



Financial Supports Available to Small Businesses

As operators, you may not be fully aware of all the supports available to you. Please check out the opportunities below so you can determine if your organization is eligible and choose which are right for you.

Provincial Grant Opportunities

Ontario Small Business Support Grant • [Click here to apply](#)

Starting at \$10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant provides businesses with funding to a maximum of \$20,000 to help cover decreased revenue expected as a result of the Provincewide Shutdown.

Eligibility

- The business was required to close or restrict services subject to the Provincewide Shutdown effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020
- Have fewer than 100 employees at the enterprise level
- Have experienced a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline comparing April 2020 to April 2019 revenues. New businesses established since April 2019 are also eligible, provided they meet the other eligibility criteria. Small businesses not in operation in April 2019 or April 2020 will be able to select alternative months for comparing revenue decline through the application portal

What you need to apply

- Number of employees in April 2019
- April 2019 revenue numbers
- April 2020 revenue numbers



Property Tax Rebate Grant • [Click here to apply](#)

Eligibility

- The business was required to close or restrict services subject to the Provincewide Shutdown effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020
- Pay property tax either from being the owner or as part of a lease agreement

What you need to apply

- Property assessment roll number
- Square footage of the business
- Square footage of the entire property
- Property owner information
- Property tax amounts
- 2020 final property tax bill or 2020 property tax invoice from landlord
- Lease agreement for the location

Energy Cost Rebate Grant • [Click here to apply](#)

Eligibility

- The business was required to close or restrict services subject to the Provincewide Shutdown effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26th
- Pay property tax either from being the owner or as part of a lease agreement

What you need to apply

- Energy invoice from company or landlord



COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program - Small Business • [Click here to apply](#)

The COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business (CEAP-SB) provides a one time, on-bill credit to eligible small business and registered charity customers to help them catch up on their energy bills and resume regular payments. Small business and registered charity customers may be eligible for up to \$850 in support towards their electricity bill if they primarily use electricity for heating, or up to \$425 otherwise. Small business and registered charity customers could also be eligible for up to \$425 in support towards their natural gas bill.

Eligibility

- Have an active account with an electricity distributor, a USMP or a natural gas distributor.
- The customer's account falls within the following class:
 - For customers of an electricity distributor, the General Service less than 50 kW rate class
 - For customers of a USMP, the relevant commercial class that uses less than 150,000 kWh of electricity annually
 - For customers of a natural gas distributor, is a non-residential customer that uses less than 50,000 cubic meters of gas annually
 - Customers can find information about their class on their bill, or they can contact their utility or USMP.
- Business was required to close to the public for regular operations for at least 15 days as a result of a government order or inability to comply with public health recommendations.

What you need to apply

- Utility account information
- Completed application form

Employer Health Tax (EHT) exemption

Employer Health Tax (EHT) exemption increased from \$490,000 to \$1,000,000. This 2020 increase has now become permanent.



Federal Grant Opportunities

Canada Emergency Business Account • [Click here to apply](#)

The CEBA loans provides interest free loans to small businesses and not-for-profits. The original \$40,000 loan could be repaid before December 31, 2022 with \$10,000 being forgivable. CEBA has been expanded to a total of \$60,000 with an additional \$10,000 of forgivable loan. If you have already applied and received the original \$40,000 you are still eligible to apply for the additional \$20,000.

Eligibility

- Payroll between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million
- An account with a Canadian bank

What you need to apply

- 2019 Total Employment Income
- CRA Payroll Business Number
- Application through your financial institution

Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy • [Click here to apply](#)

Canadian businesses, non-profit organizations, or charities who have seen a drop in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for a subsidy to cover part of their commercial rent or property expenses, starting on September 27, 2020 until June 2021. This subsidy will provide payments directly to qualifying renters and property owners, without requiring the participation of landlords.

Eligibility

- Have a CRA Business number as of September 27, 2020 or Payroll number as of March 15, 2020
- Have experienced a drop in revenue

What you need to apply

- CRA My Business Account or Represent a Client Account
- Revenue numbers



Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy • [Click here to apply](#)

The CEWS has been in place since March 2020 and is to run until June 2021 and is a program to help employers meet their payroll requirements to prevent job loss.

Eligibility

- Have a CRA Business number as of September 27, 2020 or Payroll number as of March 15, 2020
- Have experienced a drop in revenue. The eligibility for the CEWS has evolved since March 2020, you may not have qualified when the program was first introduced but may qualify now. Please use the online calculator and select the claim period to see if you qualify. [Click here for the online calculator](#)

What you need to apply

- CRA My Business Account or Represent a Client Account
- Revenue numbers

Supports Available from the ECCDC

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