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**AFFIDAVIT OF DARREN HEDLEY
AFFIRMED ON JULY 12, 2021.**

I, Darren Hedley, of the City of Edmonton, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Secretariat, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance with the Government of Alberta, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

- I have I have been the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Secretariat, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance (Ministry) since December 17, 2019.

2. The Treasury Board Secretariat's purpose is to provide strategic foresight to government's fiscal planning process through timely, relevant and accurate advice to decision makers; leadership and guidance to ministries to support implementation of government's objectives; and promoting accountability and transparency through high quality reporting.

3. In my role, I am responsible for providing timely, relevant and accurate budget, forecast and capital planning analysis; including advice and recommendations to decision-makers including the Premier, Cabinet, Minister, Treasury Board Committee and other bodies. I am also accountable for the government's budgeting (annual budget, quarterly fiscal and mid-year updates) and key financial results included in the Annual Report and the Annual Infrastructure Report. This also includes reporting on COVID-19 and Recovery Plan expenditures made available to individuals, families, businesses, not-for-profits and other organizations.

4. I have personal knowledge of the facts and matters stated in this Affidavit - except where they are based upon information and belief, in which case I believe them to be true.

5. The Affidavit of Chris Shandro (Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism and Economic Development Division of the Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Innovation) sworn on July 8, 2021, sets out programs and supports specifically provided by the Ministry of Jobs, Economy, and Innovation. The purpose of my Affidavit is to set out some further supports not covered in the Shandro Affidavit.

6. Attached as **Exhibit "1"** to my Affidavit is a document listing some of the supports available to individuals and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta, compiled by the Treasury Board and Finance communications team on June 3, 2021. This list is not exhaustive, but demonstrates the range of responses taken by the Government of Alberta to address the consequences of the pandemic.

7. The Government of Alberta has made a variety of economic supports available to individuals, families, and businesses, including:

Exhibit "2"- Utility Payment Deferral Program. Enabled residents, farms, and small commercial customers to defer electricity and natural gas payments until June 19, 2020.

Exhibit “3”- 14 Days of Job Protected Leave. As of March 5, 2020 any employee recommended or directed by the Chief Medical Officer to quarantine can take 14 days of unpaid, job-protected leave. This leave can be accessed multiple times if necessary.

Exhibit “4”- Emergency Isolation Support. \$50 million in support for self-isolating Albertans who have experienced total or significant income loss. As of March 25, 2020, Albertans that are diagnosed with Covid-19, have been directed to self-isolate, or are caring for self-isolating dependents, and have no other income source, may be eligible for a one time payment of \$ 1,146. As of February 1, 2021, isolation support was expanded to include a payment of \$625 for any Albertan – including First Nations individuals living both on and off reserve and people living on Metis Settlements – who could not safely self-isolate in their own home and so was referred to an assigned hotel by AHS. Individuals referred to assigned hotels can self-isolate for up to 14 days free of charge with culturally appropriate food and other supports.

Exhibit “5”- Education Property Tax Freeze, Education Property Tax Deferral for Businesses, ATB Customer Relief Program, Deferral of Corporate Tax Balances and Installment Payments, Alberta Student Loan Deferral, Alberta Student Loan Interest Deferral.

As of March 23, 2020, education property taxes are frozen at 2019 level. This reversal of the 3.4% population and inflation adjustment saves households \$55 million and employers \$32 million. As of March 23, 2020. This deferral means that approximately \$458 million stays in the hands of employers to pay employees and continue operations. As of June 1, 2021, ATB deferred a total of \$9.5 billion in loans to individuals and businesses. The collection of corporate income tax balances and instalment payments is deferred until Aug. 31, 2020, which gives Alberta businesses access to approximately \$1.5 billion in funds. \$148 million provided to Alberta Student Aid to enable six month pause on student loan repayments from March 30 to September 30, 2020. Additionally, \$45 million was provided to Alberta Student Aid to enable six month pause in interest charges from March 30 to September 30, 2020.

Exhibit “6”- Funding for Students Suffering Learning Loss During Pandemic. As of May 28, 2021, \$45 million in funding to develop supports for young learners requiring assistance with literacy and numeracy after two years of pandemic-impacted learning.

