



## INVESTMENT INCENTIVES DIRECTORY

Alberta has a significant number of incentive programs that may be of interest to foreign investors considering Alberta as a location for greenfield investment or business expansion. Programs include direct incentives such as grants, contributions and loan programs and tax credits and tax credit-like programs in a broad range of sectors. This list is not inclusive of all support activities post-establishment/expansion in Alberta.

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## PROVINCIAL FUNDS / PROGRAMS

### 1. **Alberta Agri-processing Investment Tax Credit**

Alberta Agriculture

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-agri-processing-investment-tax-credit.aspx>

New Agri-processing tax credit to be launched in Spring 2023. The Agri-processing Investment Tax Credit provides a 12 per cent non-refundable tax credit against eligible capital expenditures for corporations investing \$10 million or more to build or expand agri-processing facilities in Alberta.

This program builds on Alberta's [other competitive advantage](#) to make the province the preferred destination for large-scale agri-processing investments.

### 2. **Aboriginal Business Investment Fund**

Alberta Indigenous Relations

<https://www.alberta.ca/aboriginal-business-investment-fund.aspx>

The Aboriginal Business Investment Fund (ABIF) can partially or completely fund capital costs for Indigenous community-owned economic development projects. ABIF provides between \$150,000 and \$500,000 to support an Indigenous community-owned economic development project. This could be up to 100% of eligible project costs to the ABIF maximum of \$500,000. An ABIF grant can be stacked with other government and industry funding sources.

### 3. **Alberta Digital Traction**

Alberta Innovates

<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/alberta-digital-traction/>

The Alberta Digital Traction pilot program (Alberta-DT) provides funding for small- and medium-sized Alberta enterprises (SMEs) that rely on software development as core to one or more of their products and/or services and intends to rapidly scale in the global marketplace to accelerate their revenue growth. With the guidance of an Alberta-based entrepreneur program's business coach, eligible applicants can apply for up to \$50,000 paid directly to the applicant to cover eligible expenses required to complete the milestones developed to achieve traction.

### 4. **Alberta Innovation Micro Vouchers**

Alberta Innovates

<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/micro-voucher/>

Micro vouchers are aimed to help Alberta's small- and medium-sized enterprises in the technology and knowledge-based sector hire a service or product provider to advance their technology closer to commercialization. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$10,000, paid directly to the service provider, to cover eligible expenses charged by the service provider.

### 5. **Alberta Innovation Vouchers**

Alberta Innovates

<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/voucher/>

Vouchers help Alberta's high potential, high growth, technology and knowledge-based small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with technologies in the mid-to-late developmental stages but may

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include some early developmental stages. Eligible applicants can apply for funding up to \$100,000 to help cover the costs of up to three service providers for the purpose of business and technology development.

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6. **Alberta Jobs Now Program**

Alberta Labour and Immigration  
<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-jobs-now-program.aspx>

Private sector businesses and non-profit organizations across all industries can apply for funding to reduce the costs of hiring and training Albertans. Additional funding is available for hiring people with disabilities.

7. **Alberta Methane Emissions Program (AMEP)**

Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER)  
<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-methane-emissions-program.aspx>

The Alberta Methane Emissions Program (AMEP) is a \$17-million program funded by the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) system. The AMEP is a multi-year funding program that focuses on 3 components: Alternative Fugitive Emissions Program (Alt-FEMP) Proposals, Data Management and Analytics and Technology Development Trials.

8. **Alberta Petrochemicals Incentive Program (APIP)**

Alberta Energy  
<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-petrochemicals-incentive-program.aspx>

10-year long market-based program that offers grants to petrochemical manufacturing projects in Alberta including petrochemicals, fertilizers, hydrogen, and fuel plants. The projects must use natural gas, natural gas liquids, or petrochemical intermediaries such as ethylene, propylene, benzene etc. in the manufacturing of its own products. Grants worth 12% of a project's eligible capital costs will be issued to companies after projects are operational.

9. **Canada - Alberta Job Grant**

Alberta Labor and Immigration, and the Government of Canada through the Workforce Development Agreement  
<https://www.alberta.ca/canada-alberta-job-grant.aspx>

The Canada-Alberta Job Grant (CAJG) is a federal-provincial partnership under which Alberta employers and government share the cost of training new and existing employee to address skill deficits and increase their knowledge and skills to meet the needs of Alberta's changing economy. The CAJG can help fund training for new, current, or potential future employees.

