have access to safe, reliable child care and parents can return to work as the economy restarts and more B.C. businesses open.	Until August 31	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0033-001070
Youth Community Partnership Program	Youth		The program is worth \$5 million. Communities around B.C. can apply to fund a community-service project of their choosing – like trail building, beach clean-up or invasive species removal, upgrading local parks or working for a local charity. In turn, they provide skills and work experience to young people who are unemployed, between 15-29 years of age,		https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0036-001185
Helping Farmers Maintain Farm Status	Agriculture		The Government of British Columbia is waiving minimum income requirements for existing B.C. farm operations, allowing them to maintain their current property tax farm status for 2021.		https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AGRI0045-001412
Provincial Temporary Crisis Supplement	Vulnerable Populations	\$300 per month per applicant	No action is required from people. The temporary \$300 crisis supplement will continue to be automatically applied to cheques distributed Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. This supplement will also continue to be provided to low-income seniors receiving the B.C. Senior's Supplement and income assistance and disability recipients residing in special care facilities.	Now	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0041-001511

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Alberta Credit Unions Program	Credit Union Members		Credit union members will have access to a variety of programs and solutions designed to ease difficulties with loan payments and short-term cash flow.	Now	Contact your credit union to work out a plan for your personal situation
ATB Financial Customers Program	Individuals		Personal banking customers can apply for a deferral on their ATB loans, lines of credit and mortgages for up to 6 months.	Now	
Corporate Income Tax Deferral	Employers		Alberta corporate income tax balances and instalment payments coming due between March 18, 2020 and August 31, 2020 are deferred until August 31, 2020 to increase employers' access to cash so they can pay employees, address debts and continue operations. In addition, due dates for the filing of corporate income tax returns due after March 18, 2020 and before June 1, 2020 have been extended to June 1, 2020.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/corporate-income-tax.aspx
Education Property Tax Freeze	Property Owners		Residential education property tax rates will be frozen at last year's level – reversing the 3.4% population and inflation increase added in Budget 2020. This will save households \$55 million.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-support-for-employers.aspx
Emergency Isolation Support Payment	Individuals	One-time payment of \$1,146	The Government of Alberta's Emergency Isolation Support program is now closed after successfully distributing about \$91.7 million to 79,596 eligible Albertans since the launch of the program – close to double the amount originally allocated.	Now Closed	https://www.alberta.ca/emergency-isolation-support.aspx
Healthcare Funding Increase	Healthcare		The Government of Alberta has committed \$500 million extra this year to respond to the public health crisis and to support front-line health professionals working to keep Albertans safe and healthy. This is in addition to the record-high \$20.6 billion allocated for health care in Budget 2020. A further \$58 million has been allocated to Alberta health care for COVID-19 response by the federal government.	Now	
Job-Protected Leave	Individuals		Employees caring for children affected by school and daycare closures or ill or self-isolated family members due to COVID-19 will have access to unpaid job-protected leave. The 90-day employment requirement is waived and leave length is flexible.	Now	
Student Loan Repayment Deferral	Students and Graduates		A six-month, interest free moratorium on Alberta student loan payments for all Albertans in the process of repaying these loans starting March 30, 2020.	Now	Students do not need to apply for the pause of repayment.

Tourism Levy Deferral	Tourism and Hospitality Sector		Hotels and other lodging providers can delay paying the tourism levy until Aug. 31 for amounts that become due to government on or after March 27, 2020. Payments deferred until Aug. 31 will not be subject to penalties or interest. Hotels and other lodging providers are still expected to file returns, as required by legislation, and must collect the tourism levy from guests staying at their properties during this period.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/tourism-levy.aspx
Utility Payment Deferral	Individuals and Families, Farms, and Small Businesses	Residential customers can defer electricity and natural gas bill payments for the next 90 days to ensure no one will be cut off, regardless of the service provider.	Albertans who are experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19. For example, those who have lost their employment or had to leave work to take care of an ill family member.	Now	Call your utility provider directly to arrange for a 90-day deferral on all payments. More info at https://www.alberta.ca/utility-payment-deferral.aspx
Vulnerable Group Relief	Albertans, Seniors, and Vulnerable Groups		Charitable and non-profit groups will immediately receive an additional \$60 million to support seniors and other vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. This is in addition to the \$3.9 billion for community and social services allocated in Budget 2020.	Now	
Providing Access to Food During COVID-19	Food Banks and Charitable Organizations		In an effort to protect vulnerable Albertans, the provincial government is providing \$5 million to support food banks and community organizations in their food supply efforts.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70065F2072F72-D1D5-8FD5-183C93091877A75B
WCB Premium Payment Deferral	Employers		Small, medium and large private sector employers can defer WCB premium payments until 2021. For small and medium businesses, the government will cover 50% of the 2020 premium when it is due in 2021 – saving businesses \$350 million. Large employers will have their 2020 WCB premium payments deferred until 2021, at which time their premiums will be due. Employers who have already paid WCB premiums in 2020 are eligible for a rebate or credit.	Now	https://www.wcb.ab.ca/insurance-and-premiums/
Boosting Charitable Donations During COVID-19	Charitable Organizations		Alberta government will match, dollar-for dollar, donations up to \$2 million to Alberta-based charities and non-profit organizations with COVID-19 fundraising campaigns. Organizations will be waiving any administration fees associated with campaign donations.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7007558C88EA2-0676-88A4-A16942AEB2DF250E
Increased Support for Albertan Caregivers	Caregivers		Government is providing \$3 million to Caregivers Alberta to expand supports for caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic and into the future.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70091C6954CC7-9E54-B2BF-3FE14A23E6B1929D
Relief for Continuing Care	Long-Term Care and Nursing Students		Supports include additional funding to allow for increased health-care aide staffing levels and a wage top-up of an additional \$2 per hour for health-care aides. Up to 1 000 paid student practicum positions to fast-track certification and get more staff into our continuing care facilities. In addition, \$24.5 million is being advanced to operators to help address immediate cost pressures due to COVID-19.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70127FF594C5C-CE00-2934-863516C3FEDF723E

The Site Rehabilitation Program	Oil and Gas Sector		Province will provide grants of between 25 and 100 per cent of total project costs – depending on the ability of the oil and gas company responsible for the site to help pay for cleanup – and will be paid directly to the oilfield service company completing the work. The program will provide funds in \$100-million increments.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70157C2391212-E275-B8DA-3FCC685A421CE43F
Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program - Provincial Contribution	Small Businesses		Federal-provincial funding will cover 50 per cent of commercial rent for small businesses. Landlords will be responsible for covering 25 per cent of the rent. This will be retroactive to April 1 and will be in effect for April, May, and June. Tenants who pay \$50 000 or less in rent per month and have experienced a 70 per cent loss in revenue due to COVID-19 are eligible.	Mid-May	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70162C9E4BFD8-A52A-A133-B0644E6385F3A7EA
Protecting Access to Rural Health Care	Rural, Remote and Indigenous Communities		Medical liability rates for all rural physicians, including obstetrics, will be frozen at \$1,000. Rates for all family physicians in Alberta will also be frozen at \$1,000. Rates for all other urban physicians will range from a low of \$1,200 to a maximum of \$4,000. On-call rates for all rural physicians will range from \$20 per hour to \$23 per hour, increasing payments to more than 1,500 physicians who are on call in rural Alberta. \$6 million will be used to pay for the schooling of 20 medical students over the next three years to incentivize young Albertans from rural communities to return to practise in their home communities after completing medical school.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70161C7BFBFF2-FD66-A983-3300D09BD3FE5262
Utility Payment Deferral Program Act	Residential, Farm, and Small Commercial Customers		Residential, farm, and small commercial customers can defer bill payments for electricity and natural gas until June 18. Customers need to contact their utility directly to sign up for the deferral program. Customers will still have to pay for their deferred electricity and natural gas bills after the program ends on June 18.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71267FC0607EA-012A-4274-FD41C86319D31165

Relief for the Childcare Sector	Childcare Sector and Families		<p>Day care centres and out-of-school care centres will benefit from a phased approach for these supports.</p> <p><u>Phase 1 - \$6.7 million:</u> Centres will immediately receive a one-time grant to cover up to 25 per cent of overhead costs like rent and utilities. This accounts for the remaining portion of expenses not covered by funding under federal programs.</p> <p><u>Phase 2 - \$3.2 million:</u> Upon reopening, centres will receive a grant for cleaning and sanitation supplies to adhere to public health guidelines, as well as to assist with staff recruitment and training.</p> <p><u>Phase 3 - \$6.9 million:</u> After three months of being open, centres will potentially receive a third grant to offset deferred bills and to address unforeseen operational issues. This will be based on an assessment of other federal and provincial support programs.</p>	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71285388C2A58-EBFA-E8E6-0CEDD4EDF6EB6965
Further Support for the Agricultural Sector	Agricultural Sector		<p>Cattle producers will be compensated for costs until the backed-up inventory is cleared. The Government of Alberta will immediately increase the interim payment under AgriStability from 50 per cent to 75 per cent for the hog sector. This will put up to \$25 million in the hands of pork producers immediately. The Alberta government will also immediately increase the advance payment under AgriStability from 50 per cent to 75 per cent for the potato industry.</p>	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=712966D4153AC-D8AB-20B4-6161DCACB28DE5A5
Employee Training Supports for Agri-Businesses	Agricultural Sector		<p>By providing up to \$5 million in support to farmers, agri-businesses and food processors, the program helps offset the cost to train new employees safely in new agri-food roles. The program will support training for as many as 2 500 new jobs in Alberta. The maximum government contribution under the program is \$2 000 per new employee, up to a maximum of \$50 000 per employer. Grants will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis until available program funding is fully allocated. In addition, about \$1 million in funding will be targeted for meat processors to provide support for new hires to undertake meat-cutting training.</p>	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71300983A43C2-052C-9669-7A9B903D1A9CFD39
Community Initiatives Program Operating Grant Funding			<p>The May and September intakes of the Community Initiatives Program Operating grant will be combined into one intake in June to help flow much-needed dollars to front-line organizations faster. Funding for this one-time intake will be prioritized for small and medium-sized organizations that focus on food security, shelter and housing, and addictions and mental health supports so they can continue to care for vulnerable Albertans.</p>	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71334634BDF0E-D1EB-45E8-203CD702CFAD9684

Additional Relief for the Tourism Industry	Tourism and Hospitality Sector		This measure will free up between \$16 million and \$27 million in additional cash flow for the hospitality sector, which employs 30 000 Albertans. Amounts collected prior to March 1, 2020 that are being deferred under the previously announced deferral program can continue to be deferred until August 31, 2020.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71383C9FCE3C3-F66E-2CE7-4412FA2E6B61547F
Expanded Mental Health Support for Albertans	Individuals		A \$21.6-million investment is expanding online resources and virtual supports for Albertans who are seeking help for mental health and addiction challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is the first portion of the \$53-million COVID-19 mental health action plan announced in April, aimed at helping Albertans access the resources they require, when and where they need them. Funding will enhance mental health and addiction supports, both online and in the community, through international, national and local organizations.	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71480FEECA34C-923F-CED9-23C741CE03A19A08
Strengthening Agriculture, Agri-food and Forestry Sectors	Agricultural Sector		<p>A total of \$40 million will come from the TIER Fund—a key part of Alberta's climate response, funded by industry—to support the challenge. These investments will be used to aid recovery, strengthen existing industries and help create new opportunities from small and medium enterprises across these sectors.</p> <p>The \$40 million will help farmers, ranchers, industry, and innovators navigate the economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing market implications. These innovations will lead to positive impacts, such as lower production and processing costs for food and fibre and natural solutions to remove carbon from the atmosphere.</p>	Now	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7149368A551BB-0C55-BD51-AA9097ADD2A1A063
Supporting Alberta's Beekeepers During COVID-19	Agricultural Sector		The program will include up to \$1 million to help beekeepers offset the costs of increased colony replacements due to COVID-19. The program, available this summer, will be retroactive to cover issues faced in spring 2020.	Upcoming	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=725383B2FE69C-A7F7-BC15-2FB919E8C0A4911E
Infrastructure Grants Support Economic Recovery	Municipalities		The Government of Alberta has awarded \$200 million in grants to municipalities across the province to upgrade local bridges, roads and community airports and make improvements to water supply and treatment facilities.		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7264606C876B4-D9C0-1C2C-EFB093DD27824DEF

The Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant	SMEs	Up to \$5,000	<p>Financial assistance to Alberta businesses, cooperatives, and non-profit organizations that faced restrictions or closures from public health orders, and experienced a revenue loss of at least 50 per cent due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Eligible job creators can apply for up to \$5,000 through this program.</p> <p>This relief for businesses and non-profits can be used to offset the costs they are facing as they reopen their doors. This includes the costs of implementing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as physical barriers, PPE and cleaning supplies, as well as rent, employee wages, replacing inventory and more.</p>		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727037BAAE58F-C37C-BF0E-F69315C5AF8A9EE2
Alberta's Recovery Plan: Investing in the Agri-Food Sector	Agricultural Sector		<p>The government is investing \$27.8 million in an agri-food hub at Exhibition Park in Lethbridge to create jobs and spur investment in the agriculture and agri-food industry. The project will generate 400 construction jobs and an estimated 50 incremental jobs after completion. Its estimated ongoing economic impact will grow to \$90 million annually, an economic boost to Lethbridge and southern Alberta.</p>		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7272642DB1961-BE16-9BE8-EB97C829DBD45237
Helping Municipalities Create Jobs	Municipal Stimulus Program		<p>Alberta's government is providing municipalities with \$500 million in additional funding to build shovel-ready infrastructure projects starting in 2020, creating thousands of jobs as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan. In addition, Alberta will match \$233 million in federal funding to support municipal operating costs during the pandemic and \$70 million to support public transit operating costs – for a total of \$606 million under the Safe Restart Agreement.</p> <p>The \$500-million municipal stimulus program, which boosts municipal infrastructure funding by almost 30 per cent, will create an estimated 2,500 jobs from projects that will begin construction in 2020 or 2021.</p>		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72914E15595B2-FF50-B006-CE56F8D1173C226B

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Program/Support	Targeted Demographics/Sectors	Funds Accessed Per Applicant	Coverage	Availability Date	Additional Information
Three Month PST Remittance Deferral and Audit Suspension	Businesses		Saskatchewan businesses who are unable to remit their PST due to cashflow concerns will have relief from penalty and interest charges. Businesses that are unable to file their provincial tax return(s) by the due date can submit a request for relief from penalty and interest charges on their returns. Audit program and compliance activities have been suspended to allow businesses time to focus on the health and safety of their customers and staff, reduce impacts to business operations, and minimize the spread of the virus through reduced audit.	Now	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/saskatchewan-covid-19-relief-measures-your-business
Business Response Team	Businesses		The Government of Saskatchewan will be establishing a single window information webpage for businesses to access information and receive timely updates on provincial support initiatives.		https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/saskatchewan-covid-19-relief-measures-your-business
Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Relief	Employers		Additional relief measures for employers who are unable to pay their WCB premium payments. Effective April 1 until June 30, 2020, the WCB will waive penalties and interest charges for late premium payments.	Now	http://www.wcbask.com/sask-wcb-offers-relief-measures-for-employers/
SaskPower	Individuals and Businesses		Effective immediately, the crown utility interest deferral program is available to all crown utility customers, including business owners. In response to the COVID-19 issue, SaskPower has instituted the following additional measures to ease potential challenges for customers. These include stopping active collection activity on overdue accounts, stopping disconnections of residential power service for non-payment, and not installing devices to limit electrical supply to customers.	Now	https://www.saskpower.com/about-us/Our-Company/Blog/To-Our-Valued-Customers-SaskPowers-Response-to-COVID-19
SaskEnergy	Individuals and Businesses		SaskEnergy also implemented the government's Crown Utility Interest Waiver Program. Over the coming six months, late payment charges and interest fees will be waived. During this time, SaskEnergy will not be disconnecting customers for non-payment.	Now	https://www.saskenergy.com/About_SaskEnergy/covid-19-response.asp
Self-Isolation Support Program	Saskatchewan residents forced to self-isolate that are not covered by recent federally announced employment insurance programs and other supports.	\$450 per week, to a maximum of \$900	Small business owners who must self-isolate and who are not covered by other government assistance or insurance.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-for-businesses-and-workers/support-for-workers/self-isolation-support-program

Emergency Aid to Post-Secondary Students	Post-Secondary Students		The Saskatchewan government will make up to \$1.5 million in emergency financial aid available to help at-risk post-secondary students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/09/aid-available-for-ps-students
Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment (SSBEP)	Small Businesses	One-time grant for SMEs to compensate for 15 per cent of a business' monthly sales revenue, to a maximum of \$5 000.	The \$50 million program will provide financial support to small and medium-sized businesses that have had to temporarily close or significantly curtail operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The SSBEP provides a one-time grant for small and medium-sized enterprises directly affected by government public health orders related to COVID-19.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/09/small-business-support
Provincial Support for Saskatchewan's Oil Industry Filing Deadlines	Oil and Gas Sector		Extending a series of filing and other deadlines to assist the oil and gas sector in stabilizing operations, as their employees transition to working from home. These extensions do not impact health or environmental safety and apply to routine reporting activities, which will be addressed when the sector returns to normal operations.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/14/oil-industry-support
Extending Mineral Rights	Oil and Gas Sector		Extending mineral rights, scheduled to expire in 2020, by one year. This includes rights granted under the terms of an oil and gas lease, exploration license or permit. The extension will provide oil and gas disposition holders with the time necessary to properly evaluate their properties once the current situation stabilizes.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/14/oil-industry-support
Reducing the Oil and Gas Administrative Levy	Oil and Gas Sector		Reducing the industry portion of the Oil and Gas Administrative Levy by 50 per cent this fiscal year and delaying the invoicing of the remaining balance until October 1, 2020. This will provide the sector with relief of \$11.4 million to address immediate liquidity challenges. (It is important to note that unlike other sectors, the oil and gas sector pays for 90 per cent of its own regulatory costs).	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/14/oil-industry-support
AgriStability Enrollment Deadline Extension	Agricultural Sector		The AgriStability enrollment deadline for the 2020 program year has been extended without penalty to July 3, 2020.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/20/agristability-deadline-extended
AgriStability Interim Payments Increased	Agricultural Sector		The federal and provincial governments have agreed to increase the 2020 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 per cent to 75 per cent for Saskatchewan producers.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/24/agristability-interim-payments
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance	Agricultural Sector		Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) is also waiving the six months farming and one production cycle criteria for participants applying for 2020 interim benefits.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/24/agristability-interim-payments

Temporary Wage Supplement For Essential Workers For Vulnerable Citizens	Essential Workers	\$400 per month	Workers helping Saskatchewan's vulnerable citizens through the COVID-19 pandemic will have their salaries topped up by a cost-shared \$400 per month temporary wage supplement. The new wage supplement will last for up to 16 weeks (March 15 to July 4) for each eligible worker. All workers at integrated healthcare facilities which provide both short-term and long-term health care will be eligible for the supplement.	Applications accepted until September 1.	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/30/temporary-wage-supplement-program-expanded
Northern Relief	Communities in Northern Saskatchewan		Immediate funding of \$370,000 targeted to combating COVID-19 in the province's Far North region, and the addition of seasonal businesses to the Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment, including northern outfitters.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/30/northern-travel-restrictions
Childcare for Workers	Families		Anyone working now or returning to work under Phase I and Phase II of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan will have access to licensed child care services located within Saskatchewan schools.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/30/child-care-spaces
Funding to Encourage Support for Local Businesses	Businesses		The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$1 million to support a province-wide marketing campaign to encourage Saskatchewan residents to support local businesses and their employees.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/01/support-for-local-businesses
Infrastructure Stimulus Package to Rebuild Saskatchewan	Infrastructure		\$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan to build a strong Saskatchewan and stimulate Saskatchewan's economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$7.5 billion in infrastructure funding represents a \$2.0 billion increase over the government's existing capital plan. The \$7.5 billion stimulus package includes the \$2.7 billion Crown and executive government capital spending already accounted for in the province's 2020-21 Estimates, and the \$2.8 billion Crown and executive government capital spending projected for the 2021-22 fiscal year.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/06/capital-funding

Supporting Livestock Producers During COVID-19	Agricultural Sector		\$10 million in additional funding to help livestock producers manage the impacts of COVID-19 related market disruptions. The support includes \$5 million for Saskatchewan's share of the costs associated with participation in the national AgriRecovery set-aside program and \$5 million to partially offset higher premium costs under the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program (WLPIP). Saskatchewan government will fund the 40 per cent provincial contribution to the AgriRecovery set-aside program. Saskatchewan livestock producers will now be able to access a total of \$12.5 million under the set-aside program.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/14/supporting-livestock-producers
WLPIP Insurance Assistance	Agricultural Sector		The provincial government will provide 40 per cent of the increased premium costs, dating back to February 25, 2020. Additionally, the deadline for obtaining calf price insurance through the WLPIP is being extended from May 28, 2020 to June 18, 2020. These premium adjustments will be in place until September 1, 2020, at which time the provincial government will review and reassess.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/14/supporting-livestock-producers
Municipal Economic Enhancement Program 2020	Municipalities		MEEP 2020 will provide \$150 million, or approximately \$143 per capita, to local municipalities to support investments in infrastructure, to stimulate economic recovery and encourage local job creation. Allocation highlights for MEEP 2020, include: City of Saskatoon – \$35,529,807 City of Regina - \$30,916,844 City of Prince Albert - \$5,163,587 City of Moose Jaw - \$4,870,956 City of Swift Current - \$2,386,467 City of Yorkton - \$2,348,953 City of North Battleford - \$2,057,472		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/19/meep-2020
Accelerated Site Closure Program (ASCP)	Energy Sector		ASCP will access up to \$400 million, over two years, subject to the conclusion of an agreement with Canada, through the federal COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. It will be overseen by the Ministry of Energy and Resources and delivered in partnership with the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC), which has technical expertise to provide engineering and oversight work. The program will prioritize Saskatchewan-based service companies and support some 2,100 full-time equivalent jobs. Up to 8,000 inactive wells and facilities will be abandoned and reclaimed over the life of the program.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/22/well-abandonment

Provincial Parks Stimulus Package			The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$10.3 million into renewal projects across the provincial park system. This is part of the \$7.5 billion two-year capital plan to stimulate the province's economic recovery from the COVID-19 impact.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/26/parks-stimulus-package
Investing In Water Management Infrastructure And Programming	Infrastructure		In total \$8.3 million will be invested into six water management projects. They include the following: \$2.5 million for upgrades to the conveyance canal and pumping infrastructure at Pike Lake, located outside of Saskatoon; \$2.5 million for the installation of travelling screens to capture and remove aquatic weeds from the M1 Canal; 1.5 million to advance agricultural water management projects that deal with issues such as erosion control; \$600,000 for Rural Municipalities, Conservation and Development Area Authorities and Watershed Associations to clear natural channels of debris, sedimentation and general overgrowth; \$500,000 for municipalities to conduct flood mapping to support long-term mitigation; and \$750,000 for upgrades to improved stoplog handling systems for control structures at six locations across the province.	Now	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/28/investment-in-water-management
Funding For Caregivers	Caregivers	\$100 per month to caregivers of people with intellectual disabilities.	The Government of Saskatchewan has announced additional respite funding of \$1.125 million for caregivers of people with intellectual disabilities during the pandemic. This funding provides \$100 per month from June to September 2020 to pay for respite or respite activities. This benefit will help fill the gap that the closure of day programs, as well as the shortage of part-time work and volunteer opportunities, has created.	June - September	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/28/funding-for-caregivers
Record Investments In 15 Community Airports To Support Economic Recovery	Travel Sector and Job Creation		The province will invest \$1.5 million in improvements to 15 community airports around the province. When combined with local matching dollars, this represents a \$3 million investment in airport infrastructure.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/may/29/investment-for-airports
Investments In Saskatchewan Technology	Tech Sector		The Government of Saskatchewan is boosting financial support to the province's tech sector in the 2020-21 Budget, including \$400,000 to the Saskatoon lab working on a vaccine for COVID-19. Innovation Saskatchewan will provide new funding to the Vaccine and Infectious Diseases Organization (VIDO) toward construction of a vaccine manufacturing facility. This funding is in addition to the \$3.8 million provided in 2019-20 to support the organization's work in finding a vaccine for COVID-19.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/june/15/budget-innovation-saskatchewan