Exhibit “7”- Relief for the Child Care Sector. As of May 6, 2020, up to \$17.8 million in grants to daycare centres and out-of-school centres delivered in three phases: \$6.7 million to cover up to 25% of rent and utility costs not covered by federal funding programs; \$3.2 million for cleaning and sanitation supplies, staff recruitment and training upon reopening; and \$6.9 million in potential grants to cover deferred bills and unforeseen operational costs three months after reopening (subject to other federal and provincial supports).

Exhibit “8”- Relief for Working Parents. As of February 24, 2021, \$108 million in funding for the Working Parents Benefit. Eligible parents that use child care will receive a one time payment of \$561 per child to help with the cost of child care.

Exhibit “9”- Expanding Child Care Options for Working Parents. As of March 25, 2021, \$9.7 million in grants to operators to create 1,500 more spaces in day homes, daycare centres, and overnight care.

Exhibit “10”- Additional Assistance to the School Nutrition Program. As of April 2, 2020, an additional \$3 million (on top of the existing \$15.5 million) was provided to nine profit organizations to provide additional food assistance for vulnerable K-12 students and families.

Exhibit “11”-WCB Premium Deferral for Private Sector Businesses and Support for Small and Medium Businesses. As of March 23, 2020, \$1.1 billion in funding to enable private sector employers to defer WCB premiums for one year; credit or rebate to employers who have already paid 2020 premiums; government will cover 50% cost of premiums for all small and medium businesses (at a cost of approximately \$350 million to government); large employers will have premiums deferred until 2021. This funding frees up approximately \$750 million for businesses.

Exhibit “12”- Six Month Deferral of Timber Dues for Forest Companies. As of April 4, 2020. This deferral supports approximately 946 small businesses, and 58 medium and large businesses affected by the pandemic.

Exhibit “13”- Alberta Jobs Now Program. As of May 19, 2021, \$370 million in funding to enable private and non-profit businesses to hire employees. Employers will be able to apply for a grant that covers 25 per cent of an employee’s salary for a 52-week period up to a maximum of \$25,000 per employee. The grant can be used to cover salary or training costs. Employers who hire persons with disabilities will receive a grant 1.5 times higher than the amount they receive for other new employees.

Exhibit “14”- *Restoring Balance in Alberta’s Workplace Act*. To free up \$100 million to job creators by reducing red tape in daily operations.

Exhibit “15”- Job Creation Tax Cut. As of July 1, Alberta’s corporate tax rate dropped to 8%.

8. The Government of Alberta has made a variety of mental health and community supports available, including:

Exhibit “16”- Additional funding for Food Banks. As of April 10, 2020 and additional \$5 million in funding to Alberta Food Banks in order to secure access to food for vulnerable Albertans.

Exhibit “17”- Funding to Caregivers Alberta. As of April 14, 2020, \$3 million in funding to this non-profit organization, which supports the 1 million Albertans that are caregivers to friends and family members.

Exhibit “18”- Civil Society Fund. As of April 7, 2021, \$20 million in funding over three years (\$7 million this year) to support charities and civil society organizations in Alberta.

Exhibit “19”- Increased Mental Health Supports. As of April 15, 2020, an additional \$53.2 million in funding for various programs (\$21.4 million for existing helplines; Addiction Helpline, Mental Health Helpline, Kids Help Phone, Community and Social Services Helpline (Alberta 211); \$2.6 million to expand individual and group treatment

for family violence, addiction and mental health; \$4.2 million to expand addiction and mental health support through Primary Care Networks; \$25 million for a new community grant program to enhance community mental health and addiction recovery for the public, including Indigenous communities, seniors, families and people experiencing social barriers).

Exhibit “20”- Creation of Five Recovery Communities for Mental Health and Addiction. As of July 15, 2020, \$25 million in funding.

Exhibit “21”- Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Operating Grant. Up to \$60,000 grant for core operations (on a matching basis), and up to \$15, 000 for organizational development funding (non-matching) for non-profit organizations that address social issues.

Exhibit “22”- Mental Health Supports for First Responders. As of June 25, 2020, \$362,000 in funding to Heroes in Mind, Advocacy, and Research Consortium (HiMARC) for ongoing research and treatment of mental health issues in military, veterans, first responders and their families.