10. **Commercialization Associate Program**

Alberta Innovates  
<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/commercialization-associates/>

The Commercialization Associate understands business fundamentals and practices, applying knowledge of industry, as well as market and business trends to prioritize commercialization activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, manufacturing analysis and planning, advanced product validation, exploring new market opportunities, marketing, sales, financial strategies, and business development activities. This program is designed to fund SMEs to employ a commercialization professional, for one year.

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**11. Energy Savings for Business**

Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA)

<https://eralberta.ca/energy-savings-for-business/>

Energy Savings for Business will help eligible Alberta businesses reduce emissions, decrease operating costs, grow their operations, and become more competitive, while creating skilled jobs and boosting economic recovery.

**12. Film and Television Tax Credit (FTTC)**

Alberta Jobs, Economy and Innovation

<https://www.alberta.ca/film-television-tax-credit.aspx>

The Film and Television Tax Credit (FTTC) offers a refundable Alberta tax credit certificate on eligible Alberta production and labor costs to corporations that produce films, television series and other eligible screen-based productions in the province. Applicants may apply for either a 22% or 30% tax credit certificate.

**13. Hydrogen Centre of Excellence (HCOE)**

Alberta Innovates & Alberta Government

<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/hydrogen-centre-of-excellence/>

The Hydrogen Centre of Excellence (HCOE), funded by a \$50M contribution from the Government of Alberta and operated by Alberta Innovates was announced on April 26, 2022. The center will accelerate technology and innovation across the hydrogen value chain, closing innovation and support gaps to strengthen Alberta's hydrogen economy. Up to \$3.8 million is available up to March 31, 2026, for Service Capacity projects (up to 24 months per project). Funding requests can be up to, but not exceed, \$500,000.

**14. Innovation Employment Grant (IEG)**

Alberta Treasury Board and Finance

<https://www.alberta.ca/corporate-income-tax.aspx>

The Innovation Employment Grant (IEG) is a refundable tax credit that a qualified corporation may deduct from tax otherwise payable for a taxation year. In general, the IEG is equal to 8 per cent of the lesser of the corporation's eligible expenditures in respect of scientific research and experimental development (SR&ED) carried out in Alberta after December 31, 2020, and the corporation's maximum expenditure limit for the year. The corporation will be eligible to claim an additional amount equal to 12 per cent of any such amount more than a base amount. A corporation's base amount is determined by calculating the corporation's average eligible expenditures for the two preceding taxation years.

**15. Partnership Intake Program**

Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA)

<https://eralberta.ca/funding-technology/partnership-intake-program/>

Working with Trusted Partners across the Canadian innovation ecosystem creates a unified approach to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and securing Alberta's lower carbon success. The Partnership Intake Program allows ERA to evaluate proposed projects referred by Trusted Partners, organizations with rigorous, fair, and transparent processes comparable to ERA's.

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**16. Post-Production, Visual Effects, and Digital Animation Grant (PPG)**

Alberta Media Fund

<https://www.alberta.ca/post-production-visual-effects-digital-animation-grant.aspx>

Labor expenses for Alberta organizations involved in the development and delivery of post-production services in Alberta.

**17. Product Demonstration Program**

Alberta Innovates

<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/product-demonstration-program/>

This program is designed to de-risk the commercialization process by providing funds and coaching to qualified high potential, high growth, technology Alberta small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to enter into a partnership with a potential client to conduct a pilot demonstration to trial and prove the technical and business merits of their product. Qualified SMEs may be eligible for up to \$150,000 in funding over a maximum one-year term.

**18. Product Scale Up Pilot Program**

Alberta Innovates

<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/product-scaleup-pilot-program/>

The program is a grant of up to \$100,000 for one year for qualified SMEs to hire a product associate with expertise in developing, commercializing, and scaling digital technology using a product management model.

**19. R&D Associates Program**

Alberta Innovates

<https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/rd-associates/>

Alberta's high potential, high growth, technology, and knowledge-based small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) may be eligible for up to \$67,500 per year for one year to enable them to employ in-house professional research and development capability, to advance the Technology Readiness Level and accelerate new product commercialization.

**20. Technology Funding**

Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA)

<https://eralberta.ca/funding-technology/>

ERA is investing in a diverse portfolio of transformative, sustainable technologies that reduce GHG emissions and position Alberta for success in a lower emissions economy.