Building A Strong Agriculture Sector	Agricultural Sector		The 2020-21 Budget continues to provide strong support for agriculture, including \$10 million to help livestock producers manage the impacts of COVID-19 related market disruptions.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/june/15/budget-strong-agriculture-sector
Record Municipal Investments To Support Recovering Saskatchewan Municipalities	Municipalities		\$571 million in direct provincial support to Saskatchewan municipalities: - A record-setting \$278 million in no-strings-attached Municipal Revenue Sharing, an increase of \$27 million over 2019-20, or an 11 per cent increase. - The creation of the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program 2020 which will provide an additional \$150 million dollars to municipalities for shovel-ready, local projects and investments.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/june/15/budget-municipal-support
Province Investing in Long-Term Care	Long-Term Care		The Government of Saskatchewan is investing more than \$80 million in long-term care facilities across the province. Saskatchewan seniors will benefit from an investment of approximately \$73 million in new long-term care facilities in Grenfell and La Ronge. More than \$7.2 million will be invested in 2020-21 for 82 priority renewal projects in 51 long-term care facilities across the province.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/june/16/long-term-care-investments
Investment In Saskatchewan Health Facility Maintenance	Healthcare		Health Minister Jim Reiter is announcing the investment of \$17.8 million in 87 health facility maintenance and upgrade projects across Saskatchewan. These projects are part of the Government of Saskatchewan's \$7.5 billion two-year capital to plan to build a strong Saskatchewan and stimulate Saskatchewan's economic recovery.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/june/19/health-facility-maintenance
Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program		For the accommodation sector and large event facilities, payments will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000, depending on sales revenue. For attraction, tour or event operators with ongoing fixed costs, payments will range from \$7,500 to \$15,000.	\$35 million in support for Saskatchewan's hard-hit tourism sector. Under the Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program, eligible hospitality and event/attraction operators will be able to apply for a one-time, non-repayable emergency payment. Of the \$35 million, \$5 million will be used to support marketing and increasing the demand for Saskatchewan tourism experiences.		https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/august/10/supports-for-tourism-sector

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Tax Filing Deadline Extension	Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses	No more than \$10 000 tax deferral.	Manitoba has extended the April and May tax filing deadlines until June 22, 2020 for small and medium businesses with monthly RST remittances of no more than \$10,000. Additionally, businesses that file on a quarterly basis that have a due date of April 20, 2020 have had the due date extended to June 22, 2020.	Now	https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation/publicbulletins/noticerst2003.pdf
Manitoba Protection Plan	Individuals and Businesses		Instructing Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas and Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) to not charge interest or penalties in the event that Manitobans are unable to pay at this time. This will last for the next six months, until October 1, 2020.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
	Individuals		Instructing MPI to relax ordinary practices on policy renewals and collections. This will last for the next six months, until October 1, 2020.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
	Retail and Hospitality Sector		Instructing Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries not to charge interest on receivables from restaurants, bars and specialty wine stores until October 1, 2020.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
	Businesses		Supporting Workers Compensation Board (WCB) not to charge interest and asking WCB to extend relief from penalties for late payments until October 1, 2020.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
	Individuals and Businesses		Directing Manitoba Hydro and Centra Gas to not disconnect customers until October 1, 2020.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
	Individuals		Working with municipal partners to ensure municipalities do not charge interest on provincial education taxes and school division fees and the province is encouraging municipalities to do the same with respect to their own taxes and will start discussions to support implementation.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
Provincial Income Tax and Corporate Income Tax Deferral	Individuals and Businesses		The government is also deferring provincial income tax and corporate income tax filing deadlines and payments to coincide with the current revised federal deferral of income tax to Aug. 31 and has indicated it would be willing to extend these deferrals until Oct. 1, should the federal government agree.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
Student Loan Repayment Deferral	Students and Graduates		The Manitoba government is suspending repayment on all student aid loans until September 30.	Now	https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/repaying-student-loans/payment-pause-information.html

Health and Post-Secondary Education Tax Levy Deferral	Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses		Returns for small and medium businesses with monthly HE Levy remittances of no more than \$10,000 per month that would normally be due on April 15th and May 15th will now be due on June 15, 2020.	Now	https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation/pubs/bulletins/noticehe2001.pdf
Research Fund	Clinical Research Professionals		\$5-million COVID-19 research funding opportunity through Research Manitoba for 10 clinical research professionals to test therapies to mitigate the rapid spread of COVID-19.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47460&posted=2020-04-08
Extension of Support to Youth in Child Welfare System	Vulnerable Youth		The Manitoba government will continue to extend supports to all youth currently in care who turn 18 between March 20 and Sept. 30. This includes extending foster care placements and ensuring that youth who choose to move out of foster care continue to receive financial support, the minister noted.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47458&posted=2020-04-08
Home and Business Property Insurance Relief	Individuals and Businesses		Manitoba is taking steps to make home and business property insurance more affordable to Manitobans by accelerating the removal of \$75 million of annual PST from residential and business properties, effective July 1.	July 1 2020	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47380&posted=2020-04-03
Essential Service Workers Access to Childcare	Essential Service Workers and Parents		All parents who work in critical services, as defined by the chief provincial public health officer, will be eligible to access child-care spaces available in licensed facilities. This includes support staff at hospitals and clinics, grocery store staff, farmers and farm workers, construction workers, and bank or credit union employees.	Now	https://manitoba.ca/bq/2020/04/covid19.html
Health Services Insurance Fund Increase			\$500 million for the Health Services Insurance Fund directly available to cover healthcare costs.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47538&posted=2020-04-15
Internal Service Adjustments Funding			\$400 million available for allocation to new COVID-19 pandemic-related costs across the whole of government	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47538&posted=2020-04-15
Emergency Expenditures Funding			Government has doubled the emergency expenditures budget with a second commitment of \$100 million to address the costs of potential natural disasters later in the fiscal year, such as floods and forest fires, or even cover new emergency costs relating to the pandemic should they arise.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47538&posted=2020-04-15
COVID-19 Procurement Fund			\$300 million to ensure the government can respond quickly to front-line health-care needs and protect vulnerable Manitoban	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47557&posted=2020-04-17
Workers Compensation Board Returns	Businesses		The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) board of directors has approved and authorized further relief for employers who fund the WCB by returning approximately \$37 million in surplus funds. Of the \$37 million, WCB expects \$29 million will be returned to the private sector, with approximately \$7 million going to small businesses in Manitoba.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47597&posted=2020-04-21

The Manitoba Gap Protection Program (MGPP)	Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses		The province will advance each eligible business the non-interest bearing forgivable MGPP loan of \$6,000, for a total of up to \$120 million. The loan will be forgiven on Dec. 31, 2020, if the recipient attests at that time the business has not received any major non-repayable COVID-19 federal supports such as the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Canada Emergency Business Account. The program is available to any of the approximately 120,000 businesses in Manitoba who have fallen into a gap in failing to qualify for the various federal government assistance programs and wage subsidies.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47600&posted=2020-04-22
Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) Relief	Policyholders	Between \$140 to \$160 per average policyholder	Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) is returning up to \$110 million to provide financial relief to its policyholders. Rebates will be based on what policyholders paid last year and expected to be around 11 per cent, or between \$140 to \$160, per average policyholder. Policyholders can expect a rebate cheque at the end of May to early June.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47618&posted=2020-04-23
Summer Student Recovery Jobs Program	Students		This is a new wage subsidy program to support high school and post-secondary students employed in the private and non-profit sectors. Under the new program, up to \$120 million is available for employers to access a \$7 per hour wage subsidy, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per student. The program is open to Manitoba students aged 15 to 29, with an employment period from May 1 to Sept. 4. Employers can be subsidized to hire up to five students.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47620&posted=2020-04-24
Support for Trails in Manitoba Provincial Parks	Provincial Parks		The Manitoba government is investing up to \$500,000 to support the development of trails in provincial parks, Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires and Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard announced today.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47624&posted=2020-04-25
Support for Local Food Producers and Farmers' Markets	Agricultural Sector		Canada and Manitoba will be providing a total of \$160,000 through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership to Direct Farm Manitoba to purchase a software platform that will allow Manitobans to order food online from local producers and farmers' markets. The funding will also go toward the development of a network of pickup and delivery options to connect consumers with their orders, and the development of COVID-19 safe handling and packaging practices for producers and processors.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47638&posted=2020-04-27

Keeping Kids Connected	Children and Families		TELUS has donated more than 120 tablets with data plans to the province. The majority will go to emergency placement shelters operated by Winnipeg Child and Family Services (CFS), which are used until arrangements that are more permanent can be made for children coming into care and to provide a safe place for youth who may be in safe havens or group care settings. Some of the tablets will go to small operators who provide services to at-risk youth. The tablets will help children to quickly reconnect with family members, friends, teachers and other supports, creating stability during this challenging time, the minister noted.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47666&posted=2020-04-30
Seniors Economic Recovery Credit	Seniors	\$200 tax credit	The province is extending \$45 million in direct financial support to Manitoba seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic through the new Seniors Economic Recovery Credit that will deliver a \$200 tax credit to each recipient. To ensure best use of the credit, the Department of Finance will proactively mail a payment cheque as a credit advance to each senior who filed a 2018 income tax return prior to April 1, 2020.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47877&posted=2020-05-05
Supporting Students, Post-Secondary Institutions with Increased Bursary Funding	Students, Post-Secondary Institutions		The province is increasing its support for students and post-secondary institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing more matching funding for the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative (MSBI) for the 2020-21 academic year. The province will match all funds raised by universities and colleges for the MSBI for the year, dollar for dollar, instead of with one dollar for every two dollars raised or donated privately. As well, the province is committing \$5 million to the MSBI program on top of the \$10 million announced in Budget 2020, to maximize funds for students during the pandemic.	This coming fall.	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47937&posted=2020-05-06
Manitoba Restart Program	Infrastructure		The \$500-million investment will expand on the significant already-planned infrastructure investments of \$3 billion over the next two years. The Manitoba Restart Program will include new: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water and sewage projects through the Municipal Water Services Board, • road and highway resurfacing and repairs, • bridge repairs, • municipal infrastructure priorities, and • potential new cost-sharing construction projects with other levels of government if agreements can be reached. 	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47957&posted=2020-05-07

Green Teams Increased Funding	Non-profit organizations, municipalities and students		The Manitoba government is providing up to \$10 million to support community organizations, municipalities and provincial parks delivering Green Team projects this upcoming summer. Green Team grants are awarded to non-profit organizations and municipal governments to hire youth and young adults to work on community projects between May and August.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48098&posted=2020-05-12
Lowering Vehicle Registration Fees	Individuals and Businesses		\$11-million program that will reduce vehicle registration fees by 10 per cent beginning July 1.	July 1 2020	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48119&posted=2020-05-12
Manitoba Works Capital Incentive	Businesses		This is a new approach to tax increment financing (TIF) that levers incremental education property tax rebates to stimulate economic growth and job creation. A new or existing business interested in getting established or expanding in Manitoba may apply to the program if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the business is prepared to make a minimum capital investment of \$10 million to a specific property, which will be designated for tax increment financing benefits; • a minimum of 65 per cent of total project costs are from private sources; and • there is demonstrable potential to create and/or maintain jobs in Manitoba, or the new business activity will have a substantial and measurable net economic benefit to the province. 	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48237&posted=2020-05-16
Investing into Community Development Projects	Communities		The Manitoba government is providing \$10 million in grants to support 344 projects for community development projects as part of restarting the provincial economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Government is increasing this year's investment by 25 per cent in the Building Sustainable Communities program.	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48277&posted=2020-05-20
Manitoba Risk Recognition Program			Manitoba government will be distributing \$120 million to recognize the risks taken by front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The payment is available to workers employed on a part-time or full-time basis from March 20 (the start of the provincial state of emergency) until May 29, who either worked a minimum 200 cumulative hours (or would have worked that amount but were required to self-isolate under public health orders). An employee's total pre-tax employment income during the eligibility period must be less than \$6,250 (\$2,500 per month for 2.5 months) and they cannot be enrolled in the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).	Now	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48380&posted=2020-06-02