Exhibit “23”- Mental Health Supports for First Responders. As of August 11, 2020, \$4.5 million in funding for treatment, research, prevention, and stigma reduction for Alberta’s first responders (including firefighters, police officers, paramedics, sheriffs, corrections officers and emergency health-care workers).

Exhibit “24”- Additional Covid-19 Homeless Supports. As of August 5, 2020, an additional \$48 million in funding to homeless shelters (for a total of \$53 million in funding).

Exhibit “25”- Grant to Jessie’s House Women’s Shelter. As of May 21, 2021, a \$1.1 million grant to this 35-bed Women’s shelter in Morinville.

Exhibit “26”- Support for Continuing Care Facilities. As of April 20, 2020, \$24.5 million extended to operators of continuing care facilities in order to increase health-care aide staffing levels and provide a top-up of an additional \$2 per hour for health-care

aides. These measures are estimated to cost approximately \$7.3 million per month during the course of the pandemic.

Exhibit “27”- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program. \$60 million total funding (\$25 mil to adult homeless shelters; \$5 mil to women’s emergency shelters; \$30 mil to community based organizations) for an 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating Metis settlements or municipalities in order to support individuals, families, and communities through preventive social programs and services.

9. The Government of Alberta has provided economic supports to various sectors, including:

Funding for the Energy Sector -\$113 million to fund the industry levy for the Alberta Energy Regulator, a \$100 million loan to the Orphan Well Association to clean up approximately 1,000 sites, under the Site Rehabilitation Program, and \$50 million in funding to Alberta Innovates to support technologies that reduce methane emissions and improve energy efficiency.

Additional Funding to Continuing Care Facilities. As of May 19, 2020, \$170 million (\$14.2 million per month retroactive to March 15) to continuing care facilities for enhanced staffing, cleaning supplies, and lost accommodation revenue in order to protect approximately 37, 000 Albertans living in long-term care facilities.

Provincial/Federal Supports for the Agriculture Industry. As of May 5, 2020, the federal government launched the AgriRecovery initiative in order to support various agricultural industries. The program is cost-shared 60-40 between federal and provincial governments. In Alberta, the initiative assisted the cattle, hog, and potato industries in dealing with inventory backups. The Government of Alberta increased its payment in AgriStability program from 50% to 75% in both the hog and potato sectors, which freed up approximately \$25 million for pork producers and monies for potato producers.

Agriculture Training Support Program. As of May 8, 2020, \$5 million in funding to support farmers, agri-businesses, and food processors to offset the costs of training new

employees. \$2500 for each new employee, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per employer. The program will support training for as many as 2,500 new jobs in Alberta.

The Aboriginal Business Investment Fund (ABIF). As of June 29, 2020, \$500,000 made available to eligible Indigenous community owned businesses.

10. The Government of Alberta has put funding into various infrastructure and investment programs, which has created jobs for Albertans, including:

Doubling of Capital Maintenance Fund. As of April 9, 2020, the Capital Maintenance fund was doubled from \$937 million to \$1.9 billion. The purpose of this increased funding was to repair existing infrastructure and put thousands of Albertans to work.

Infrastructure Grants to Municipalities. As of June 19, 2020, \$200 million in grants to municipalities to upgrade bridges, roads, community airports, and water treatment facilities. The funding will support the creation of approximately 1,800 jobs across the province.

Further \$500 million to municipalities. As of June 29, 2020, \$500 million in additional municipal funding was identified that will support creation of approximately 2,500 jobs. It is anticipated that this funding will be matched by the federal government.

Calgary Ring Road. Approximately \$1.4 billion in Budget 2020 allocated to Calgary Ring Road project supporting creation of more than 8,000 jobs.

Innovation Employment Grant. As of June 29, 2020, a refundable tax credit targeting smaller companies encouraging technology and investment in Alberta while freeing up funds to employ Albertans.

Support for Tech Sector. As of June 29, 2020, \$175 million will be invested over the next three years to re-capitalize the Alberta Enterprise Corporation (AEC) in order to support the tech sector.

Widening Highway 40. As of June 30, 2020, \$50 million allocated to widening of Highway 40, supporting tourism, expansion of natural gas and forestry developments, and creation of 256 jobs.

Investment in Agri-food Industry. As of June 30, 2020, \$27.8 million allocated to expansion of Exhibition Park in Lethbridge, supporting the creation of 450 jobs.

