

FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENERUS

Hi Wrangler, see below for potential funding programs for existing business and entrepreneurs in Northern Saskatchewan. The trappers in northern Saskatchewan may qualify for some assistance. Each program has different types of funding and services, application processes, and qualifying criteria.

Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program:

This program is non-repayable grant to Indigenous businesses to help support business proposals and/or leverage additional funds: <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1375202816581>. The program is managed through the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (<https://nacca.ca/>).

The Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program provides a non-repayable contribution of up to \$99,999. Check the website link for more information <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1375201178602/1375202816581>

Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF):

SIEF has a lending program for commercial agriculture businesses. For more information see their website link for more details <http://www.sief.sk.ca/>

Saskatchewan Metis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO):

In partnership with Indigenous Services Canada, SMEDCO is delivering a COVID-19 impact fund for Métis communities and microbusinesses. The SMEDCO COVID Fund seeks to provide resources for businesses that did not qualify for the COVID-19 business relief programs that were initiated earlier in the pandemic. The Fund will provide Métis community owned businesses and microbusinesses in Saskatchewan that have experienced reduced revenues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic with two streams of COVID-19 supports. Stream one focuses on providing access to business assessment, advisory, and recovery supports from professionals and stream two focuses on providing non-repayable contributions to support ongoing operations. Contact 306-477-4350 or click the link for program information <https://smedco.ca/microbusiness-covid-fund/>

A full list of SMEDCO programs can be accessed at the website link <https://smedco.ca/programs/> Also see links provided for the SMEDCO Blended Financing (SBF) – combo grant and financing program: <https://smedco.ca/financing-packages/> and the Primary Producer Incentive – for traditional Métis artisans and businesses: <https://smedco.ca/primary-producer-incentive-program/>

Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF):

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Clarence Campeau Development Fund through assistance provided by the Government of Canada, is taking action to ensure that Métis business owners impacted by Covid-19 have access to the support they require. The emergency loan program is a component of the Indigenous Business Stabilization Program. The Emergency Loan Program (ELP) is designed as an emergency measure to support small business owners in meeting their immediate operating cash flow

needs. These funds are not intended to replace or duplicate government or other bank/lender emergency financing that are available to businesses in Canada. Contact 306-657-4870 or click the link for program information <https://clarencecampeau.com/programs/metis-emergency-stabilization-program/>

A full list of CCDF programs can be accessed at the website link <https://clarencecampeau.com/programs/> CCDF provides grants, loans and equity investment programs including:

- Metis Entrepreneur Equity loan
- Business Development Program
- Major Business Development Program
- Women's Business Development Program
- Youth Business Development Program (ages 18 – 35)

Futurpreneur Canada Indignons Program

Futurepreneurs provides a collateral-free loan of up to \$60,000 for Indigenous entrepreneurs 18-29 years old. For more information visit the website link <https://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/indigenous>

Primrose Lake Economic Development Corporation (PLEDCO):

PLEDCO provides economic development assistance to communities and entrepreneurs affected by the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range - Jans Bay, Cole Bay, Ile-a-la-Crosse, Beauval. Visit their website for more information visit www.pledco.net or contact them at Tel: (306) 288-7015 or Email: pledco@sasktel.net

Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDC):

This is a community based organization that contributes to the social and economic well-being by providing small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs access to services tailored to individual needs. From financing to training programs, they are a one-stop shop for all new and existing businesses.

There are four locations in northern Saskatchewan:

1. Prince Albert: Visit their website for more information www.pacf.ca or contact them at Tel: (306)763-8125 or Email: info@pacf.ca
2. Meadow Lake: Visit their website for more information www.cfsask.ca/beaver-river or contact them at Tel (306)236-4422 or Email beaverriver@sasktel.net
3. Buffalo Narrows: Visit their website for more information www.cfsask.ca/beaver-river or contact them at Tel (306)235-4745 or Email brcfdc.bn@sasktel.net
4. La Ronge: Visit their website for more information www.cfsask.ca/visions-north or contact them at Tel (306) 425-2612 or Email visionsnorth@visionsnorth.com

Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan (WESK):

WESK is dedicated to empowering women entrepreneurs of every age, stage and culture to achieve their business dreams. They provide business advisory services, financing and training. Visit their website for more information www.wesk.ca or contact them at Tel: 1(844)-900 WESK or (306)477-7173 or Email: info@wesk.ca

Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC):

The Business Development Bank of Canada is a Crown corporation and national development bank wholly owned by the Government of Canada. They provide business advisory services and financing. Visit their website for more information www.bdc.ca or contact them at Tel: 1(888)-463-6232

For information on the BDC Indigenous Entrepreneur programs that provides up to \$350,000 loan to start or grow a business check the website link provided <https://www.bdc.ca/en/i-am/indigenous-entrepreneur>

Square One Saskatchewan:

This is a small business support program that provides business information and advisory services for all of Saskatchewan's entrepreneurs. Their office is located in Saskatoon and will provide you with relevant and timely information to help you start up and grow your business opportunity. Visit their website for more information <https://squareonesask.ca/> or contact them at Tel: 1-866-576-4444 or Email: info@squareonesask.ca

For a listing of all federal and provincial government programs you can use the tool - Sask Biz Grid which is provided on the Square One website.

Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association (NSTA):

NSTA represents trappers that trap in the Northern Fur Conservation Area (Northern half of Saskatchewan). NSTA is the voice for the Saskatchewan trapping industry. Click on the link to access the Facebook page of NSTA and for the January 2021 fur buying schedule in Saskatchewan. <https://www.facebook.com/NorthSaskTrappers>