

City of Niagara Falls Government Programs and Incentives

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<p>Downtown Community Improvement Plan (CIP) The Downtown CIP is made up of three programs: Revitalization Grants, Residential Loans and Commercial Building and Facade Improvement Grants. Owners of properties within the Downtown CIP area may apply. City of Niagara Falls http://www.niagarafalls.ca/business/community-improvement-plans/</p>	Grant/Loans
<p>Historic Drummondville Community Improvement Plan (CIP) The Historic Drummondville CIP is made up of three programs: Revitalization Grants, Residential Loans and Commercial Building and Facade Improvement Grants. Owners of properties within the Historic Drummondville CIP area may apply. City of Niagara Fall http://www.niagarafalls.ca/business/community-improvement-plans/</p>	Grant/Loans
<p>Brownfield Community Improvement Plan (CIP) The Brownfield CIP is made up of two programs: Brownfields Tax Assistance/Rehabilitation Grant and Environmental Study Grant Only owners of properties with the area designated as Urban Are in the City of Niagara Falls may apply. http://www.niagarafalls.ca/business/community-improvement-plans/</p>	Tax assistance and grants
<p>Sewer Surcharge Relief Relief will be granted on the sewer surcharge for that portion of water used for product production and diverted from the sanitary sewer. Contact: bdd@niagarafalls.ca</p>	Relief of charges
Business Financing	Incentives
<p>Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC): The BDC provides express lending for commercial loans. BDC will finance businesses in the manufacturing, wholesale, business services sector and various other industries. Loans are assessed and authorized locally. http://www.bdc.ca/</p>	Repayable contribution of loans up to \$250,000.

<p>Industry Canada Canada Small Business Financing Program (CSBFP): The CSBFP helps small business with their financing needs. The Government of Canada makes it easier for small businesses to get loans from financial institutions by sharing risk with lenders. Financing is available to purchase buildings and land, commercial vehicles, hotel/restaurant equipment, computer equipment and production equipment. http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/csbfp-pfpec.nsf/eng/Home</p>	<p>Repayable contribution of loans up to \$500,000.</p>
<p>Rural Economic Development (RED) Program The RED program is an economic development initiative that assists rural communities in retaining and developing local talent and inciting economic growth. The program has four priorities: community revitalization, skills training and development, access to healthcare and the food processing sector. Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs http://www.ontario.ca/rural</p>	<p>Grant of up to 50% of eligible project costs and no partnerships are required</p>
<p>VentureStart The VentureStart program assists Southern Ontario College and University graduates (STEM programs: science, technology, engineering, math) interested in starting innovative businesses through business skills development and business launch support. Research Innovation Commercialization (RIC) Centres http://riccentre.ca/programs/venture-start/</p>	<p>Funding of 50% (\$1,700) of the skills development phase</p> <p>Matching financing of up to a maximum of \$30,000</p>
<p>Employment and Training</p>	<p>Incentives</p>
<p>Ontario Self-Employment Benefit Program (OSEB) The OSEB provides entrepreneurial skills development support to approved participants to help them develop and implement their business plan and to become self-employed. This program gives you the opportunity to start your business while receiving expert training, guidance and income support. The Niagara College Business Development Centre http://www.mybdc.biz</p>	<p>Financial income support</p>
<p>Graduate Internship The Career Edge Internship Program provides meaningful, entry-level work experience for Canadian graduates eager to put their education to work, while offering employers the unlimited potential that comes with hiring bright, young talent. Career Edge http://overview.careeredge.ca</p>	<p>Funding for Internship positions that last for 6, 9 or 12 months.</p>

<p>Innovation Small and Medium Size Enterprises Internship Program</p> <p>The Industrial-Research Assistance Program is Canada's premiere innovation assistance program for small and medium sized enterprises, which provides financial assistance towards the employment of post-secondary graduates to work on innovation projects.</p> <p>National Research Council/International Research Assistance Program http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/ibp/index.html</p>	<p>Financial support towards internships that last been 6-12 months up to \$30,000.</p>
<p>Opportunity Fund for Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Human Resources and Skills Development Canada Providing contribution funding to individuals, employers and organizations, Opportunity Fund for Persons with Disabilities helps people with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain employment or self-employment.</p> <p>http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/funding_programs/opportunity_fund/index.shtml</p>	<p>Financial assistance for individuals as well as local and regional projects</p>
<p>Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit</p> <p>The Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit encourages employers to hire and train apprentices in certain skilled trades. Corporations or unincorporated business are eligible for a refundable tax credit on services performed by an eligible apprentice during the first 36 months of an apprenticeship.</p> <p>Ministry of Revenue, Corporations Tax Branch, Tax Advisory http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/credit/attc</p>	<p>Refundable tax credit on wages and salaries paid.</p>
<p>Co-operative Education Tax Credit (CETC)</p> <p>The CETC is a refundable tax credit available to employers who hire students enrolled in a co-operative education program at an Ontario college or university.</p> <p>Ministry of Revenue http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/credit/cetc/</p>	<p>Refundable tax credit of up to \$3,000 for each placement.</p>
<p>Youth Employment and Training</p>	<p>Incentives</p>
<p>The Canadian Youth Business Foundation (CYBF)</p> <p>The CYBF is a national organization providing start-up financing, pre-launch coaching, business resources and mentoring to help young Canadians between the age of 18-34, start their own successful business. CYBF loans money in partnership with the Canadian Federal Government, Ontario Provincial Government and major commercial banks to lend over \$20 million in the next two years. The Niagara Falls Small Business Enterprise Centre is the local community partner.</p> <p>http://www.cybf.ca</p>	<p>Repayable loans of up to \$15,000 towards start-up costs.</p>
<p>Summer Company</p> <p>Summer Company is a program designed to help young people between the ages of 15 and 29 years old start and run their own summer business, through grants, business training and mentoring group programs. The Niagara Falls Small Business Enterprise Centre is the program provider.</p> <p>http://www.ontario.ca/summercompany</p>	<p>Grant of up to \$3,000</p>

