A snapshot of Alberta's economic development resources

Alberta's government supports the economic development ecosystem with access to tools, services and programs that boost our collective efforts to enhance Alberta's competitive advantage and contribute to our province's prosperity.

The following list includes resource links that may be useful to community and regional economic development organizations, and resources for businesses and employers.

Visit www.alberta.ca/economic-development-resources for the latest information.

Portal and general information

- **Alberta Economic Dashboard** – Access key economic information at your fingertips with indicators updated daily. Use the site's search capabilities to find a dataset or create your own live dashboard to track the Alberta economy (economicdashboard.alberta.ca).
- **Alberta Economics and Statistics Subscription Service** – Access publications to receive information on economic indicators, trends, labour market, demographics, weekly economic briefings, etc. (finance-subscriptions.alberta.ca/subscriber).
- **Alberta Non-Profit Listing Dashboard** –Access data, information and analytics about Alberta's non-profit sector using official records from the Alberta Corporate Registry. The dashboard uses interactive, searchable, sortable fields, charts and graphs to present information about Alberta's registered non-profits (https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-non-profit-listing-dashboard).
- **Alberta's International Offices** – Alberta's International Offices promote the province's economic and policy interests worldwide (www.alberta.ca/albertas-international-offices).
- **Alberta Weekly Economic Highlights Subscription** – Subscribe to receive email updates every Monday on recently updated economic indicators in Alberta and major project updates from the previous week (economicdashboard.alberta.ca/articles).
- **Alberta.ca Account for Individuals** – Provides Albertans with a common, secure and streamlined way to access more than 70 digital and online government services, including those from non-Government of Alberta organizations like Alberta Health Services, Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency (www.alberta.ca/alberta-ca-account-for-personal-use).
- **Alberta.ca Account for Organizations** – Allows a business/organization to create an account and delegate access to its staff, avoiding the need to rely on a personal Alberta.ca Account for business transactions (www.alberta.ca/alberta-ca-account-for-business-use).
- **CyberAlberta** – Provides Alberta-based public and private organizations with cyber threat information, advice, knowledge and resources to help them stay ahead of ever-evolving cyber threats (www.cyberalberta.ca).
- **Directory of Government of Alberta Ministries** (www.alberta.ca/ministries).
- **eServices** – An eCommerce portal that streamlines online access to a wide range of government services, including licenses, permits and certificates. It provides a consistent, secure and convenient online experience for citizens while supporting ministries in their transition to digital service delivery. The platform continues to expand, serving as a unified gateway for accessing and purchasing government services (eservices.alberta.ca).
- A **General Inquiries Portal** has been added to the Alberta government website to direct inquiries – now automatically routed to the Ministry Inboxes (www.alberta.ca/general-inquiries).
- **Government of Alberta Strategies and Plans** – Alberta government initiatives, strategies and plans to support the achievement of key priorities (www.alberta.ca/strategies).
- **Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration** – Hub for economic development information, including information about the Minister, mandate letters, publications and other general resources (www.alberta.ca/jobs-economy-trade-and-immigration).
- **Open Government Portal** – Collection of datasets and publications by Alberta government departments and agencies (www.alberta.ca/open-government-program).
- **Public Engagements** – Information and resources on how to get involved and help shape the future of Alberta government policies, programs and services (www.alberta.ca/public-engagement).
- **Safety Codes Support** – Provides information and guidance related to Alberta's safety codes system (www.alberta.ca/safety-codes).