Increasing Investments into Canada-Manitoba Job Grants	Businesses		The province is making an increased investment of \$5.7 million in the Canada-Manitoba Job Grant program this year to better assist businesses with staff training costs as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The province's \$5.7-million investment for 2020-21 is an increase of \$2 million from 2019-20. The program allows employers to apply for up to \$10,000 for each of their employees, to a maximum grant of \$100,000. Eligible costs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tuition fees; • textbooks, software and other required materials; • exam fees; and • travel costs for the training of individuals in northern and remote communities. 	Application Deadline: July 3	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48386&posted=2020-06-03
Back to Work Wage Subsidy Program	Employers	Up to \$5,000 per worker and \$50,000 per business.	The enhanced Back to Work program will reimburse up to \$5,000 for up to 10 new workers to a maximum of \$50,000 per business, not for profit or charity. Businesses that have already benefited from provincial summer wage subsidies are eligible for this new wage subsidy benefit to hire or bring back an additional 10 employees. The program will now reimburse half of all wages for those newly hired to Oct. 31. Employers that have received financial support from other various provincial and federal programs are all eligible.	The application deadline is Oct. 1, with a deadline to submit proof of wages of Jan. 4, 2021. Businesses can apply as of noon on July 16.	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48584&posted=2020-07-15
The Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy (RSTS)	Private-Sector Employers	Up to \$10,000 per businesses	Program will reimburse eligible private-sector employers 100 per cent of employee training costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 per business to mitigate against additional financial impacts from training required to support their safe re-opening.	The application deadline for RSTS is July 31, 2020.	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/june/18/temporary-training-program
Support for Homeless Shelters	Homeless Population		The Manitoba government is investing nearly \$760,000 to expand supports to vulnerable people experiencing homelessness as part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This builds on a \$1.2-million investment for homeless shelters announced in April and will support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expanded capacity at a Main Street Project (MSP) location on Disraeli Street in Winnipeg for the next three months, providing space for 180 beds every night (\$135,000); • continued operation of a site on Sargent Avenue in Winnipeg, which has 39 beds for individuals who may need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, to be managed by MSP until the end of September (\$242,000); and • ongoing operations of the Salvation Army's Winnipeg Centre of Hope, as a need to decrease its capacity to meet physical distancing requirements has resulted in financial challenges (\$360,000). 		https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48517&posted=2020-06-26

Risk Recognition Program	Frontline workers		The province is issuing payments to 78,442 Manitobans to acknowledge front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The province will divide \$120 million equally among all eligible recipients for a payment of \$1,530. As the payments are considered taxable income under federal tax rules, the province has remitted a 10 per cent withholding tax to the Canada Revenue Agency to help recipients when they file their 2020 income tax return. Eligible recipients will be notified via email of a \$1,377 direct deposit in their bank account this week.		https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=48817&posted=2020-07-29
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Corporate Income Tax Credit - Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit	Businesses		To support regions lagging in employment growth with a proposed new Corporate Income Tax Credit, the Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit.	Now	https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/action-plan.html#section-3
COVID-19 Contingency Fund			Dedicated \$1.0 billion COVID-19 contingency fund for emerging needs related to the COVID-19 outbreak.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/ontario-provides-33-billion-more-to-increase-health-care-capacity.html
Deferring Education Property Tax			Deferring the upcoming quarterly (June 30) remittance of education property tax to school boards by 90 days. This will provide municipalities with the flexibility to, in turn, provide property tax deferrals of over \$1.8 billion to local residents and businesses while ensuring school boards receive their funding.	Now	https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/action-plan.html#section-4
Electricity Relief	Eligible residential, farm and small business consumers		Setting electricity prices for residential, farm and small business time-of-use customers at the lowest rate, known as the off-peak price, 24 hours a day.	Extended till May 31, 2020.	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/ontario-extends-electricity-rate-relief-during-covid-19.html
Employer Health Tax (EHT) Exemption	Employees		Cutting taxes by \$355 million for about 57,000 employers through a proposed temporary increase to the Employer Health Tax (EHT) exemption.	Now	https://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/tax/eh/index.html
Funding for Hospital Sector	Hospital Sector		Investing \$935 million for the hospital sector, including \$594 million to accelerate progress on the government's commitment to address capacity issues, as well as \$341 million for an additional 1,000 acute care and 500 critical care beds and additional assessment centres.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mltc/en/2020/03/ontario-taking-further-action-through-emergency-measures-to-support-long-term-care-homes-during-covi.html
Funding for Long-Term Care	Long-term care sector		Investing \$243 million for surge capacity in the long-term care sector, as well as funding for 24/7 screening, more staffing to support infection control, and supplies and equipment to help tackle the COVID-19 outbreak.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-ramping-up-protection-for-long-term-care.html
Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) Payment	Low-income seniors	\$166 per month for individuals and \$332 per month for couples for six months, starting in April 2020.	Proposing to double the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) payment for low-income seniors for six months.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/03/ontarios-action-plan-responding-to-covid-19.html

Job-Protected Leave	Employees		For employees who are in isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19, or those who need to be away from work to care for children because of school or daycare closures or to care for other relatives. The measures are retroactive to January 25, 2020. Most employees and employers in Ontario are covered by the provisions in legislation, whether they work full-time, part-time, are students, temporary help agency assignment employees, or casual workers.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/employment-standards-amendment-act-infectious-disease-emergencies-2020.html
Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)	Families		\$9 million in direct support to families for their energy bills by expanding eligibility for the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) and ensuring that their electricity and natural gas services are not disconnected for nonpayment during the COVID-19 outbreak.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/03/ontarios-action-plan-responding-to-covid-19.html
Mental Health Support	Individuals, frontline workers, and OPP officers		Emergency funding of up to \$12 million to expand online and virtual mental health supports and \$2.6 million to hire new psychologists and other mental health workers to support Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) personnel.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/ontario-expands-virtual-mental-health-services-during-covid-19.html
Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)	Students on OSAP		Six months of Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) loan and interest accrual relief for student borrowers.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/maesd/en/2020/05/ontario-reduces-financial-barriers-to-postsecondary-education.html
Ontario Together Fund	Businesses		New \$50 million Ontario Together Fund to help businesses provide innovative solutions or retool their operations in order to manufacture essential medical supplies and equipment, including gowns, coveralls, masks, face shields, testing equipment and ventilators.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-joins-forces-with-the-private-sector-to-fight-covid-19.html
Ontario Works	OW recipients		Investing \$52 million to expand access to the emergency assistance program administered by Ontario Works to provide financial support to people and help them with basic needs, such as food and rent.	Now	https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/action-plan.html#section-4
Personal Protective Equipment			Investing \$75 million to supply personal protective equipment and critical medical supplies to front-line staff to tackle COVID-19.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/03/ontarios-action-plan-responding-to-covid-19.html
Provincial Taxes Relief Period for Businesses	Businesses		Providing a five-month interest- and penalty-free period to make payments for the majority of provincially administered taxes, providing \$6 billion in relief to help support Ontario businesses.	Now	https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/relief-measures.html
Public Health Funding			Increasing public health funding by \$160 million to support COVID-19 monitoring, surveillance, and laboratory and home testing, while also investing in virtual care and Telehealth Ontario.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mltc/en/2020/03/ontario-taking-further-action-through-emergency-measures-to-support-long-term-care-homes-during-covi.html

Social Services Relief funding	Municipalities and organizations that administer social services		In March, Ontario launched the Social Services Relief Fund with an initial \$148 million investment to provide immediate financial relief. In July, an additional \$150 million was "committed to help improve shelters and create opportunities for longer-term housing." On August 12, an additional \$212 million in funding was announced, bringing the total to \$510 million.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/08/ontario-providing-municipalities-with-up-to-16-billion-in-first-round-of-emergency-funding.html
Support for Families	Families with children	One-time payment of \$200 per child up to 12 years of age and \$250 for those with special needs, including children enrolled in private schools.	Helping families pay for the extra costs associated with school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 outbreak.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/03/ontarios-action-plan-responding-to-covid-19.html
Support for Higher Ed. Institutions	Publicly assisted colleges, universities, and Indigenous Institutes		\$25 million in one-time funding to support publicly assisted colleges, universities, and Indigenous Institutes with institutional specific priorities in response to COVID-19.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/maesd/en/2020/03/province-supports-postsecondary-students-during-covid-19.html
Support for Indigenous Peoples	Indigenous peoples and communities		Additional support of \$26 million to Indigenous peoples and communities, including emergency assistance for urban Indigenous people in financial need and costs for health care professionals and critical supplies to reach remote First Nations. As part of Ontario's Action Plan, the government is investing over \$37 million to support outbreak planning, prevention and mitigation efforts to ensure the health and well-being of Indigenous people and communities.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/mirr/en/2020/04/ontario-helping-indigenous-communities-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19.html
Support for Seniors Through Community Organizations	Seniors		\$10 million to help community organizations with the coordination of subsidized deliveries of meals, medicines and other necessities to seniors. This investment doubles the government's initial commitment in Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/ontario-protecting-seniors-during-the-covid-19-outbreak.html
Victim Services	Victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes		Emergency payment of more than \$2.7 million to support services for victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes during the COVID-19 crisis.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mag/en/2020/04/ontario-strengthening-victims-services-in-response-to-covid-19.html
Waiver of 3-month waiting period for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage	Individuals		Ontario is waiving the three-month waiting period for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage. Province will cover the cost of COVID-19 services for uninsured people who do not meet the criteria for OHIP coverage.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mohlrc/en/2020/03/ontario-expands-coverage-for-care.html
Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)	Employers		Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) will allow employers to defer payments for a period of six months. This will provide employers with \$1.9 billion in financial relief.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mol/en/2020/03/ontario-enabling-financial-relief-for-businesses-1.html

COVID-19 Residential Relief Fund	Support for organizations that provide residential services for children and youth, people with developmental disabilities and emergency shelters		Investing up to \$40 million to support organizations that provide residential services for children and youth, people with developmental disabilities and emergency shelters for women and families fleeing domestic violence. The fund will cover costs such as additional staffing, residential respite for caregivers; personal protective equipment and supplies; initiatives to support physical distancing and transportation to minimize client exposure.	N/A	https://news.ontario.ca/mcys/en/2020/04/ontario-protecting-vulnerable-ontarians-during-covid-19-outbreak.html
Agri-food Sector Web Portal (Job Opportunities)	Agri-food sector		The launch of a new web portal, connecting workers with employers looking to fill positions in the agri-food sector. This new online tool will make it easier to match people to essential jobs and training resources throughout the provincial food supply chain.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2020/04/ontario-takes-steps-to-keep-food-on-the-table-during-covid-19.html
Relief for Remote Northern Property Taxpayers	People and Businesses in Northern Ontario		Ontario government is deferring \$15 million in property taxes for people and businesses in parts of Northern Ontario located outside of municipal boundaries. This tax deferral builds on the \$10 billion in cash flow supports made available to people and businesses as part of Ontario's Action Plan.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/04/ontario-providing-relief-for-remote-northern-property-taxpayers-during-covid-19.html
Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee			Government has launched a new Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee which will focus on getting businesses up and running and people back to work. The Committee will be consulting with business associations, chambers of commerce, municipal leaders, corporate leaders, small business owners, and entrepreneurs		https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-starts-planning-for-economic-recovery.html
Child Care Centres	Families		An emergency order has been issued, and immediately prevents any child care operator from charging parent fees where care is not being provided. The order also means that parents cannot lose their child care space because they are not paying fees during this period.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2020/04/ontario-taking-action-to-support-parents-during-covid-19.html
Auto Insurance Companies - Driver Rebates	Drivers		Enabling auto insurance companies to provide temporary insurance premium rebates to drivers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Insurance companies will be able to provide auto insurance premium rebates to consumers for up to 12 months after the declared emergency has ended.		https://www.news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/04/ontario-enables-auto-insurance-companies-to-provide-driver-rebates-during-covid-19.html
Canadian Agricultural Partnership	Agriculture Sector		Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership), the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1 million in new funding to connect workers with in-demand jobs in the agri-food sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2020/04/canada-and-ontario-supporting-agri-food-sector-supply-chain-during-covid-19.html