<p>Summer Jobs Under the Summer Work Experience, Service Canada provides initiatives to help fill summer positions by providing employers with job-posting services, information on wage rates and employment standards and information on Government of Canada and provincial employment initiatives. Service Canada http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/csj2011-07-14</p>	<p>Funding for not-for-profit, public-sector employers and small businesses.</p>
<p>Exports</p>	<p>Incentives</p>
<p>Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) The CCC brings buyers and Canadian exporters together. CCC can help promote projects, prepare bids or proposals, negotiate and structure contracts, and providing management after the contract is awarded. Paying only for those services used. http://www.ccc.ca/eng/home.cfm</p>	<p>Provide access to working capital and competitive foreign exchange rates.</p>
<p>Export Development Canada (EDC) EDC is Canada's export credit agency, offering innovative financing, insurance and risk management solutions to help Canadian exporters and investors expand their international business. Services include various insurance products for Canadian exporters, flexible financial options to buyers, bid and performance bonds, economic and political research and assessment of export-readiness. http://www.edc.ca/en/Pages/default.aspx</p>	<p>Offers innovative financing and insurance options</p>
<p>Export Market Access (EMA) EMA is a cost-sharing grant program designed to help small to medium sized organizations to take advantage of opportunities in foreign markets. Eligible activities include market research, marketing tools, direct contacts and foreign bidding projects. http://occ.on.ca/programs/</p>	<p>Grant funding and support</p>
<p>Ontario Exporters Fund Program The Fund has been established to assist small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to become export read and help them gain/increase access to international export market or to hire an export manager http://www.ontarioexporters.ca/home</p>	<p>50% funding for eligible costs up to \$5,000</p>
	<p>50% funding for eligible costs of hiring an export manager up to \$50,000</p>
<p>CME SMART Prosperity Now The program is administered by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and funded by Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev). Eligible companies must be incorporated for two or more years and have 15 - 1000 employees. To be eligible for SMART Prosperity Now funding, eligible manufacturers must be exporters, planning to export, or selling into a value chain leading to exports. http://www.cme-smart.ca/prosperity-now/</p>	<p>Project Funding Component 33.3% funding for eligible costs up to a maximum of \$75,000</p>
	<p>Assessment Component 50% funding for eligible costs up to a maximum of \$5,000</p>

<p>AIME Initiative (Yves Landry Foundation) The foundation can assist by offering grants to foster training that will lead to advancements in innovation within the manufacturing sector in Ontario. Applicants must clearly link their project to growth into new global markets. Funds must be earmarked for training initiatives that will support the adaptation of new technology or innovation or training that will support and develop high skilled personnel in areas leading to innovation. http://www.yveslandryfoundation.com</p>	<p>Grant of up to \$50,000</p>
<p>Research and Development</p>	<p>Incentives</p>
<p>Scientific Research and Experimental Development Program The SR&ED program is a federal tax incentive program that encourages Canadian businesses to conduct research and development in Canada. Work that qualifies includes: development to achieve technological advancement, applied research to advance scientific knowledge, support work in design, operations research, analysis, data collection, programming, testing and psychological research. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/sred/</p>	<p>Cash refund and/or investment tax credit of 35 percent up to the first \$2 million of qualified expenditures</p>
<p>Innovation Demonstration Fund (IDF) The IDF is a discretionary, non-entitlement funding program that focuses on the commercialization and initial technical demonstration of globally competitive , innovative Green technologies processes and/or products. Ministry of Research and Innovation- Commercialization Branch http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/idf/guidelines.asp</p>	<p>Financial support of 50% of eligible costs of up to \$4 million per project</p>
<p>Ontario Innovation Tax Credit (OITC) The OITC is a refundable tax credit available to all corporations that perform scientific research and experimental development (SR&ED) in Ontario. The OITC is calculated as 10% of qualified SR&ED expenses. Ministry of Revenue http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oitc.html</p>	<p>Refundable tax credit up to \$300,000</p>
<p>Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative (SADI) SADI provides Canadian aerospace and defence industries with repayable contributions for strategic R&D projects. SADI has three main objectives: to encourage strategic research and development, to enhance competitiveness and to foster collaborations. Industrial Technologies Office - Industry Canada http://www.ito.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ito-oti.nsf/en/h_00022e.html</p>	<p>Repayable contributions</p>