Twinning of Highway 3. As of July 2, 2020, as part of the announced \$10 billion infrastructure spending (including : \$6.9 billion Budget 2020 capital spending; \$980 million accelerated for Capital Maintenance and Renewal; \$150 million for Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program and water infrastructure projects; \$600 million in strategic infrastructure projects; \$500 million in municipal infrastructure; and \$1.5 billion for Keystone XL). The twinning project will drive economic growth and diversification in Southern Alberta and create approximately 755 jobs.

University of Alberta Restoration Projects. As of July 8, 2020, \$16 million in funding for upgrades in mechanical, electrical, heating/cooling systems, which supports creation of 90 full time jobs.

Upgrades for University of Lethbridge. As of July 9, \$20 million in funding for upgrade of heating/cooling systems, supporting creation of approximately 112 jobs.

Expansion and Revitalization of Olds College. As of July 20, 2020, \$21 million in funding supporting creation of approximately 120 jobs.

Improving David Thompson Highway. As of July 17, 2020, \$120 million in funding supporting creation of approximately 582 jobs.

Completion of Terwillegar Drive. As of July 8, 2020, up to \$120 million in funding to complete Terwillegar Drive and other road upgrades in southwest Edmonton, which supports creation of 865 jobs.

11. The Government of Canada has also made economic supports available in Alberta to assist

individuals and businesses affected by the pandemic, including:

Exhibit “28”- Canadian Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)

Exhibit “29”- Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

Exhibit “30”- The Canada Hiring Recovery Program

Exhibit “31”- Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) – program now closed.

12. I make this Affidavit in response to the Applicants’ application.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at Edmonton, Alberta)
this 12th day of July, 2021.)
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A Commissioner for Oaths in and for
the Province of Alberta

David Kamal
Barrister and Solicitor



DARREN HEDLEY

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THIS IS EXHIBIT "1" referred to in the
Affidavit / Declaration of

DARREN HEDLEY

Sworn / Declared before me this 12 day
of July A.D., 2021

A Commissioner for Oaths in and
for the Province of Alberta.
A Notary Public.

Provincial Financial Supports for Albertans

	Program	Funding	Links
1.	Utility deferral program		https://www.alberta.ca/utility-payment-deferral.aspx
2.	Alberta student loan deferral	\$148 million.	https://studentaid.alberta.ca/applying-for-funding/covid-19-pandemic/
3.	Alberta student loan interest waived for six months	\$45 million.	https://studentaid.alberta.ca/applying-for-funding/covid-19-pandemic/
4.	Employment standards: 14-days of job-protected leave if directed to self-isolate		https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-leave.aspx
5.	Emergency Isolation Support	\$50 million; program closed April 5. More than 90,000 Albertans received \$108 million .	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69916B3E9D715-B3EF-8F06-5734E78676744823
6.	Additional health care funding	\$500 million.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69817C344E701-9C80-6249-C7C1432123530CE6
7.	Community and Social Services funding	\$60 million: <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$25 million to adult homeless shelters\$5 million to women's emergency shelters	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69828242A5FFC-D75A-C83E-690D8028C0C4E09F https://www.alberta.ca/family-and-community-support-services-fcss-program.aspx

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	Program	Funding	Links
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$30 million to community-based organizations 	
8.	Education property tax freeze	Saves businesses about \$87 million in 2020-21. Saves households \$55 million.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=699045A66118C-FA03-F4F5-959455E3316B8564
9.	Two month extension of driver's licence, vehicle registration and ID card expiry date	Up to \$60 million.	https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx
10	Two month extension of filing deadline for annual returns with Alberta Corporate registry	Up to \$6.3 million.	https://www.alberta.ca/corporations-cooperatives-organizations-annual-returns.aspx
11	Increased stability and security for Alberta renters		https://www.alberta.ca/residential-tenancy-dispute-resolution-service.aspx
12	ATB Financial Customer relief program	\$9.5 billion (as of June 1) total loans to consumers and businesses that qualified for deferrals.	https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-support-for-employers.aspx#toc-1 https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-supports-for-albertans.aspx#toc-4
13	Alberta Credit Unions		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=698455D70096B-DF57-A62A-778266237F3241C8
14	Additional food assistance (to School Nutrition program)	\$3 million (in addition to \$15.5 million for the School Nutrition Program): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$375,000 to e4c Edmonton \$375,000 to Hope Mission Edmonton area \$375,000 to Calgary Meals on Wheels 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69985583EED83-0C75-4535-C73FD796C40C1802

