



# Resources for Indigenous Entrepreneurs

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# NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURS

## Inspiration

- Startup Canada | [#StartupPodcast](#)
- Animikii Indigenous Technology | [Indigenous Innovators](#)

## Education and Training

- Startup Canada | [#StartupChats](#)
- [Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development](#) (ABED)
- [Canadian Center for Aboriginal Entrepreneurship](#) (CCAE)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Business Planning](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Choosing and Setting Up a Location](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Conducting Market Research](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Day-to-Day Operations](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Employees](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Growing](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Naming Your Business](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Registering Your Business](#)
- CBN (Canadian Business Network) | [Selling to Governments](#)
- Martin Family Initiative | [AYEP \(Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program\)](#)
- [100 Steps 2 Startup](#) (Get \$50 off using discount code StartupCanada2018)

## Networking and Networks

- Innovation, Science and Economic Development | [Aboriginal Business Directory](#)
- Native Women's Association of Canada | [Aboriginal Women's Business Entrepreneurship Network](#) (AWBEN)
- [Aboriginal Business Match](#) (ABM)
- [Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council](#)
- [National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association](#) (NACCA)
- [Okwaho Equal Source](#)
- [Startup Canada](#)
- [Inuit Women in Business Network](#) (IWBN)

## Mentorship

- Canadian Council for Aboriginal Businesses (CCAB) | [Aboriginal Business Mentorship Program](#) (ABMP)
- [Inuit Women in Business Network](#) (IWBN)

## Accelerators and Incubators

- [Canadian Executive Service Organization](#) (CESO)

## Space:

- [Songhees Innovation Centre](#)

## Capital and Funding

- Canadian Council for the Arts | [Aboriginal Arts - Grant Programs](#)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada | [Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development](#) (ABED)
- BDC | [Indigenous Banking at BDC](#)
- Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) | [Tools and Financing for Aboriginal Business](#)
- Animikii | [Technology & Entrepreneurship Scholarships For Indigenous Youth](#)
- The McConnell Foundation | [Granting](#)

## Sales and Customers

- Canadian Business Network (CBN) | [Marketing and Sales](#)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada | [Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business](#)

## Global Expansion

- [Trade Commissioner Service](#)
- Global Affairs Canada | [Canadian Aboriginal Procurement Strategy](#) (CAPS)

## Awards and Recognition

- CCAB | [Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame \(ABHF\) Lifetime Achievement Award](#)
- CCAB | [Aboriginal Economic Development Corporation Award](#)
- CCAB | [Indigenous Women in Leadership Award](#)
- CCAB | [National Youth Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award](#)
- CCAB | [The Award for Excellence in Aboriginal Relations](#)

## Advocacy

- [The Indigenous Business and Investment Council](#)
- [The McConnell Foundation](#)

## Media

- [Aboriginal Peoples Television Network News](#)
- [BetaKit](#)
- [Bloomberg TV Canada](#)
- [Canadian Business](#)
- CBC News | [Indigenous](#)
- [Financial Post Entrepreneur](#)
- [Globe and Mail Small Business](#)
- [Nation Talk](#)

# REGIONAL RESOURCES FOR INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURS

## Atlantic Canada

- UInooweg | [Atlantic Aboriginal Entrepreneur Award Show](#)
- UInooweg | [UInooweg's Aboriginal Business Loans](#)

## New Brunswick

- Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) | [Aboriginal Development Fund](#)

## Newfoundland and Labrador

- [NunatuKavut Business Centre](#)

## Prince Edward Island

- Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI | [PEI Aboriginal Business Directory & Resources for Aboriginal Entrepreneurs](#)

## Quebec

- [First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Economic Development Commission](#) (FNQLEDC)
- [Réseau d'Affaires des Premières Nations Du Québec](#) (RAPNQ)

## Ontario

- Government of Ontario | [Funding Indigenous Economic Development](#)
- Government of Ontario | [Aboriginal Procurement Program - Bidding on Government Contracts](#)
- Indigenous Economic Development Fund | [Regional Partnership Grant](#)
- Northern College | [The Aboriginal Entrepreneurial Learning Path Program](#) (AELP)
- Two Rivers Community Development Centre | [General Business Loans](#)

## Manitoba

- Government of Manitoba | [Aboriginal Procurement Initiative](#)
- [Aboriginal Youth Mean Business!](#)
- [Communities Economic Development Fund](#)
- [Community Futures Program](#)
- [First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc.](#)
- [Louis Riel Capital Corporation](#)
- [Manitoba Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Metis Economic Development Fund](#)
- [Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corporation](#)

## Saskatchewan

- [Clarence Campeau Development Fund](#)
- [Indigenous Business Development Services](#) (IBDS)
- [Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation Inc.](#) (SIEF)
- [SOAR – Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Support Program](#)

## Alberta

- [Aboriginal Business Development Services](#)
- [Alberta Indian Investment Corporation](#)
- [Apeetogosan \(Métis\) Development Inc.](#)
- [Apeetogosan & Pinnacle Business Services](#)
- [Aseniwuche Environmental Corporation](#)
- Community Futures Treaty Seven | [Business Development](#)
- [Indian Business Corporation Services](#)
- First Nations Bank of Canada | [Business Borrowing](#)
- [Settlement Investment Corporation](#)

## British Columbia

- [All Nations Trust Company](#) (ANTCO)
- Coast Opportunity Funds | [Economic Development Fund](#)
- First Citizens Fund | [Business Loan Program](#)
- Aboriginal Social Enterprise | [Mamawikiskinawam Atotan Entrepreneurial Spirit Program](#)
- Small Business BC | [Indigenous Small Business Resources](#)
- Vancity | [Aboriginal BEST loan](#)

## Yukon & Northwest Territories

- Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency | [Entrepreneurship and Business Development](#) (EBD)
- Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) | [Economic Development](#)
- Canadian Trade Commissioner Service Regional Office | [British Columbia and Yukon](#)
- Yukon College | Yukon Research Centre | [Cold Climate Innovation](#)
- Government of Yukon | [Enterprise Trade Fund](#)
- [TechYukon](#)
- [YuKonstruct Makerspace](#)
- [Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce](#)

## Nunavut

- Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency | [Entrepreneurship and Business Development](#) (EBD)
- Atuqtuarvik Corporation | [Financing](#)
- Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut | [Fisheries and Fur Programs](#)
- [Kivalliq Partners in Development](#)

- [Kakivak Association](#)
  - [Makigiaqvik Loans](#)
  - [Small Tool Grants](#)
  - [Economic Opportunity Fund](#)
  - [Sivummut Grants to Small Businesses](#) | (Qikiqtaaluk region)