Agriculture

- **310-FARM** – The first point of contact for Agriculture and Irrigation's programs and resources. 310-FARM resource agents are available to assist with inquiries or refer to the appropriate department or industry resource (www.alberta.ca/310-farm).
- **Agricultural Investment Services** – Alberta's Investment staff help investors set up their agri-business smoothly and quickly in Alberta (www.alberta.ca/agricultural-investment-services).
- **Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program** – Provides capital funding to agricultural societies for infrastructure improvements that strengthen community assets and enhance quality of life across the province (www.alberta.ca/agricultural-societies-infrastructure-revitalization-program).
- **Agricultural Trade Services** – Alberta's export staff help agriculture and value-added agriculture companies to prepare for and enter new markets and expand sales in current markets. (www.alberta.ca/agricultural-trade-services-for-exporters).
- **Agriculture Financial Services Corporation** – A Crown corporation that provides Alberta farmers with crop insurance, livestock price insurance, farm loans, commercial loans and farm income disaster assistance (afsc.ca).
- **Agri-Processing Business Resources** – Provides guides, reports, documents and other resources for food and bio-processors starting or growing a business (www.alberta.ca/agri-processing-business-resources).
- **AgriProfit$** – A farm business analysis and benchmarking program that works with Alberta producers to generate individualized business reports and economic information. The program helps producers assess financial and production performance and supports business planning and decision-making (www.alberta.ca/agriprofits).
- **AgriProfit$ Benchmark Reports** – A collection of commodity-specific benchmark reports that provide cost of production, financial performance and operational indicators for Alberta agricultural sectors. The reports help producers compare performance, identify trends and support business planning decisions (www.alberta.ca/agriprofits-resources).
- **Alberta Agri-Processing Investment Tax Credit** – Supporting investments of at least $10 million to build or expand value-added agri-processing facilities (www.alberta.ca/alberta-agri-processing-investment-tax-credit).
- **Alberta Approved Farmers' Market Program** – Provides a critical channel for business incubation – entrepreneurs start in markets, test market their products and develop business skills (www.alberta.ca/alberta-approved-farmers-markets).
- **Alberta Food Centre** – A government facility providing support for product and process development, interim processing, business coaching and leasable suites to introduce a food, beverage or ingredient product to market within Canada or internationally (www.alberta.ca/alberta-food-centre).
- **Bio Processing Innovation Centre (BPIC)** – This government facility provides technical and industry development support for the development, scale-up and commercialization of non-food value-added products and applications. BPIC can assist clients who are working on bench-top development up to pilot scale production (www.alberta.ca/bio-industrial-opportunities-section).
- **CropChoice$** – An online farm planning tool that helps producers estimate crop production costs, revenues and returns to support budgeting and management decisions (www.alberta.ca/cropchoices-decision-making-tool).
- **Cropping Alternatives** – An interactive tool that compares the expected costs, returns and profitability of alternative crop choices under Alberta growing conditions (www.alberta.ca/cropping-alternatives).
- **Emerging Opportunities Program** – Supports value-added agriculture and bio-industrial processing projects that focus on innovation and result in significant company growth and sector impact (www.alberta.ca/emerging-opportunities-program).
- **On-Farm Value-Added Program** – Helps primary producers grow sales, expand production capacity, explore market opportunities and create jobs in Alberta (www.alberta.ca/on-farm-value-added-program).
- **Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership** – A cost-shared federal-provincial investment of $508 million over 5 years for programs and services for the agriculture and agri-food industry in Alberta and positions the industry for greater long-term success (www.alberta.ca/sustainable-cap).
- **Value Added Program** – Helps value-added food and bio-industrial processors grow sales, expand production capacity, explore market opportunities and create jobs in Alberta (www.alberta.ca/value-added-program).

Business enterprise

- **Alberta Corporate Registry** -- Get a business license, incorporate a business, find a business registry and learn how to register, change or cancel a business name (www.alberta.ca/starting-business).
- **Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE)** – Not-for-profit organization offering unique programs and services to women at all stages of business through advising, financing, mentoring and network development. Administers the BRIDGE Program that offers eligible female entrepreneurs financial support up to $5,000 to support growth and sustainability (www.awebusiness.com).

