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INDIGENOUS BUSINESS RESOURCES AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GUIDE

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Indigenous Business Development Services

(Community Futures)

The Indigenous Business Development Services (IBDS) Program is comprised of organizations who offer services to Indigenous entrepreneurs. The program offers business information and resource materials, assistance with business plan preparation, business advisory services, training in the form of workshops and seminars.

<https://cfmanitoba.ca/special-programs/indigenous-business-development-services>

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Indigenous Business Directory

Resource guide for all government buyers to identify Indigenous businesses, networking opportunity for suppliers, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to do business with one another. Procurement promotion from Indigenous business in other ways such as joint ventures and/or sub-contracting.

https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/psb/api/api_bd.html

CONTACT

Manitoba Government Inquiry
Phone: 204.945.3744
Toll Free: 1.866.626.4862
(within North America)
Email: mgi@gov.mb.ca
Website: www.gov.mb.ca

Indigenous Chamber of Commerce

Membership opens to both the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Business Community to create the partnerships and synergies essential to the growth and development of businesses.

CONTACT

100-259 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB
Phone: 204.237.9359
Email: info@indigenouschambermb.ca
Website: www.aboriginalchamber.ca

SEED Winnipeg-Indigenous Women

Training, business consulting and support with launching a business for Indigenous women exploring self employment.

<http://seedwinnipeg.ca/programs/detail/indigenous-women-exploring-business>

CONTACT

SEED Winnipeg Inc.
80 Salter St., Winnipeg, MB
Phone: 204.927.9935
Email: info@seedwinnipeg.ca
Website: www.seedwinnipeg.ca

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business

CCAB builds bridges between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, businesses, and communities through diverse programming, providing tools, training, network building, major business awards, and national events

CONTACT

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Toronto, Ontario
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Website: www.ccab.com



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Innovation Advisory Services and Accelerated Growth Service

Our Innovation Advisors use their extensive network of contacts to help businesses find, and take advantage of, everything that government can do for them — from financing to technical advice to foreign market expertise.

CONTACT

Rajeev Chadha, Senior Innovation Advisor
Innovation Canada
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Western Economic Diversification Canada

For more than 30 years, Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) has been working to diversify the western economy while improving the quality of life of western Canadians. WD has the following mechanisms for providing funding to not-for-profits and businesses:

Regional Innovation Ecosystems: creating environments that meet business needs for innovation and entrepreneurship.

CONTACT: Gerry Marques, Manager Operations - gerry.marques@canada.ca

Business Scale-up and Productivity: promoting business growth through commercialization, productivity, and market expansion.

CONTACT: Joe Keszi, Manager Operations - joe.keszi@canada.ca

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WEDC - Winnipeg
4-344 Edmonton Street
Winnipeg, MB
Toll Free: 1.888.338.9378
Website: www.wd-deo.gc.ca

Futurpreneur Canada – Indigenous Programs

At Futurpreneur Canada, we support Indigenous entrepreneurs aged 18-39, helping them launch or buy their own business. With up to \$60,000* in financing, an expert mentor for up to two years, and access to resources, we're here to help young entrepreneurs bring their business plan to life.

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Website: www.medf.ca

Women's Enterprise Centre of Manitoba

The Women's Enterprise Centre of Manitoba is a resource for women looking to start or expand their businesses. They work on an individual basis with women throughout the province to answer their questions and help them determine the steps to make their businesses successful

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100-207 Donald Street
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Website: www.wecm.ca



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BDC Indigenous Banking

Get the capital you need to start a business or scale up. You can access financing for up to \$250,000 for existing businesses and up to \$150,000 for start-ups, whether your operations are on or off reserve.

<https://www.bdc.ca/en/iam/aboriginal-entrepreneur/pages/default.aspx>
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155 Carlton Street
Suite 1100
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Website: www.bdc.ca

Tax Information for Indigenous Peoples

Links to documents that contain information on tax benefits and requirements for Aboriginal people

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/indigenous-peoples.html>

INDIGENOUS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC)

LRCC is a Manitoba Metis Owned Lending Institution created to finance the start-up, acquisition and/or expansion of viable Metis and Non-Status Indian controlled small businesses based in Manitoba.

CONTACT

340-150 Henry Avenue
Winnipeg, MB
Phone: 204.589.0772
Toll Free: 1.800.387.6004 (within Manitoba)
Website: www.lrcc.mb.ca

Metis Economic Development Fund (MEDF)

MEDF expands the participation of the Metis people in Manitoba by stimulating and advancing economic development activities. MEDF provides equity to Metis Entrepreneurs and/or businesses, promotes and encourages trade and commerce for Metis entrepreneurs and businesses and facilitates and promotes the Metis business community.

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Manitoba Mineral Development Fund

The Manitoba Mineral Development Fund's (MMDF) annual fund provides opportunities for Indigenous partnerships, increased local employment and economic development in Northern Manitoba. Funding is also available for projects outside of Northern Manitoba supporting the mineral development industry.

[MMDF Program Guidelines](#)

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Community Futures – Indigenous Business Development Services

Community Futures operates across Canada as a grassroots-driven program created to strengthen rural economies by establishing entrepreneurship and assisting in community economic development. The Indigenous Business Development Services (IBDS) is a national initiative dedicated to improving access to business information for new and existing Indigenous entrepreneurs.

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Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. - Entrepreneurship Initiative

Three financing programs have been created to further strengthen Metis economic development and Metis entrepreneurship through increased support for small business and new business start-ups. The initiative will provide financial, and training supports to young entrepreneurs ages 18-29, small / home based businesses and small commercial fishers through three loan programs. More information: [MMF Entrepreneurship Initiative](#)

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First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc.

First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc. (FPEGF) is a not-for-profit organization with the mandate to provide financing to support Manitoba First Nation business proposals that are economically viable. The unique aspect of FPEGF is that it can provide a variety of support for First Nation owned businesses through a diverse portfolio of programs.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

The Information and Communications Technology Council - Work Integrated Learning Digital Program

ICTC's Work Integrated Learning Program is an innovative Work Integrated Learning program that helps employers grow their businesses by providing financial assistance for hiring post-secondary students. ICTC's Work Integrated Learning Program is funded by the Government of Canada's Student Work Placement Program (SWPP).

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Manitoba Government - Industry Workforce Development

Industry Workforce Development promotes business and industry-related human resource development to create a highly skilled, knowledgeable and adaptable workforce in Manitoba. Industry Workforce Development

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supports training strategies, human resource needs assessments and corporate investment in skills training depending on need.

Manitoba Government - Canada-Manitoba Job Grant

The Canada-Manitoba Job Grant is an employer-driven approach to help Manitobans gain the skills they need to fill available jobs and to help employers develop the skills of their existing workers to meet the requirements of their present job, or to move into a better job.

[Canada-Manitoba Job Grant - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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