Energy Efficiency	Incentives
<p>ECO Energy for Industry Assessment Incentive the ecoENERGY Energy Assessment Funding Incentives help industrial companies perform analytical and computer-model assessments of their operations to optimize their processes, reduce operating costs and use energy more efficiently. Natural Resources Canada http://ecoaction.gc.ca/grantsrebates-subventionsremises/organizations-organisations-eng.cfm</p>	<p>Provide financial incentives of up to 30-50 percent of study costs</p>
<p>High Performance New Construction Program The OPA is developing an integrated program of design assistance and financial incentives to motivate builders and developers to incorporate sustainable and energy-efficient features in new construction and major renovation projects. This program encourages installation of Commercial/institutional energy efficiency measures in new construction projects in the Commercial/institutional sector through prescribed and customer retrofit programs. Ontario Power Authority (OPA) http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Design and financial incentives</p>
<p>Energy Audit Funding An energy audit can help identify the costs and benefits of implementing efficiency projects and prioritize energy management projects for your business. Two levels are available, based on size of the building: Electricity Survey/Analysis and Detailed Analysis of Capital Intensive Modifications. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Funding of 50% of project costs to a maximum of \$25,000</p>
<p>Retrofit Program The Retrofit Program provides financial incentives to replace existing inefficient equipment with high efficiency equipment and for installing new control systems that will improve the efficiency of your operational procedures and processes. There are three tracks to choose from: Prescriptive, Engineered and Custom. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Electricity savings of up to 50% of project costs.</p>
<p>Process & Systems Upgrade Programs This program helps you find, achieve and sustain major energy savings. It provides access to the major financial incentives and technical expertise to upgrade your systems and make improved energy management a part of your day-to-day business. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Up to 70% of your capital costs</p> <p>100% funding for preliminary engineering study up to \$50,000</p> <p>100% funding for a detailed engineering study up to \$50,000</p>

<p>Process & Systems Energy Management and Monitoring These incentives provide long-term support so you can maintain and grow your savings well into the future. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Funding up to 80% of a Embedded Energy Manager’s salary</p> <p>Up to \$75,000, capped at 80% of project cost for a monitoring and targeting system</p> <p>Free short term loans of metering equipment</p>
<p>Demand Response Voluntary DR1 Voluntary DR1 is a flexible way to earn monthly payments by reducing your energy consumption when you receive activation notices. Participation is strictly voluntary. There are no commitment - participate only when it suits your business. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Earn a payment for every month in which you participate.</p>
<p>Demand Response Contractual DR3 If your production processes or equipment are flexible enough to allow you to curtail electricity use for a specific number of Demand Response (DR) events per year, Contractual DR3 can provide a key new source of revenue in return for mandatory participation in activation notices. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Availability Payment for demand savings and Utilization Rate for energy savings</p>
<p>Existing Building Commissioning This program provides incentives to evaluate and implement retro-commissioning strategies that increase the efficiency of your chilled water plant. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>\$2500 to hire an expert to analyze your chilled water system</p> <p>up to \$30,000 to evaluate energy efficiencies</p> <p>up to \$5,000 of funding to complete the Implementation Phase Commissioning Report</p> <p>Funding of \$2500 to complete a Final Commissioning Report</p>
<p>High Performance New Construction Substantial financial incentives and design assistance are provided for building owners and architects who exceed the electricity efficiency specified in the Ontario Building Code. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	<p>Up to 100% of the cost of modeling a building up to \$10,000</p>

<p>Small Business Lighting For small businesses, this program offers a free assessment to identify energy savings and up to \$1000 of lighting and other energy-efficient upgrades, including all equipment and labour. An authorized licenced contractor will make an appointment to complete the retrofit. Installations are quick and can be made when your business is open. Niagara Peninsula Energy http://www.npei.saveonenergy.ca</p>	Up to \$1000 in free lighting and equipment upgrades
Media	Incentives
<p>Experimental Stream The Experimental Stream seeks to support Canadian interactive digital media content and application software that is innovative and leading-edge. Projects may apply for Development, Production or Marketing & Promotion support. Canada Media Fund (CMF) http://www.cmf-fmc.ca</p>	Repayable advances, recoupable investments and/or non-interest bearing loans
<p>Development Program Through the Development Program the CMF seeks to encourage production from a variety of regions and in both official languages. Eligible Projects in this Program must be convergent: they must have a Television Component and one or more Digital Medi Components. Canada Media Fund (CMF) http://www.cmf-fmc.ca</p>	Financial Contributions up to a specified Maximum Contribution amount.

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