- **ATB Financial** – A Crown corporation that provides financial services for Alberta businesses, including corporate credit, crowdfunding, commercial mortgages, loans and other industry specific financing (www.atb.com/business).
- **Black Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub** – A partnership between the Africa Centre, Pan African Collaboration for Excellence (PACE) and University of Alberta to study and support Black entrepreneurship in Alberta (www.bekh.org).
- **Business and Economic Development** – Provides links and supports for business, trade, economic development and government contracting, including Alberta Purchasing Connection – an easy-to-use tool for vendors interested in conducting business with the Government of Alberta (www.alberta.ca/business-and-economic-development).
- **Business Link** – A government funded non-profit that provides one-stop personalized support, including business strategy and planning and the Digital Economy Program to help businesses start and grow (businesslink.ca).
- **Business License** – Search for a business, charitable organization or fundraiser provincially licensed or registered in Alberta (www.servicealberta.ca/find-if-business-is-licenced.cfm).
- **Community Futures Alberta** – Assists rural Alberta entrepreneurs with guidance, business loans, training and other resources, with 27 offices located in rural communities and business loans up to $150,000. (albertacf.com)
- **Emerging Resources Program** – Provides benefits in the form of a fixed royalty rate to qualified applicants of this program. Companies that develop new oil and gas resources in high risk and high-cost areas are provided with high drilling and completion cost allowances, providing the benefit of paying a lower royalty rate until they recoup these costs (www.alberta.ca/emerging-resources-program).
- **Futurpreneur** – Not-for-profit organization that provides financing, mentoring and support tools to aspiring business owners aged 18-39 at any business stage. Partners with BDC to offer loans up to $75,000 (futurpreneur.ca/en)
- **Innovation Catalyst Grant** – Provides recent science, technology, engineering and mathematics graduates (master's or doctorate) with funding, mentorship and resources to launch science-based technology ventures in Alberta, driving entrepreneurship and tech sector growth (www.alberta.ca/innovation-catalyst-grant).
- **Innovation Employment Grant** – Supports small and medium sized businesses that invest in research and development with a grant worth up to 20 per cent of qualifying expenditures (www.alberta.ca/innovation-employment-grant).
- **Employer Supports** – Funding, supports, workforce contacts and resources for Alberta employers, industry associations, community and Indigenous organizations (www.alberta.ca/resources-for-employers-and-organizations).
- **Enhanced Hydrocarbon Recovery Program** – Provides benefits in the form of a fixed royalty rate to qualified applicants that use enhanced recovery techniques for oil and gas resources remaining in the legacy fields. Depending on the recovery method used and the estimated amount of oil and gas resource that can be recovered, the program can provide benefit to the recipient up to a maximum of 90 months (www.alberta.ca/enhanced-hydrocarbon-recovery-program).
- **Small Business Resources** – Extensive list of program and service providers in Alberta, including Biz Connect, that can help small businesses access advice, coaching, financing, training and information about market expansion and grant funding (www.alberta.ca/small-business-resources).

Community

- **Active Communities Initiative** – Provides funding to non-profit organizations for small- to medium-sized capital projects that generate sport and recreation opportunities for Albertans (www.alberta.ca/active-communities-initiative).
- **Affordable Housing Partnership Program** – Public, non-profit and private sector housing providers can apply for funding for innovative and sustainable housing projects (www.alberta.ca/affordable-housing-partnership-program).
- **Alberta Community Partnership** – This program helps municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives (www.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership).
- **Alberta Culture Days Grant Program** – Provides funding to non-profit organizations to support arts, heritage, diversity and community celebrations that give Albertans opportunities to discover, experience and celebrate culture through local events and activities (www.alberta.ca/alberta-culture-days).
- **Anti-Racism Grant Program** – Provides funding opportunities for projects that combat discrimination, address systemic racism and promote inclusion (www.alberta.ca/anti-racism-grant).
- **Arts, Culture and Sports Grant Search** – Find funding opportunities for projects in the areas of arts, culture, community, heritage, recreation, sport and diversity and inclusion. (www.alberta.ca/lookup/culture-grants-search.aspx).
- **Association Development Grant Program** – Provides funding to a wide range of non-profit provincial sport organizations to deliver sport opportunities to Albertans. (www.alberta.ca/association-development-grant-program).
- **Black Opportunity Fund** – Prioritizes initiatives around education and youth, health, women and gender, criminal justice, entrepreneurship, arts, culture and recreation and food insecurity that impact the quality of life in Black communities across Canada (blackopportunityfund.ca/).
- **Community Development Unit Services** – Support and services, including customized capacity building services, to help community organizations do their work (www.alberta.ca/community-development-unit).