Funding for Seniors and People with Disabilities	Low-income seniors and people with disabilities and chronic medical conditions		The province is working with the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) to launch a new Ontario Community Support Program to expand existing Meals on Wheels services. The province is investing \$11 million to help deliver meals, medicines and other essentials.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-providing-additional-relief-to-the-provinces-most-vulnerable.html
Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRA)	Small businesses and Landlords		Ontario government is partnering with the federal government to provide relief for small business tenants and landlords. The province is committing \$241 million through the new Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRA).	Commercial landlords in Ontario can now apply	https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/05/support-for-small-business-tenants-and-landlords-now-available.html
Pandemic Pay	List of eligible workplaces and workers for pandemic pay		Ontario government is providing frontline staff with a temporary pandemic payment. This increase will provide four dollars per hour worked on top of existing hourly wages. Eligible employees working an average of 40 hours per week would receive \$3,560 in additional compensation	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-supporting-frontline-heroes-of-covid-19-with-pandemic-pay.html
COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers website		Funding N/A	Launched the COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers website to help businesses overcome challenges created by pandemic. Businesses working to retool their operations to produce health-related products, or those that want to continue their operations in new environment of physical distancing, can submit any potential roadblocks to the website. The province is prepared to allow temporary changes to provincial rules and regulations in order to remove any barriers that are hindering business and negatively impacting Ontario's supply chain.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-helping-businesses-overcome-the-unique-challenges-created-by-covid-19.html
Emergency Child Care	Frontline Workers		Expanding the list of essential workers eligible to receive free emergency child care during the COVID-19. This includes people who work in the food supply chain, retirement homes, grocery stores and pharmacies, and certain federal employees, including the military.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/more-frontline-workers-eligible-for-emergency-child-care.html
Deferral of a portion of Global Adjustment (GA) charges	Industrial and commercial electricity consumers		Through an emergency order, the Ontario government is taking steps to defer a portion of Global Adjustment (GA) charges for industrial and commercial electricity consumers that do not participate in the Regulated Price Plan for the period starting from April 2020. The government intends to keep this emergency order in place until May 31, 2020.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mndmf/en/2020/05/ontario-providing-support-for-industrial-and-commercial-electricity-consumers-during-covid-19.html
Forestry Jobs & Worker Safety (Tree planting season)	Forestry Sector		Government is making \$3.5 million available to help put protective measures in place for the workers who plant trees this season. Funds will be used for larger camp facilities and additional kitchens to provide more space, as well as extra personal protective equipment, plastic partitions for transporting workers and more wash stations.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mnr/en/2020/05/ontario-protecting-forestry-jobs-worker-safety-during-covid-19.html

Licensed Child Care Centres	Licensed child care providers		Government is protecting licensed child care in Ontario during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring parents retain access to local licensed child care, as well as EarlyON Child and Family Centres	TBD	https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2020/05/ontario-government-supporting-parents-as-economy-reopens.html
Ontario Drug Benefit Program			People using the Ontario Drug Benefit Program will not be required to pay any co-payment until July 1, 2020 for any prescription of 30+ days that is now being dispensed in installments.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2020/05/ontario-making-prescription-drugs-more-affordable-during-covid-19.html
Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership)	Agricultural Sector		The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$2.25 million to help farmers better protect employees and ensure the continued supply of healthy food products.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2020/05/ontario-government-supporting-parents-as-economy-reopens.html
Support for Victims of Gender-Based Violence and Human Trafficking	Victims of Gender-Based Violence and Human Trafficking during COVID-1		Government is investing \$1 million to help frontline agencies adapt to remote service delivery and ensure continued operation during COVID-19.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mcys/en/2020/05/ontario-further-supports-victims-of-gender-based-violence-and-human-trafficking-during-covid-19.html
Assistance for non-medical manufacturing companies	Non-medical manufacturing companies that have received funding through the Ontario Together Fund, or a Purchase Order with the Province of Ontario, can access MIX members' medical advisory services		Government is working with Medical Innovation Xchange (MIX), to provide non-medical manufacturing companies free support as they retool to provide essential supplies and equipment to health care facilities during COVID-19	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/medg/en/2020/05/ontario-collaborates-with-med-tech-innovation-hub-in-the-fight-against-covid-19.html
COVID-19 Rapid Research Fund	Research institutions, postsecondary institutions, and non-profit scientific partners		Government is investing \$20 million to advance medical research and develop tools and resources to combat COVID-19 and other infectious diseases through the fund. Ontario announced the first phase of research projects on May 21. Additional projects expected to be announced in the coming weeks.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/ontario-leading-covid-19-research-in-canada.html
Ontario Tools Grant	Apprentices		Government is providing an Ontario Tools Grant of \$2.5 million in 2020-21 and \$7.5 million in 2021-22 and ongoing. Also, forgiving more than \$10 million in outstanding loans owed by apprentices.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/ontario-helps-people-impacted-by-covid-19-get-back-to-work.html
Virtual Action Centre	Unemployed workers in hospitality sector		The government is investing nearly \$2 million to open a Virtual Action Centre in partnership with UNITE HERE Local 75. Virtual job training resource will provide up to 7,000 unemployed workers in the hospitality sector.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/ontario-helps-people-impacted-by-covid-19-get-back-to-work.html
SPARK Ontario Partnership	Seniors and most vulnerable		Government has partnered with SPARK Ontario to help seniors and the most vulnerable, invested \$100,000 in its partnership with SPARK Ontario. As of May 25th, more than 6,500 Ontarians have offered to deliver food, run errands and connect with seniors and people with disabilities during COVID-19.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/volunteers-and-small-businesses-step-up-to-help-those-in-need.html
COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)	Consumers		\$9 million funding for CEAP to support consumers. CEAP will provide one-time payments to consumers to help pay down any electricity bill debt incurred over the COVID-19 period.	Applications will be available through local utilities in the upcoming months.	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-supports-those-struggling-with-electricity-bills-during-covid-19.html

COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business (CEAP-SB)	Small Businesses		\$8 million for CEAP-SB to provide support to businesses struggling with bill payments.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-supports-those-struggling-with-electricity-bills-during-covid-19.html
COVID-19 Recovery Rate	Residential, farm and small business consumers		Government will continue the suspension of time-of-use (TOU) electricity rates and, starting on June 1, 2020, customers will be billed based on a new fixed COVID-19 Recovery Rate of 12.8 cents per kilowatt hour.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-supports-those-struggling-with-electricity-bills-during-covid-19.html
Infectious Disease Emergency Leave	Non-unionized employees		New regulatory amendment that will put non-unionized employees on Infectious Disease Emergency Leave during the COVID-19 outbreak any time their hours of work are temporarily reduced by their employer due to COVID-19. The regulatory amendments do not include employees represented by a trade union.	Applies retroactively to March 1, 2020 and will expire six weeks after the declared emergency ends.	https://news.ontario.ca/mol/en/2020/06/ontario-extending-infectious-disease-emergency-leave-for-workers-during-covid-19.html
COVID 19 Supports for Black Communities	Organizations that support Black families and youth		Allocating \$1.5 million in funding to organizations that support Black families and youth. This funding will be used to provide urgent COVID-19 supports and address the immediate needs of children, youth and families.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-creates-premiers-council-on-equality-of-opportunity.html
Temporary Ban on Commercial Evictions	Commercial Tenants		Ontario government passed the Protecting Small Business Act, temporarily halting or reversing evictions of commercial tenants and protecting them from being locked out or having their assets seized during COVID-19.	The legislation applies to businesses that are eligible for federal/provincial rent assistance for evictions from May 1, 2020 until August 31, 2020.	https://news.ontario.ca/mma/en/2020/06/ontario-pauses-commercial-evictions.html
Digital Main Street Platform	Small Businesses		Ontario and Federal \$57-million program to help up to 22,900 Ontario businesses create and enhance their online presence and generate jobs for students.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/medg/en/2020/06/ontario-and-canada-helping-small-businesses-go-digital.html
The Student Nutrition Program			The Ontario government is investing \$1 million to improve access to healthy meals and snacks for school-age children and youth during the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result of the province-wide school closures, the Student Nutrition Program has had to find new ways to support families experiencing increased food insecurity.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/mcys/en/2020/06/ontario-supports-children-and-youth-during-covid-19.html
Agri-food Workplace Protection Program	Agri-food sector		The province is significantly expanding the Agri-food Workplace Protection Program and committing up to \$15 million to enhance health and safety measures on farms and in food processing facilities.	Now	https://www.news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2020/06/ontario-protecting-agri-food-workers-during-covid-19.html
Emergency Assistance for Beef and Hog farmers	Beef and Hog Farmers		Governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$10 million in emergency assistance for beef and hog farmers. The funding will help cover the increased costs of feeding market ready cattle and hogs due to COVID-19 related processing delays	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2020/06/canada-and-ontario-support-beef-and-hog-farmers-during-covid-19.html
Mental Health and Technology Support for Students	Students		\$15 million to purchase thousands of classroom computers, and \$10 million to hire additional mental health workers.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2020/06/ontario-makes-major-investment-in-mental-health-and-technology-to-support-students.html

Supporting Indigenous-Owned Businesses During COVID-19	Indigenous-Owned Businesses		<p>The government of Ontario is providing up to \$10 million to Indigenous-owned small and medium sized businesses to help them with much needed capital as the province begins to safely and gradually reopen the economy.</p> <p>Loans of up to \$50,000 will be available to businesses that are either ineligible for, or unable to access, existing federal and provincial COVID-19 response initiatives for small businesses. The funding is being delivered through the Support for People and Jobs Fund.</p>		https://news.ontario.ca/mirr/en/2020/06/ontario-supporting-indigenous-owned-businesses-during-covid-19.html
Youth Opportunities Fund	Community- driven and youth-led projects		<p>Government is investing more than \$13 million to support community- driven and youth-led projects. The funding will flow through the 2020 Youth Opportunities Fund, a province-wide initiative that creates opportunities for young people and empowers and supports parents, guardians and caregivers</p>	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-helping-youth-pursue-new-opportunities.html
Seniors Community Grant Program	Non-profit organizations, local services boards, or Indigenous groups to develop programs for seniors		<p>Government is providing up to \$4 million for the Seniors Community Grant Program, a increase over last year. This funding will help non-profit organizations, local services boards, or Indigenous groups develop programs for seniors that focus on combatting social isolation, promoting seniors' safety and well-being, improving financial security and making communities age-friendly.</p>	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-providing-additional-support-for-seniors.html
Enhanced Insurance Protection for Farmers	Agriculture Sector		<p>Ontario farmers already enrolled in an eligible production insurance plan who suffer from crop losses due to labour disruptions during the 2020 growing season will have access to further insurance coverage through Agricorp. The added insurance coverage will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inability to attract sufficient on-farm labour due to COVID-19; and - Illness or quarantine of on-farm labour and the producer due to COVID-19. 	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2020/07/canada-and-ontario-supporting-farmers-through-enhanced-insurance-protection.html
Online Training to Promote Safe Workplaces	Employers and Employees		<p>Ontario government is investing \$3 million to provide free online health and safety training. Up to 100,000 job seekers can now take free online workplace health and safety training through Employment Ontario. There are 10 courses on offer.</p>	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/07/ontario-launches-online-training-to-promote-safe-workplaces.html
Ontario Place Summer Activity Support	Families and Individuals		<p>The Ontario government is providing Ontario Place with \$2 million to support on-site activities, including several innovative festivals and events that give people the opportunity to safely reengage in arts and culture experiences. As the province safely and gradually reopens, these initiatives will help with the economic recovery of the arts, entertainment and hospitality sectors in Ontario.</p>	Now	http://ontarioplace.com/en/whats-on/