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$375,000 to Brown Bagging for Calgary \$300,000 to Breakfast Club of Canada Fort McMurray area \$300,000 to Salvation Army Grande Prairie area \$300,000 to Lethbridge Food Bank \$300,000 to Medicine Hat and District Food Bank \$300,000 to The Mustard Seed Red Deer Central Alberta 	
15	Hospital parking fees temporarily suspended	\$7.6 million is estimated parking revenue per month.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=699865CBCB8CC-F72A-A5A6-DB683610571C9154
16	Capital maintenance and renewal funding accelerated	Doubled capital maintenance and renewal funding in 2020-21 from \$937 million to \$1.9 billion by accelerating the capital plan.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70048BECAA8D7-08BF-B86B-3E55D7AB543E4E26 May 7, 2020: https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=712915F9D8833-CB98-AE94-6F2D32A7B989EABA
17	Access to food at food banks and community organizations	\$5 million to food bank locations, charities, not-for-profits and civil society organizations with food supply efforts.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70065F2072F72-D1D5-8FD5-183C93091877A75B
18	Support for caregivers	\$3 million to the non-profit organization Caregivers Alberta.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70091C6954CC7-9E54-B2BF-3FE14A23E6B1929D
19	Mental health supports	\$53.2 million: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$21.4 million for existing helplines; Addiction Helpline, Mental Health Helpline, Kids Help Phone, 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70099FD5A018B-07BD-2B06-3BD3E6BD3108AF41

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		<p>Community and Social Services Helpline (Alberta 211).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.6 million to expand individual and group treatment for family violence, addiction and mental health. • \$4.2 million to expand addiction and mental health support through Primary Care Networks. • \$25 million for a new community grant program to enhance community mental health and addiction recovery for the public, including Indigenous communities, seniors, families and people experiencing social barriers. 	
20	New tool for volunteer opportunities		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70139659B9AA2-D541-90C2-E367082C8331F71C https://www.volunteerconnector.org/?c19=on&md=10000
21	Northern Lights Volunteer Recognition Program		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70139659B9AA2-D541-90C2-E367082C8331F71C
22	Temporarily allowing registry agents to provide select services by phone, secure email, fax or mail		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7019090ACE422-0C4A-03D0-00D11236CA67C87B
23	Match donations made by Albertans to charities for COVID-19 response efforts	Up to \$2 million (reached May 5).	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7007558C88EA2-0676-88A4-A16942AEB2DF250E

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			May 5: https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71265FA0527FA-D6FA-6F41-F401CAFD5BB8EDF4
24	New equipment to double COVID-19 testing capacity	\$4.5 million investment in new virus detecting equipment and technology will help strengthen Alberta's COVID-19 response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes \$1.7 million donation by Calgary Health Trust. AHS and GOA make up the balance. 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71270025A4DC1-FB15-F194-0E10491C5AB8AD29
25	Increased funding to the Community Initiatives Program Operating grant	\$8 million	https://www.alberta.ca/cip-operating-grant.aspx https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/cmsw-cip-operating-june-15-2020-intake-fact-sheet.pdf https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71334634BDF0E-D1EB-45E8-203CD702CFAD9684
26	Continuing care facilities for enhanced staffing, extra cleaning supplies and lost accommodation revenue	\$170 million: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$14.2 million per month, retroactive to March 15. 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71386D035BB2D-B631-0BFC-9D02B950AD5AF7D0
27	Mental health supports for first responders	\$362,000 to Heroes in Mind, Advocacy and Research Consortium for mental health for military and first responders.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=726903F5DF8A9-F434-46C2-F3AAF9E13633AFB4#jumplinks-0
28	Expanded access to COVID-19 testing	Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing offered at community pharmacies. Amount not listed.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=726924529AFC6-0DA2-0C76-C2577A26C8A02464