- **Community Facility Enhancement Program** – Funding to upgrade, expand, purchase or build public-use community facilities (www.alberta.ca/funding-for-non-profits).
- **Community Initiatives Program Project Grant** – Provides funding to new community-based programs, initiatives, events and publications (www.alberta.ca/funding-for-non-profits).
- **Community Initiatives Program Organizational Development and Collaboration Grant** – Provides funding to help non-profit organizations become stronger and sustainable and to support collaboratives working together on shared needs (www.alberta.ca/funding-for-non-profits).
- **Continuing Care Capital Program** – Capital grant funding program to increase continuing care capacity and modernize existing aging continuing care homes in Alberta (www.alberta.ca/continuing-care-capital-program).
- **Ethnocultural Grant Program** – Supports organizations that create intercultural connections and the celebration of diversity among ethnocultural and Indigenous groups. (www.alberta.ca/ethnocultural-grant).
- **Indigenous Housing Capital Program** – Funding for Indigenous governments and organizations, housing providers, municipalities and non-profits to build affordable housing (www.alberta.ca/indigenous-housing-capital-program).
- **Major Sport Events Grant Program** – Provides community organizations an opportunity to build on Alberta's strengths for hosting national and international events (www.alberta.ca/major-sport-events-grant-program).
- **Physical Activity and Recreation operating grant program** – Provides funding to a wide range of non-profit organizations to deliver physical activity and recreation opportunities to Albertans (www.alberta.ca/sport-physical-activity-and-recreation-grant-programs).

Film and media

- **Alberta Film Commission** – Provides customized scouting packages and services to film and television clients exploring the advantages of creating in Alberta (www.alberta.ca/alberta-film-commission).
- **Alberta Film and Television Tax Credit** – Refundable tax credit for corporations producing films, television series and other eligible screen-based productions in the province (www.alberta.ca/film-television-tax-credit).
- **Alberta Media Fund** – Grant support for Alberta's cultural industry sectors including film, book publishing, magazine publishing and sound recording organizations (www.alberta.ca/alberta-media-fund).

Immigration

- **Alberta Advantage Immigration Program** – An economic immigration program for foreign nationals seeking permanent residence in Alberta as workers or entrepreneurs (www.alberta.ca/alberta-advantage-immigration-program).
- **International Qualifications Assessment Service** – Issues certificates that compare educational credentials from other countries to educational standards in Canada for employment, licensure, education and immigration purposes (www.alberta.ca/international-qualifications-assessment).
- **Settlement, Integration and Language Project grants** – Provides grant funding for projects that respond to emerging settlement needs such as system improvement, capacity building and labour market attachment (www.alberta.ca/settlement-integration-language-projects-grants).
- **Supports for Newcomer Integration grants** – Provides grant funding for services like settlement support, language assessment and referral and drop-in English as an Additional Language program to help newcomers in Alberta achieve their full economic potential (www.alberta.ca/supports-for-newcomer-integration-grants).

Infrastructure

- **Alberta Broadband Fund** – Alberta's government has committed $390 million to help ensure every rural, remote and Indigenous household in the province can access high-speed internet (www.alberta.ca/alberta-broadband-strategy).
- **Alberta Major Projects** – A platform to view a snapshot of private and public sector construction projects in Alberta valued at $5 million or greater that are either under construction or proposed to begin in the short term (majorprojects.alberta.ca).
- **Alberta Monthly Major Project Updates Subscription** – Subscribe to receive email updates at the beginning of every month on recently added, under construction and completed projects on the Alberta Major Projects inventory for the previous month (economicdashboard.alberta.ca/articles).

Indigenous

- **Aboriginal Business Investment Fund** – Helps Indigenous community-owned businesses capitalize on development opportunities to improve socio-economic outcomes (www.alberta.ca/aboriginal-business-investment-fund).
- **Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation** – Supports Indigenous investment in a wide variety of sectors with loan guarantees to increase access to capital for mid-to large scale projects and to grow independent prosperity for Indigenous communities (theaioc.com).