Ontario Support for Small Business Tenants and Landlords	Small businesses and Individuals		The Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, extended the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses by one month to help eligible small business pay rent for August	Now	https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-rent-assistance-small-businesses?_ga=2.151619769.1881378037.1596423895-1034098855.1579483307
Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program	Businesses and Individuals		Ontario has launched a \$15 million Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program which provides cost-share funding for personal protective equipment (PPE), workplace modifications, temporary housing and other costs, to assist with providing safe and healthy workplaces.	Now	http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/facts/c19financialsupports.htm
OTF's Resilient Communities Fund	Non-profit organizations, including food banks, child and youth programs and Royal Canadian Legion branches,		Ontario is investing \$83 million through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to provide grants to help eligible non-profit organizations, including food banks, child and youth programs and Royal Canadian Legion branches, recover from COVID-19 and continue the delivery of vital programming in their communities.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/08/ontario-supporting-non-profits-as-province-recovers-from-covid-19.html
Tourism Economic Development Recovery Fund	Provincial attractions		Government is investing \$1.5 million through the new Tourism Economic Development Recovery Fund and offering promotional incentives at provincial attractions to help tourism industry and welcome back visitors after the COVID-19 pandemic.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/mtc/en/2020/08/investing-in-the-future-of-ontarios-tourism-industry.html
Safe Restart Agreement	Municipalities		Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is providing up to \$4 billion to Ontario's 444 municipalities. Municipalities will be provided with up to \$1.6 billion as part of the first round of emergency funding under the Safe Restart Agreement.	Now	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/08/ontario-providing-municipalities-with-up-to-16-billion-in-first-round-of-emergency-funding.html

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Program/Support	Targeted Demographics/Sectors	Funds Accessed Per Applicant	Coverage	Availability Date	Additional Information
Emergency Support Plan for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses	Businesses	Up to \$50 000	Emergency funding loan of less than \$50 000.	Now	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/quebec-covid-19-relief-measures-for-your-business
Concerted Temporary Action Program for Businesses (PACTE)	Businesses	A minimum of \$50 000	Emergency funding loan starting at \$50 000.	Now	https://www.investquebec.com/quebec/en/financial-products/all-our-solutions/Concerted-temporary-action-program-for-businesses.html
Collaborative Action Employment Maintenance Program (PACME)	Businesses	Up to \$100 000	The program is to help companies implement such measures as teleworking or to develop the skills of employees who have to stay at home. Under this program, companies can be reimbursed for 100% of eligible expenses, including trainers' fees, equipment purchases and human resources management activities. Reimbursement calculations will be based on the amount of federal government emergency assistance for which a business is eligible.	Now	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/quebec-covid-19-relief-measures-for-your-business
Revenue Quebec	Individuals and Businesses		To enable you to have more cash in hand, you now have until September 1 to pay any tax balance owing to Revenue Québec or to remit your instalments. Revenue Québec has also announced that it is suspending tax audits and collection, and will show greater flexibility in respect to payment agreements for tax debts. Furthermore, you now have until June 30 to make GST/QST and customs duty payments.	Now	https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/press-room/press-releases/details/167319/2020-03-18/
Hydro-Québec	Individuals and Businesses		On March 22, Hydro-Québec announced that it will stop applying administration charges to unpaid bills for all customers and will not cut off power to anyone for non-payment.	Now	https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/
Financière Agricole du Québec	Agricultural Sector		You can request a six-month moratorium on loan repayments. You will have until May 21, 2020, to join the Crop Insurance Program. Notices of assessment are extended from June 1 to July 1, 2020. You can request interim AgriStability payments in order to receive these payments quickly. No assessment notices will be sent until July 1, 2020, for the Farm Income Stabilization Insurance Program. In addition, final payments for the 2019 insurance year will be made in April in the cattle and pig sectors, and in May in the sheep sector. The second advance for cereal and canola compensation will be paid in April.	Now	https://www.fadq.qc.ca/en/news-room/news/details/la-financiere-agricole-du-quebec-implements-new-measures-to-support-agricultural-producers/

CNESST	Businesses		You now have until August 31 to pay your CNESST premiums. During this period the CNESST will not apply interests or fees. You will have until June 1 to file your 2019 Wages Return (Déclaration des salaires 2019). The CNESST will tolerate longer delays for filing complaints-related documents. It will only deliver statements of offence for serious incidents, like a serious accident or a death.	Now	
Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)	Businesses		It is making available approximately \$4 billion to support Quebec businesses whose operations are temporarily disrupted by COVID-19.	Now	https://www.cdpq.com/en/form-covid-19
Temporary Aid for Workers Program (PATT COVID-19)	Individuals	Up to \$573 per week	Adult workers can receive this if you are in isolation for 14 days due to having just returned from travel, experiencing symptoms, or having been in contact with someone who has contracted COVID-19.	Now	https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/financial-assistance/temporary-aid-for-workers-program/
Incentive Program to Retain Essential Workers	Individuals	\$100 per week to a maximum period of 16 weeks.	Under the IPREW, eligible workers will receive \$100 a week, i.e., \$400 a month, over a maximum period of 16 weeks. This benefit will be retroactive to March 15.	May 19 2020	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/quebec-covid-19-relief-measures-for-your-business
CNESST	Individuals		There will be no penalty for workers who are unable to attend their treatments. Medical and rehabilitation treatments performed remotely, such as by phone or online, will be reimbursed. Additionally, the treatment procedure for the Safe Maternity program has been streamlined. A pregnant or breastfeeding worker may now stop working even before seeing her doctor if the risk of COVID-19 is present, and under certain conditions.	Now	https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/
Student Loan Repayment Deferral	Students and Graduates		The government is postponing student loan debt repayment, which means that you will have no payments to make during the next six months. In addition, no interest will be calculated or added to your loan debt.	Now	https://www.quebec.ca/en/education/student-financial-assistance/repayment/
Mining and Logging Tax	Mining Sector		The deadline for paying mining tax has been extended to September 1, 2020, as it has been for income tax and instalment payments. The deadline for paying logging tax that would normally fall between March 17, 2020, and August 31, 2020, has been extended to September 1, 2020.	Now	https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/
Shelter Allowance Program	Individuals		To ensure program beneficiaries do not have to do anything in the short- and medium-term to continue receiving the allowance, the deadline to apply for renewal of the allowance has been extended by two months.		https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/

Unclaimed Property	Individuals and Businesses		If the debtor or holder of unclaimed property carries on a business or is a legal person, the annual deadline for remitting unclaimed property to the Minister of Revenue (which corresponds to the end of the first quarter following the end of the fiscal period during which the property became unclaimed) has been extended to August 31, 2020. No late-remittance interest or penalty will be charged for property that became unclaimed in a fiscal period ending in the period from December 17, 2019, to May 30, 2020, provided the property is remitted to Revenu Québec before September 1, 2020. The 10-year limit for remitting amounts under \$500 to the Minister of Finance has been suspended until the health emergency is lifted.	Now	https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/
Advance Payments of the Tax Credit for Home-Support Services for Seniors	Seniors		Seniors who receive this tax credit and normally would have filed an application to renew their advance payments between March 17, 2020, and June 1, 2020, now have four months following the normal renewal date to file their application.	Now	https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/
Information Return for Registered Charities and Other Donees	Charities		The deadline for filing the Information Return for Registered Charities and Other Donees has been extended to December 31, 2020, for registered charities that are required to file the return between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020.	Now	https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/
Support for Community Services	Community Services	\$2M for food banks \$2.5M for women's shelters \$500k for Tel-Jeunes and LigneParents	Emergency aid	Now	http://www.information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?lang=en&idArticle=2804152723
Additional Support for Community Services	Community Services	\$20M available for community services who support vulnerable communities	Targeted to help essential community organizations to respond to COVID-19 and ensure the health of vulnerable people and communities.	Now	http://www.information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?lang=en&idArticle=2804152723
Support for Health Care Workers	Individuals	Up to \$1 000 per month	All workers in long term care homes will receive an extra \$100 per week. Those working in locations with an outbreak will receive an additional \$200 per week for the following two weeks, and an additional \$400 per week for the following four weeks after that. These measures will also apply to those working in some 20 hospitals in the Montreal area considered "hot zones".	Now	http://www.information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?lang=en&idArticle=2805079605

<p>Increased Funding to the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF)</p>	<p>Community Services</p>	<p>Annual amount of \$830 000 for 2020-21</p>	<p>The annual amount it is providing is to the 37 family economy cooperative associations (Associations coopératives d'économie familiale – ACEFs), Québec's consumer associations and three seniors associations for 2020-2021. The additional contribution is intended to help these community organizations more effectively respond to the growing number of requests for assistance and financial advice from individuals and households in Québec that are struggling to make ends meet. The AMF is also making its financial education expertise and resources available to them as well as tools to facilitate their communications with its target consumer audience.</p>	<p>Now</p>	<p>http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?aiguillage=ajd&type=1&lang=en&idArticle=2805110342</p>
<p>Grant to CMM Transport</p>	<p>Transportation</p>	<p>A grant of \$6 million for the transit system of Montreal, for the purchase of masks for users unable to purchase them for themselves. 1 million masks will also be donated to CMM Transport.</p>	<p>For riders and operators unable to acquire their own masks.</p>	<p>Now</p>	<p>http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?lang=en&Page=2&TaillePage=50&idArticle=28051155782</p>
<p>Mesure incitative du ministère du Tourisme du Québec</p>	<p>Tourism</p>	<p>\$750 million in total spending</p>	<p>Some of the money will go to loans to hotels and other businesses that rely on tourists.</p> <p>Quebec will also offer financial incentives to encourage Quebecers to take vacations within the province. That includes a discount on annual passes for the Société des établissements de plein air du Québec, the agency that operates provincial parks.</p> <p>More tourism attractions will be allowed to reopen as of June 19, including zoos, gardens and agritourism farms. Tourist welcome and information centres will also open their doors that day.</p> <p>Maritime excursions can resume as of July 1.</p>	<p>Now</p>	<p>http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?aiguillage=ajd&type=1&idArticle=2806114287</p>

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Property Tax: Waiving Late Penalties	Businesses		Though business property taxes must be paid by May 31, late penalties will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to see if the penalty can be waived due to undue financial challenges, such as having to close a business due to COVID-19.		
Commercial Leases: No Evictions	Businesses		Under section 21 of the renewed and revised Mandatory Order COVID-19, no landlord shall, in relation to any commercial and any other type of non-residential lease, whether written or verbal, give any sort of notice to quit, re-enter or re-possess, or exercise any right of distress, until May 31 2020, for non-payment of rent that came due after March 19 2020.	Now	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Corporate/pdf/EmergencyUrgence19.pdf
WorksafeNB Deferred Payments	Businesses		WorksafeNB has deferred premium payments for 3 months.	Now	https://www.worksafenb.ca/safety-topics/covid-19/covid-19-what-workers-and-employers-need-to-know/
NB Power Payment Deferral	Individuals and Small Businesses		NB Power will defer electricity bill payments for residential and small business customers for up to 90 days for impacted customers, wage interest for past due balances and late payment charges issued after March 19, 2020 for impacted customers and extend existing payment arrangements for impacted customers.	Now	https://www.nbpower.com/en/safety/corona-virus/
Provincially Deferring Interest and Principal Payments on Existing Loans	Businesses		As an immediate measure, and on a case-by-case basis – the Government of New Brunswick will defer loan and interest repayments for up to six months on existing provincial loans. This support will enable businesses to have immediate relief if they are experiencing difficulties as a result of COVID-19.	Now	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/gateways/for_business/covid19.html
New Operating Loans for Small Businesses	Small Businesses	Up to \$200 000	To support our small businesses, the Government of New Brunswick will provide operating loans to support small businesses. Loans will help companies respond to challenges associated with COVID-19. Payments of interest and principal will not be required during the first 12 months.		https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/gateways/for_business/covid19.html

