

Regional Economic Development Resources

Alberta's government is proactively moving forward to provide all economic development organizations with access to tools and resources through a hub and spoke approach that will support their continuing activities and maximize the availability of provincial resources and supports for all economic development organizations.

The following list includes resource links that may be useful for communities, regional economic development organizations or businesses interested in economic development in Alberta.

General Resources and Portals

- Alberta Economic Dashboard - Hub for information about Alberta's economic data and insights (<https://economicdashboard.alberta.ca/>).
- Alberta Export Expansion Program (AEEP) - Funding to help export-ready companies and non-profit organizations enhance access to international markets and attract global buyers (www.alberta.ca/alberta-export-expansion-program).
- Alberta Film Commission - Provides customized scouting packages and services to clients exploring the advantages of creating films in Alberta (www.alberta.ca/alberta-film-commission).
- Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) - Provides career, learning and employment information that helps Albertans achieve success (<https://alis.alberta.ca/>).
- Alberta Major Projects - An inventory of private and public sector projects in Alberta valued at \$5 million or greater (<https://majorprojects.alberta.ca/#/>).
- Alberta Regional Dashboard and Site Selector - Answer your questions about living, working, investing and doing business in Alberta's diverse regions (<https://regionaldashboard.alberta.ca/#/>).
- Economic development funding and grants - Provides links and information about tax credits, grants, and other funding programs to stimulate regional economic development (www.alberta.ca/economic-development-funding-grants).
- Export Alberta - Interactive tools and resources for those new to exporting or looking to grow their exports (<https://export.alberta.ca/>).
- Investment and Growth Fund - Is a deal-closing tool used primarily to attract new businesses to Alberta or to assist with the expansion of an existing business as part of a competitive recruitment process. This highly competitive program is accessed through intake partners that are working with the company considering the investment (e.g., Invest Alberta, Calgary Economic Development, Edmonton Global, Regional Economic Development Alliances) (<https://www.alberta.ca/investment-and-growth-strategy>).
- Jobs and employment - Alberta jobs, employment standards, OHS and other services and supports for workers and employers (www.alberta.ca/employment-topic).
- Jobs, Economy and Trade homepage - Hub for information about the Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade, including information about the Minister, Mandate letters, publications and other general resources (www.alberta.ca/jobs-economy-and-trade).
- Labour market information - Wage and salary information and job market forecasts, trends, statistics and profiles (www.alberta.ca/labour-market-information).
- Northern Alberta Development Bursaries (NADB) - Information regarding bursaries to assist Alberta students with their post-secondary education who agree to live and work within northern Alberta after they complete their studies (www.alberta.ca/northern-alberta-development-bursary-program).
- Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) - NADC's mandate is to provide advice to government on the region's 150 communities and 350,000 people to help realize their rich potential and strengthen their diverse economies (<https://nadc.ca/>).
- Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) program - Organizations can apply for funding for projects that support economic development and diversification (www.alberta.ca/northern-and-regional-economic-development-program).
- Open government portal (Alberta) - Collection of datasets and publications by Alberta government departments and agencies (www.alberta.ca/open-government-program).
- Public Engagements - Has information and resources on how to get involved. Help shape the future of Alberta government policies, programs and services (www.alberta.ca/public-engagement).

- Regional Economic Development Specialists (REDS) - Through one-on-one consultation, regional and community meetings, and collaborative conversational discussions, REDS offer advisory services and outcome-based planning, economic information and best practices, pathfinding supports, tools and resources (www.alberta.ca/regional-economic-development-resources).
- Rural economic development - Webpage with information on the Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan and other resources and information for rural development (www.alberta.ca/rural-economic-development).
- Small Community Opportunity Program (SCOP) - Grants for non-profits, Indigenous and small communities help build capacity in agriculture, small business and local economic development (www.alberta.ca/small-community-opportunity-program).
- Supports for employers - Funding, supports, workforce contacts and resources for Alberta employers, industry associations, community and Indigenous organizations (www.alberta.ca/resources-for-employers-and-organizations).
- Training Services Directory - Programs and services to help individuals find and keep jobs, get training and adapt to a changing labour market (www.alberta.ca/training-and-employment-services-directory).
- Trade and investment - Provides links to services and information related to trade and investment in Alberta, including international relations, trade agreements, market access, Alberta International Offices and Invest Alberta Corporation (www.alberta.ca/trade-export).
- Workforce contacts and employer resources - Information to help employers recruit, retain and strengthen their workforce (www.alberta.ca/workforce-contacts-employer-resources).
- Workforce Partnership Grants - Eligible organizations with common labour market needs can get funding to support workforce initiatives (www.alberta.ca/workforce-partnerships-grants).

Business and Community Development Resources

- Small business resources - Extensive list of program and service providers in Alberta that can help small businesses access advice, coaching, financing, training and information about market expansion and grant funding. The Biz Connect team provides supports to help Alberta entrepreneurs and small businesses start, grow and succeed (www.alberta.ca/small-business-resources).
- Business supports - Get a business license, incorporate a business, business registry, and how to register, change or cancel a business name (www.alberta.ca/starting-business).
- Business License (Alberta) - Search for a business, charitable organization or fundraiser provincially licensed or registered in Alberta (www.servicealberta.ca/find-if-business-is-licenced.cfm).
- Community Development Unit - Delivers sessions and workshops to help organizations strengthen their services (www.alberta.ca/community-development-unit).
- Non-profit learning centre - Find online courses and training resources on non-profit governance to support board members of non-profit organizations (www.alberta.ca/non-profit-learning-centre).

Economic Strategies

- Government of Alberta Business Plans - The government's strategic plan, in addition to ministry business plans, is updated annually as part of the government's budget process (www.alberta.ca/government-and-ministry-business-plans).
- Government of Alberta Strategies and Plans - Alberta government initiatives, strategies and plans to support the achievement of key priorities (www.alberta.ca/strategies).