- **Indigenous Employment Training Partnerships** – Provides grant funding to Indigenous communities and organizations to deliver group-training projects designed in partnership with employers and other partners (www.alberta.ca/indigenous-employment-training-partnerships-program).
- **Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative** (Economic Stream) – Funds Indigenous-led capacity and opportunity development projects that improve economic outcomes for communities (www.alberta.ca/indigenous-reconciliation-initiative).

Investment

- **Alberta Enterprise Corporation** – A provincial corporation that supports economic diversification by investing in venture capital funds that in turn invest in Alberta technology companies (www.alberta-enterprise.ca).
- **Alberta Innovates** – A provincial corporation that supports research, development and commercialization of new innovations and technologies through funding programs and community-based Regional Innovation Networks. Two wholly owned subsidiaries, InnoTech Alberta Inc. and C-FER Technologies, provide applied research services (albertainnovates.ca).
- **Alberta Manufacturing Productivity Grant** – Pilot program that provides funding to eligible small- and medium-sized manufacturing businesses, including access to advice, expertise and matching funding for technology upgrades and new machinery and equipment. (www.alberta.ca/alberta-manufacturing-productivity-grant).
- **Alberta Petrochemicals Incentive Program** – Provides grants to companies to attract investment in new or expanded market-driven petrochemical facilities (www.alberta.ca/alberta-petrochemicals-incentive-program).
- **Alberta Site Selector Tool** – A tool to help site selectors locate properties within the province that is enriched with advanced filtering capabilities, insights on local economic conditions, industry data and proximity to crucial infrastructures (siteselector.alberta.ca).
- **AI Data Centre Portal** – Enables data centre proponents to submit information and inquiries for establishing AI data centres in Alberta (www.alberta.ca/build-your-ai-data-centre-in-alberta).
- **Clean Hydrogen Centre of Excellence** – A program under Alberta Innovates, established with a $50 million grant to accelerate technology and innovation across the hydrogen value chain. Funding has been allocated to over 60 projects (albertainnovates.ca/strategic-initiatives/hydrogen-centre-of-excellence).
- **Economy and Investment** – Provides links to the Alberta Activity Index, business supports, community and economic development updates, analysis and trade and investment services (www.alberta.ca/economy-and-investment).
- **Invest Alberta Corporation** (IAC) – A Crown corporation established in 2020, IAC engages the world and provides high-end tailored support to companies, investors and major new projects (investalberta.ca).
- **Investment Data Hub** – A tool that supports investors and economic developers with direct access to sectoral and regional data to strengthen investment cases across the province (investmentdata.alberta.ca).
- **Investment and Growth Fund** (IGF) – An invite only, deal-closing incentive offered in select late-stage investment decisions where demonstrable barriers impact final investment decision in Alberta. It targets high-impact private sector investments that create new well-paying jobs, spur economic growth and enhance Alberta's productivity. The IGF program targets new investments and expansion projects located across the province (alberta.ca/IGF).
- **Premier's Investment Council** (PIC) – Helps get major projects moving, grow our industries and create jobs and prosperity for people living in Alberta, further solidifying Alberta's position as an economic powerhouse and leader in Canada's economy (www.alberta.ca/premiers-investment-council).

Regional economy

- **Alberta Regional Dashboard** – A platform for users to view detailed socio-economic, regional-level data on over 400 Alberta communities with tools to compare municipalities and to build and embed a custom dashboard (regionaldashboard.alberta.ca).
- **Economic Development Funding and Grants** – Links and information about tax credits, grants and other funding programs to stimulate regional economic development (www.alberta.ca/economic-development-funding-grants).
- **Northern Alberta Development Council** – Provides advice to government on the region's 150 communities and approximately 395,000 people to help realize their rich potential and strengthen their diverse economies (nadc.ca).
- **Northern and Regional Economic Development Program** – Funding for projects that support economic development and diversification (www.alberta.ca/northern-and-regional-economic-development-program).
- **Municipality Measurement Index dashboard** – An online tool that allows comparison across municipalities using key financial categories such as tax rates, expenses and debt (www.alberta.ca/municipal-measurement-index).
- **Regional Economic Development Specialists** (REDS) – 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** – Information and progress on the Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan with additional resources and information for rural development (www.alberta.ca/rural-economic-development).