Injecting Needed Working Capital for Mid-to-Large Employers	Mid- to Large-Sized Employers		Opportunities New Brunswick will make available support mid-to-large sized employers. ONB will also provide – upon request – working capital in excess of \$200,000 to help large employers manage the impacts of COVID-19 on their operations. Large employers will be able to apply for this assistance directly from Opportunities New Brunswick.	Now	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/gateways/for_business/covid19.html
New Brunswick Workers Emergency Income Benefit	Individuals	\$900	A one-time income benefit of \$900 will be provided to self-employed and workers in New Brunswick who have lost their job due to the state of emergency.	Now	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/post-secondary_education_training_and_labour/promo/nbweib.html
New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF): Support for COVID19 Research	Businesses		A new funding program to address public health challenges of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This fund will support research efforts to develop, test, and implement new, emerging methods of detecting and/or combatting COVID-19; and assessing its effects on people, communities, and the economy.	Applications Now Closed	https://nbif.ca/covid-19-funding-program
Providing Internet and Technology Access to Support Home Learning	Students		The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has invested \$860,000 towards the acquisition of 1,000 iPads with data plans, 500 laptops and 300 MiFi Hubs to support home learning by providing students in need with access to devices and internet services.	Now	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.05.0256.html
The Explore NB Travel Incentive Program	Tourism		The program will allow New Brunswickers to apply for a 20 per cent rebate on eligible expenses up to \$1,000 made while taking a vacation that includes a paid overnight stay in the province between July 15 and Sept. 30.	Applications for the Explore NB Travel Incentive Program will be available online and must be submitted between Oct. 1-30.	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.07.0403.html
Financial Support for Food Services Industry Training Videos	Hospitality Sector		The provincial government is providing about \$54,000 toward the development of training videos that will help new employees joining the food services industry.	Fall 2020	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.07.0408.html
Essential Worker Top-Up Program	Individuals		The provincial government has made amendments to the federally funded essential worker wage top-up program. The program now includes private sector home care support workers and early learning and childcare enhanced support workers who provide direct client care.	Now	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.07.0399.html

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Commercial Leases: Rent Deferral Program	Commercial Landlords	Up to a maximum of \$50 000 per landlord and \$15 000 per tenant.	If you're deferring rent because your tenant's business is shut down or significantly restricted by the Health Protection Act order, you could be eligible for coverage if you can't recover the deferred rent.	Applications Now Closed	https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/COVID-19-Rent-Deferral-Support-Program-Guidelines.pdf
Worker's Compensation Premium Deferrals	Employers		Workers' compensation premiums are being deferred until July 2020.	Now	https://www.wcb.ns.ca/covid19.aspx
Government Loan Deferrals	Individuals and Businesses, including the Agricultural Sector		Government will defer payments until June 30 for all government loans, including those under the Farm Loan Board, Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board, Jobs Fund, Nova Scotia Business Fund, Municipal Finance Corp. and Housing Nova Scotia.	Now	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/nova-scotia-covid-19-relief-measures-your-business
Small Business Loan Gaurantee Program	Small Businesses	Up to \$500 000 in credit	Changes to the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program, administered through credit unions, include deferring principal and interest payments until June 30, enhancing the program to make it easier for businesses to access credit up to \$500 000, and for those who might not qualify for a loan, government will guarantee the first \$100 000.	Now	https://www.novascotiabusiness.com/export/programs-services/business-development-program
Small Business Payments from Government	Small Businesses (working with the government)		Small businesses which do business with the government will be paid within five days instead of the standard 30 days.	Now	https://www.novascotiabusiness.com/export/programs-services/business-development-program
Small Business Impact Grant	Small Businesses and Social Enterprises	Up to \$5 000	Through this new \$20-million program, eligible small businesses and social enterprises will receive a grant of 15 per cent of their revenue from sales, either from April 2019 or February 2020, up to a maximum of \$5 000. This flexible, one-time, upfront grant can be used for any purpose necessary. Funding for program will come from a new \$50 million fund administered by Dalhousie University.	Now	https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Small-Business-Impact-Grant-guidelines.pdf
Self-Employed and Employee Emergency Bridge Fund	Individuals	\$1 000	Government is contributing \$20 million to help self-employed people and laid-off workers who don't qualify for Employment Insurance. Government will provide a one-time payment of \$1 000 to bridge the gap between layoffs and closures and the federal government's Canada Emergency Response Benefit. Funding for program will come from a new \$50 million fund administered by Dalhousie University.	Now	

Additional Measures to Help Vulnerable Nova Scotians	Vulnerable Populations		Nova Scotia Power, EfficiencyOne and the province are redirecting \$3 million from the HomeWarming program to fund organizations that deliver prepared meals, operate soup kitchens, help the homeless and provide other services. Nova Scotia Power has contributed \$1 million, while EfficiencyOne is providing \$2 million of provincial funding for the program.	Now	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200417006
Coverage for Extra Dispensing Fees	Individuals		Government will now pay extra dispensing fees for Pharmacare clients for refills on prescriptions that would usually be filled for longer periods.	Now	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200422004
COVID-19 Small Business Credit and Support Program	Small Businesses	Maximum of \$25 000 in loans	This is a temporary stream for access to credit, cash grants and support delivered through participating credit unions. To be eligible, small businesses must have a payroll less than \$20 000 in the previous fiscal year and have experienced a decline in revenue from sales of at least 15 per cent in March or at least 30 per cent in April, May or June. The program is 100 per	Now	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200424007
Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program - Provincial Contribution	Small Businesses		Federal-provincial funding will cover 50 per cent of commercial rent for small businesses. Landlords will be responsible for covering 25 per cent of the rent. This will be retroactive to April 1 and will be in effect for April, May, and June. Tenants who pay \$50 000 or less in rent per month and have experienced a 70 per cent loss in revenue due to COVID-19 are eligible. The province is contributing \$9 million to the program.	Mid-May	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200424007
Loan Program Available to Municipalities	Municipalities		The \$380 million loan program, developed in collaboration with the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities and the Association of Municipal Administrators, will be available through the Municipal Finance Corporation. Municipalities will have six months to begin repayment and three years to fully repay the loan. Funds will be disbursed to municipalities by the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation within 24 hours of the agreement being signed.	Now	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200428004
The Essential Health Care Workers Program	Essential Workers		Health-care workers will receive a bonus of up to \$2 000 after a four-month period, beginning March 13. It includes eligible employees at the Nova Scotia Health Authority, IWK Health Centre and in long-term care, home care and in-home support and emergency health services. Employees who volunteered to be redeployed to work at a facility experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak will also receive this benefit.	Now	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200507004
Investment to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs			Up to 2 000 local jobs will be created as Nova Scotians get back to work on more than 200 infrastructure projects across the province. The province is investing up to \$230 million to improve infrastructure and help get the economy moving again.	Now	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200527005

Support for Agriculture Sector Dealing with COVID-19	Agricultural Sector		<p>Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada have agreed to increase the 2020 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 to 75 per cent for producers. The program supports producers experiencing a large decline in farm income.</p> <p>They are also providing a 10 per cent discount on producers' share of AgriInsurance premiums, saving farmers from making these payments during difficult times. AgriInsurance is an insurance against natural hazards to reduce the financial impact of production losses.</p>	Now	https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200604002
Province Invests in New Businesses, Innovation	Startups		The province is investing \$750,000 to help startup businesses seize opportunities emerging from COVID-19.		https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200611004

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Property Tax Relief	Individuals and Businesses		Provincial property tax and fee payments will be deferred until December 31, 2020. Property assessment appeal deadlines for assessment year 2020 are extended to December 31, 2020. There will be interest relief for the year of 2020, including all past due amounts. The tax sale processes has been suspended for the remainder of 2020, and mailing of provincial tax bills for 2020 has been delayed until June.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-provides-covid-19-economic-update-confirms-property-tax-relief
Commercial Lease Rent Deferral Program	Commercial Landlords	Up to a maximum of \$50 000 per landlord and \$15 000 per tenant.	Prince Edward Island landlords who defer rent payments from their commercial tenants for three months (May-July) could be eligible for financial assistance if the deferred rent can't be recovered.	Registration Now Closed	Landlords can register for the Commercial Lease Rent Deferral Program by contacting Finance PEI at financepei@gov.pe.ca by April 15.
Workers' Compensation Deferred Premiums	Businesses		WCB will defer all assessment due dates related to 2020 employer payrolls. This temporary change means that covered employers will not have to pay WCB premiums until June 30, 2020. Neither interest nor penalties will accrue during this time.	Now	http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/NewsItem/499
Maritime Electric: Suspending Disconnections	Individuals and Businesses		Maritime Electric is suspending disconnection for non-payment for two weeks.	Now	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/prince-edward-island-covid-19-relief-measures-your-business
Emergency Working Capital Financing	Small Businesses	Up to \$100 000	The government has announced Emergency Working Capital Financing to help small businesses maintain normal business operations. Each qualified company is eligible to receive up to \$100 000.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-working-capital-financing
Finance PEI, Island Investment Development Inc., and the PEI Century Fund Loan Payment Deferral	Businesses		Deferring all scheduled loan payments for clients for the next 3 months.	Now	
Company Business Development Investment	Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs		The provincial government is providing \$4.5 million to Community Business Development Corporations across the province to deliver financing to small business and entrepreneurs.	Now	
Temporary Citizen Allowance	Individuals	\$200 per week	A temporary allowance of \$200 per week for anyone who has experienced a significant drop in their working hours.	Now	There is a toll-free support line 1-866-222-1751 between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or you can email PEIbusinesshelpline@gov.pe.ca

Broadband Fund for Businesses	Businesses		Financial assistance to local Prince Edward Island internet service providers (ISPs), communities and businesses for the installation of infrastructure for enhanced broadband services.	Now	https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/advocacy/employment-and-labour/Broadband%20Fund%20for%20Businesses%20%20The%20Prince%20Edward%20Island%20Broadband%20Fund%20for%20Business%20provides%20financial%20assistance%20to%20local%20Prince%20Edward%20Island%20internet%20service%20providers%20(ISPs),%20communities%20and%20businesses%20for%20the%20installation%20of%20infrastructure%20for%20enhanced%20broadband%20services.%20https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/broadband-fund-businesses
COVID-19 Income Support Program	Individuals	\$750	Islanders who, as of March 13, 2020, have lost their job or have been laid off, have had their Employment Insurance benefits expire and do not yet have a job to return to, or are self-employed and have lost all revenues through self-employment may be eligible for The COVID-19 Income Support Program. The fund provides a one-time, taxable payment of \$750.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/covid-19-income-support-fund
Employee Gift Card Program	Individuals	\$100	The Employee Gift Card Program is a temporary program put in place to offer a \$100 Sobeys gift card to any employee, living and working on Prince Edward Island, who has received a lay-off notice as a direct result of the impacts associated with COVID-19. The application form is to be completed by the employer, who will then distribute the cards to affected employees.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-additional-supports-for-individuals-and-families
Jobs for Youth Deadline Extension	Employers and Youth		The province is extending the deadline for Jobs for Youth to April 30 to allow employers ample time to apply for wage subsidies from this program.	Applications Now Closed	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/provincial-update-spring-fishing-season-supports-children-and-youth
Strategic Fund for Agriculture	Agricultural and Trucking Sectors		\$750 000 fund under the Canada Agriculture Partnership to help commodities and small processors adapt to the pandemic. Eligible projects could include changing a workplace environment to accommodate physical distancing, doing more business on-line, or adjusting quickly to changing markets.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-supports-agriculture-and-trucking-industries

PEI Supports for Post-Secondary Students	Students		Province will support the creation of 1,000 new job placements for Island high school and post-secondary students through increases to current employment programs and partnerships. This includes enhancements through the Jobs for Youth Program to community, environment, and non-government organizations to create 280 student employment opportunities. To help Island business retain their current employees, PEI will also increase private sector wage subsidies through the Employment Development Agency. The subsidy will increase from 50 per cent of wages to 75 per cent of wages.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-supports-post-secondary-students
UPEI Student Union, Holland College, and Collège de l'Île Funding	Students		Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning announced a total of \$95,000 to support the UPEI Student Union, Holland College and Collège de l'Île.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-supports-post-secondary-students
PEI Student Research Fund	Students		Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning announced a partnership with the University of Prince Edward Island to develop a \$75,000 research fund for students wishing to pursue opportunities in their respective fields of interest.		https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-supports-post-secondary-students
Tourism Assistance Loan Facility	Tourism Sector		\$50 million tourism assistance loan facility through Finance PEI, with maximum financing of up to \$1 million at 4 per cent interest available for working capital. Both the principal payments on the loan, as well as interest, will be deferred for the first 18 months.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-supports-tourism-industry-expansion-island-producers-initiative
Interest Relief on Tourism Loans	Tourism Sector		The province will provide interest relief on existing loans to tourism business for up to 18 months.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-supports-tourism-industry-expansion-island-producers-initiative
Tourism Marketing Relief	Tourism Sector		\$1 million towards expanded marketing. As well, the province is waiving the licensing, inspection and Tourism PEI advertising fees for the 2020 operating season.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-supports-tourism-industry-expansion-island-producers-initiative
The AgriStability Program	Agricultural Sector		The province will pay the provincial portion of the costs to increase the coverage level for producers enrolled in the program from 70 per cent to 85 per cent, and remove the reference margin limit which will have a positive impact on the livestock industry. In addition, the province is offering interim payments of up to 75 per cent to get funding into producer's hands in a timely manner.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-supporting-working-primary-industries
Department of Agriculture and Land's Business Risk Management (BRM) Programs	Agricultural Sector		\$8.8 million in support for farmers through the BRM programs for the next two years.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-supporting-working-primary-industries
Support for the Potato Industry	Agricultural Sector		\$4.7 million towards shipping and storage costs of potatoes for processing.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-supporting-working-primary-industries