## FEDERAL FUNDS / PROGRAMS

**21. Accelerated Investment Incentive**

Government of Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/sole-proprietorships-partnerships/report-business-income-expenses/claiming-capital-cost-allowance/accelerated-investment-incentive.html#FullExpMP>

A 50% increase in the available Capital cost allowance deduction for property acquired after November 20, 2018, that becomes available for use before 2024.

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**22. AgrilInnovate Program**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

<https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriinnovate-program>

The AgrilInnovate program provides repayable contributions for projects that aim to accelerate the commercialization, adoption and/or demonstration of innovative products, technologies, processes or services that increase agri-sector competitiveness and sustainability.

**23. Clean Tech Fund**

Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC)

<https://www.sdtc.ca/en/cleantech-fund/>

SDTC provides funding to promising clean technology development and demonstration projects that are start-ups or scale-ups. The technology must demonstrate the potential for GHG emissions reductions, reductions in water consumption and/or the reduction of water, soil or air contamination. The project must include some further development of the technology, mitigate existing technology risk and include validation of the economic viability of the technology.

**24. Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) – Onshore Program**

Natural Resources Canada

<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/science-and-data/funding-partnerships/funding-opportunities/current-funding-opportunities/emissions-reduction-fund/onshore-program-emissions-reduction-fund/23050>

The new \$675 million ERF – Onshore Program is helping Canadian onshore oil and gas companies invest in green solutions to continue their progress toward reducing methane emissions while facing the current economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic.

**25. National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP)**

National Research Council of Canada

<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/support-technology-innovation>

The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP) provides advice, connections, and funding to help Canadian small and medium-sized businesses increase their innovation capacity and take ideas to market.

**26. Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program**

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/scientific-research-experimental-development-tax-incentive-program/overview.html>

The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program uses tax incentives to encourage Canadian businesses of all sizes and in all sectors to conduct research and development (R&D) in Canada. These tax incentives come in three forms: an income tax deduction, an investment tax credit and, in certain circumstances, a refund. Eligible SR&ED work will result in your investment tax credit being at least 15% and can be as much as 35% of qualified SR&ED expenditures. Any unused investment tax credits can be carried back 3 years or forward 20 years and apply them against tax payable for other years.

**27. Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF)**

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/125.nsf/eng/home>

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The Strategic Innovation Fund's (SIF) objective is to spur innovation for a better Canada by providing funding for large projects (over \$10 million in requested contribution).

**28. GHG Reduction List of Programs Available**

Natural Resources Canada <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/green-buildings/programs-and-funding-for-green-homes-and-buildings/24574>

This list of programs and support available for construction and buildings (homes, commercial, institutional and community buildings) that are geared towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## FEDERAL- PROVINCIAL FUNDS / PROGRAMS

**29. BUILD Program**

TECTERRA

<https://tecterra.com/programs/build/>

The BUILD Program provides funding for projects with budgets greater than \$300,000 with TECTERRA providing funding of up to 50% of development and commercialization costs, to a maximum of \$500,000 per project. An Alberta start-up, small or medium sized company working on innovative geospatial technology products, may qualify for a 0% interest loan, repayable only after your product generates revenue. The company doesn't have to offer any equity to receive this loan.

**30. Business Scale up & Productivity (BSP)**

Prairies Economic Development Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/services/funding/business-scale-up-productivity.html>

The BSP offers repayable, interest-free funding to high growth businesses that are scaling up and producing innovative goods, services or technologies. This program seeks to help businesses accelerate their growth & scale-up, improve productivity and increase competitiveness in both domestic and international markets. No start-ups, no businesses pre-revenue. Program is very competitive. Applicants must submit Expression of Interests.

**31. Canadian Agricultural Partnership**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada & Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

<https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/>

In Alberta, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership commits to the same level of investment from federal and provincial governments as Growing Forward 2 which is \$406 million towards strategic initiative programs over five years. This investment is cost shared between federal-provincial (60:40) governments and will be invested in programs and initiatives for Alberta's agriculture agri-food and agri-products based industry.

**32. Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF) in the Prairie Provinces**

Prairies Economic Development Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/services/funding/jobs-growth-fund.html>

The Jobs and Growth Fund provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until funding is fully allocated, or until March 31, 2024, whichever comes first.