Tourism

- **Travel Alberta Industry Hub** – Industry stakeholders can learn more about research and insights, tourism investment opportunities, destination development and promotion for Alberta's tourism sector (industry.travelalberta.com).
- **Travel Alberta Investor Services** – One-window approach for businesses and investors to inform decision-making by accessing insights, analytics and Travel Alberta's comprehensive network (industry.travelalberta.com/for-investors).
- **Travel Alberta Tourism Investment Program** – Funds product development, rural tourism initiatives, events and festivals (industry.travelalberta.com/programs-and-services/apply-for-investment).

Trade

- **Alberta Export Expansion Program** – Funding to help export-ready companies and non-profit organizations enhance access to international markets and attract global buyers (www.alberta.ca/aeep).
- **Export Data Tool** – An interactive platform to find Alberta exports and imports by product and market (export.alberta.ca/export-tool).
- **International Trade Missions** – Includes information about the latest Alberta government trade missions abroad (export.alberta.ca/events).
- **Leading the way on interprovincial trade** – Information about Alberta's leadership in removing barriers to internal trade across Canada and provides access to a tool to share feedback on internal trade barriers. (alberta.ca/freetrade).
- **Trade Accelerator Program** – An innovative four-session initiative funded by the Government of Alberta designed to accelerate the strategic development of businesses to expand into international markets (alberta.ca/tap.

Workforce

- **Alberta Learning Information Service** – Provides career, learning and employment information that helps Albertans achieve success (alis.alberta.ca).
- **Alberta's Future Leaders Program** – Provides funding to Indigenous host communities in northern Alberta to provide summer youth programming led by program mentors living and working in the community (www.alberta.ca/albertas-future-leaders-program).
- **Alberta Youth Employment Incentive** – Employers can offset costs associated with hiring, training, and employing youth from age 15 to 24 (https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-youth-employment-incentive).
- **Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant** – An employer-driven training program where government and employers share the costs of training new and existing employees in productivity-enhancing skills (www.alberta.ca/canada-alberta-productivity-grant).
- **Canada-Alberta Workforce Resilience Initiative** – Provides funding to employers, industry associations and community organizations to support adaptation to global trade changes through two streams: workforce planning and employer-led training (www.alberta.ca/canada-alberta-workforce-resilience-initiative).
- **Industry Workforce Partnership Specialists** work with stakeholders at the provincial and national levels. They focus on priority sectors of our province's economy including energy, hospitality and tourism, forestry, manufacturing, aviation, technology, transportation and construction (www.alberta.ca/workforce-contacts-employer-resources).
- **Jobs and Employment** – Alberta jobs, employment standards, OHS and other services and supports for workers and employers (www.alberta.ca/employment-topic).
- **Labour Market Information** – Wage and salary information and job market forecasts, trends, statistics and profiles (www.alberta.ca/labour-market-information).
- **Labour Market Information Portal** – Discover Alberta's labour market, helping you explore opportunities, make informed decisions and plan for your future (labour-market.alberta.ca).
- **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).
- **Northern Alberta Development Bursaries** – Assists Alberta post-secondary students who agree to live and work in northern Alberta after they complete their studies (www.alberta.ca/northern-alberta-development-bursary-program).
- **OHS Education and Resources** – Links to the Government of Alberta's one-stop shop for health and safety publications, OHS eNews monthly service, webinars and other resources for employers, workers and supervisors (www.alberta.ca/ohs-education-resources).
- **Training and Employment Services Directory** – Programs and services to help individuals find and keep jobs, get training and adapt to a changing labour market (www.alberta.ca/lookup/training-and-employment-services-directory.aspx).

- **WorkFirst Alberta** – Empowering job seekers to grow careers and employers to find skilled talent in Alberta. Alberta employers can access tools, supports and connections to qualified job seekers to help build a strong workforce (www.alberta.ca/workfirst-alberta).
- **Workforce Consultants** are located across the province and connect employers with tools and resources to help with recruiting, retaining and adapting 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).