AgriInsurance Program	Agricultural Sector	10 per cent off of insurance premiums	10 per cent discount on the producer's share of insurance premiums, saving farmers an estimated \$3.2 million over two years.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-supporting-working-primary-industries
Farm Team Program	Students and the Agricultural Sector	\$2 000 for post-secondary students and \$1 000 for secondary students.	This is an extra incentive for students who choose to work in the PEI agriculture industry this summer. Through the Farm Team Program, students returning to post-secondary studies in the fall will receive a \$2,000 bursary and students returning to high school will receive a \$1,000 bursary. The bursary amounts were doubled over last year to encourage more students work in agriculture.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/new-initiative-connects-islanders-agriculture-employment-opportunities
Prince Edward Island Fish Emergency Loan Program	Fish Sector	Up to \$25 000 in loans	Province will provide loans up to \$25 000 to Islander harvesters at 4 per cent interest over a five-year term. The principal will be deferred for the first 18 months. In addition, the Department of Fisheries and Communities will pay interest on behalf of the borrower for the first 18 months.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-support-essential-workers-small-business-and-fisheries
Interest Relief Program	Fish Sector		Province will support fish harvesters with up to 12 months of interest relief and service debt costs on a maximum of \$250 million at an average interest rate of 5 per cent. Fish harvesters that can demonstrate a 30 per cent or more decrease in fish-related revenues for the 2020 fishing season will be eligible.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-support-essential-workers-small-business-and-fisheries
COVID-19 Incentive to Support Essential Workers	Essential Workers		This \$16.7 million temporary wage top-up program is for Island workers employed by any business or organization, including for-profit, non-profit or other entity providing essential services, as defined by the Prince Edward Island Chief Public Health Office. Essential workers who have been working through the pandemic and make less than \$3 000 per four-week period will receive a one-time payment of \$1 000 through their employers. Approximately 17 000 Islanders will benefit from this incentive.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-support-essential-workers-small-business-and-fisheries
COVID-19 Workspace Adaption Assistance Fund	Businesses		The program will help small businesses purchase and install protective measures such as plexiglass dividers or handwashing stations to safeguard employees and customers. Businesses can receive up to \$2 000 and the program will be retroactive to March 16th to support businesses that have already put measures in place to operate safely.	Now	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-support-essential-workers-small-business-and-fisheries

<p>Increased Procurement Thresholds</p>	<p>Local Businesses</p>		<p>A local preference provision has been added to the Public Procurement Regulations. This provision will mandate an allowance of ten per cent for local suppliers for all procurements, to the maximum permitted under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.</p> <p>These thresholds to which local preference will be added will be as follows:</p> <p>Municipalities, local service districts, academic institutions, school districts and health authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$105,700 (goods); - \$105,700 (services); and - \$264,200 (construction) <p>Crown corporations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$528,300 (goods); - \$528,300 (services); and - \$5,283,200 (construction) <p>Departments, agencies and all other public bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$26,400 (goods); - \$105,700 (services); and - \$105,700 (construction) <p>In addition to this preference provision, the thresholds at which open calls for bids are required have been increased to allow for more opportunities to direct business to local suppliers through a limited call process.</p>	<p>Now</p>	<p>https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/service/nl/0601n02/</p>
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Innovation and Business Investment Corporation Loan Payment Deferral	Businesses		Loan payments on business loans administered by the Innovation and Business Investment Corporation are deferred by three months.	Now	https://www.tcii.gov.nl.ca/covidmsg.html
Workers' Safety Certificate Expiry Deferral	Businesses		Workers safety training certificates that expired since February 28, 2020 have been extended to June 30, 2020, with workers having to recertify by August 30, 2020.	Now	https://workplacnl.ca/article/public-advisory-workplacnl-extends-validity-of-certification-safety-training-certificates/
Workers' Compensation Premium Deferral	Businesses		WorkplaceNL has provided employers with a workers' compensation premium payment deferral until June 30, 2020.	Now	https://workplacnl.ca/article/workplacnl-defers-assessment-payments-from-employers-until-june-30-2020/
International Fuel Tax Return Deadline Extension	Businesses		International Fuel Tax Agreement returns for the first quarter of 2020 (January 1 to August 31, 2020) due on April 30, 2020 from interjurisdictional carriers, under section 8 of the Revenue Administration Regulations, are now due and payable on June 1, 2020.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/fin/0617n01/
Tax Return Deadline Extensions	Businesses		With the exception of tax returns required from interjurisdictional carriers, all other tax returns falling under the purview of the Revenue Administration Act and Regulations, which would otherwise be due March 20, 2020 to May 31, 2020, are now due June 23, 2020. The tax returns applicable to this extension include: gasoline tax, carbon tax, health and post-secondary education tax, insurance companies tax, mining and mineral rights tax, tax on insurance premiums, and tobacco tax.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/fin/0407n05/
Current Aquaculture License Deadline Extension	Fisheries Sector		The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources is extending the annual validation expiry date for all current existing aquaculture licences in Newfoundland and Labrador from March 31, 2020 to May 31, 2020.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/flr/0403n01/
Big Game Licence Application Deadline Extended	Game Hunters		The deadline for receipt of big game licence applications for the 2020-21 big game hunting season has been extended by two weeks to April 17 at 4:30 p.m. NDT. The deadline will not be extended further.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/flr/0331n02/
MCP Coverage Extended for Expired Cards	Individuals		The Department of Health and Community Services is extending the validity period of Medical Care Plan (MCP) cards to June 30, 2020. This will cover all individuals whose MCP eligibility otherwise expired as of March 1, 2020 onward, excluding those who have permanently moved out of Newfoundland and Labrador.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/health/0331n04/

Deadline Extended for Fuel Tax Exemption Permits	Individuals		The expiry date for Fuel Tax Exemption Permits, which allows permit holders to purchase tax-exempt marked gasoline and light fuel oil, which was set to expire on March 31, 2020 has been extended to June 30, 2020.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/fin/0330n03/
Fish Processing and Buyers Licences Expiry Extension	Fisheries Sector		The expiry date for all current valid fish processing and fish buyer licences in Newfoundland and Labrador is being extended from March 31, 2020 to August 31, 2020.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/flr/0324n01/
Changes to Credit Union Regulations	Businesses		The Provincial Government has amended the Credit Union Regulations, 2009 to allow credit unions to avail of the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) program. The federal initiative, announced on March 27, provides up to \$40,000 in commercial loans to businesses to alleviate unusual financial pressures during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/service/nl/0424n02/
Compensation for Isolated Private Sector Employees	Individuals		The Provincial Government is providing compensation for private sector employers for continuation of pay to employees who were required to self-isolate for 14-days due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions. This includes individuals who are self-employed. The maximum amount of funding under the provincial program will be \$500 per week for each employee (to a combined maximum of \$1,000 per week for each employee when receiving both federal and provincial funding). The amount paid under this program will depend on federal funding received.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0429n03/
Changes at the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation	Local Businesses with Liquor Licenses		In support of licensees, which includes lounges, bars and restaurants, effective immediately the NLC will waive liquor license fees for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The NLC has been approved to implement a wholesale pricing discount for licensees, by providing a five per cent discount for wines and spirits, and ready to drink beverages. Government has approved an increase in product commission discounts for craft breweries, wineries, distilleries and cideries producing 1,000 hectoliters or less to 55 per cent for non-NLC distributed products.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/fin/0501n02/

Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation Supports	Eligible Businesses		<p>Current deferral of loan payments, under the Innovation and Business Investment Corporation's Business Investment Fund, has been increased to six months. This measure sees an additional three months added to the original three month deferral action announced on March 18, 2020, which started with April payments.</p> <p>The hiring eligibility for commercial Research and Development (R&D) projects will be temporarily increased. Specifically, salary support for up to six positions may be considered for eligible commercial R&D projects. The positions may include existing employees, new or a combination of both. This temporary policy pertains to applications approved between April 1 and September 30, 2020.</p> <p>Contribution levels have been temporarily increased for eligible project applications under R&D commercial and Business Development Support. Eligible costs will now be covered up to 75 per cent, up from 50 per cent, for applications approved between April 1 and September 30, 2020.</p>	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/tcii/0506n03/
Electricity Customer Relief	Individuals and Businesses		Residential and general service customers including businesses and other organizations whose rates are based on Holyrood fuel costs, will receive a one-time credit on their bills as early as July. For customers who require flexible bill payments, government is providing up to \$2.5 million to waive the interest on overdue accounts for residential and general service customers throughout the province. This includes residents, businesses and other organizations that are struggling as a result of COVID-19 and will be for a period of 15 months commencing June 1, 2020.	June 1 2020	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0514n04/
Students Supporting Communities Program	Students		The program provides a \$3,500 grant to organizations that enables them to hire students to help seniors and other vulnerable groups facing social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes: \$2 880 to hire a 30 hour per week position for eight weeks at \$12.00/hour (this can be one position at 30 hours or two part-time); \$432 for mandatory employment related costs; and, \$188 for incidentals related to position (e.g., gas allowance; long distance charges).	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/aes/0515n04/

Government Deferral and Waivers of Numerous Fees	Individuals and Businesses		To assist the business community in Newfoundland and Labrador during the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Provincial Government today announced the deferral or waiver of a number of fees, as well as steps to reduce regulatory burden. The deferral of more than \$6 million in fees will help ease some of the operational pressures facing businesses and free-up cash flow in these uncertain times.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/service/nl/0522n02/
Measures to Assist the Mining, Mineral Exploration and Quarry Industries	Mining, Mineral Exploration and Quarry Industries		Deferral of rental and fee payments associated with land tenure issued under the Mineral Act and Quarry Materials Act until December 31, 2020. The date range to be qualified for deferral is March 18, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Items being deferred include mining and surface lease rentals, mineral licence renewal fees, application and reapplication fees and rentals for quarry permits, quarry lease rental, and hectarage fees for quarry materials exploration licence applications. Waiver of water use charge payments for 2019 related to mineral exploration. Waiver of mineral assessment expenditure requirements for mineral licences for one year – from March 18, 2020 to March 17, 2021.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/nr/0608n02/
Plan to Develop Forest Sector and Create Jobs	Forestry		\$9.6 million in funding to create jobs and develop forest sector products and markets. The funding is part of a plan to support employment in rural communities and help open new markets and products for renewable, resource-based businesses during the COVID-19 global pandemic. New initiatives include: \$5.7 million for forest industry development projects; \$400,000 for secondary forestry processing innovation pilot projects; and \$3.5 million to establish forestry biomass market opportunities.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0612n01/
Essential Worker Support Program	Essential Workers		In order to determine whether individuals qualify for compensation, in addition to working in an identified essential worker position they must also fall within certain hours and income thresholds during the 16-week eligibility period between March 15 and July 4, 2020.	July	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0615n04/
Plan to Develop Agriculture Sector and Create Jobs	Agricultural Sector		\$13 million in funding to create jobs in the agriculture sector and assist farmers and producers. The funding is part of a plan to support employment in rural communities and help open new markets and products for renewable resource-based businesses during the COVID-19 global pandemic.	Now	https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0619n02/