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29	Serology testing to track COVID-19 spread	\$10 million invested in voluntary serology testing.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=726974B8719B9-D969-005E-28C5196366E194A3
30	Long term care	\$14.2 million a month – and more than \$170 million total – in additional funding to help keep residents and staff safe in long-term care, designated supportive living facilities and seniors lodges. Used to pay for enhanced staffing and extra cleaning supplies, and to address lost accommodation revenue.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727069F8A18B8-A06F-5F85-46B3FDFA5463680B
31	Access to justice	Court of Queen's Bench is resumes some family, civil and masters hearing lists province wide via remote access.	https://albertacourts.ca/qb/resources/announcements
32	Non-medical masks for Albertans	40 million masks offered at no cost in June and July 2020.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72752E526C331-C843-43E9-9DD0982FB7C6EAAA https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72813E1B4AC6B-F4C6-4911-9FA1B4D10F79A64E
33	Expanding COVID-19 testing at pharmacies	Expanded asymptomatic testing at community pharmacies	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=729354D8E4799-A3E2-E236-51FEE082D5C70FE9
34	Additional COVID-19 homelessness supports	\$48 million for people struggling with homelessness during the pandemic.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72973760E638F-074B-00DD-B66FD75EB3A3CC71
35	Supporting first responders' mental health	\$4.5 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73018B3BC02F3-C147-C044-201209F2AF43B1BB
36	Self-isolation supports	Program expanded to include all of Alberta rather than only Edmonton and Calgary.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77182B4417188-F448-3F35-5A966070E85EDF4F

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		\$625 payment when self-isolating in assigned hotel.	
37	COVID-19 advertising	\$15.4 million (as at March 25, 2021)	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7780432BE3D07-E76A-97D9-B19B4660E9193C92
38	Additional funding for CT scans and MRIs in hospitals	\$33 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7781156FE3C91-D403-3384-D0DCC507ACAFD795
39	Funding for medical students to work in rural Alberta	\$6 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77815649B357F-A18F-A0CE-9BBB02E9F59BB052
40	Funding for women's shelter: Jessie's House	\$1.1 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=782229ED8F513-9BEE-9FFF-247758E7A8AE8665
41	Funding for students with learning loss from the pandemic	\$45 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=782630815847F-FD53-2003-D1290A769E208A08
42	Funding period poverty	\$260,000	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=782640BA62504-D93F-2FC7-3CFBD675A6F5B80F

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Provincial Financial Supports for Employers

	Program	Cost	Links
43.	WCB premium payment deferral and half of premiums paid for small and medium-sized businesses	Provides \$1.1 billion in financial relief: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frees up \$750 million for businesses. \$350 million in 50 per cent premiums paid by GOA. 	https://www.wcb.ab.ca/ March 23: https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=699045A66118C-FA03-F4F5-959455E3316B8564
44.	Corporate Income Tax payment deferral to August 31, 2020 interest free	Frees up \$1.5 billion for businesses.	https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-support-for-employers.aspx#toc-1
45.	Deferral paying tourism levies for hotels and other lodging providers	Frees up \$5 million for businesses. Additional deferral frees up \$10 million.	https://www.alberta.ca/tourism-levy.aspx https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=75837D35F9E1F-96B7-DCA2-B1E1AF279A44A300
46.	Alberta Energy Regulator industry levy paid for six months	\$113 million in industry relief.	https://www.alberta.ca/relief-for-the-energy-sector.aspx
47.	Extensions for oil and gas tenures: extending the term of mineral agreements expiring in 2020 by one year		https://www.alberta.ca/relief-for-the-energy-sector.aspx

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48.	Orphan Well Association loan	\$100 million.	https://www.alberta.ca/release-for-the-energy-sector.aspx
49.	Keystone XL Pipeline project	\$1.5 billion in equity investment in 2020, followed by a \$6 billion loan guarantee in 2021.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69965D6D6EE7A-92F8-DD89-BBB9E1FE323BD2DD
50.	Six month education property tax deferral	Deferral frees up \$458 million for employers.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=699045A66118C-FA03-F4F5-959455E3316B8564 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=699045A66118C-FA03-F4F5-959455E3316B8564 Tuesday, July 6, 2021 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=699045A66118C-FA03-F4F5-959455E3316B8564 Wednesday, March 25, 2020
51.	Deferral of timber dues for six months		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70000C5E160A8-0893-2ABA-EAC0F19EF694D2DE
52.	Support for continuing care facilities	\$7.3 million estimated additional cost/month. \$24.5 million advanced to operators to help address immediate cost pressures.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70127FF594C5C-CE00-2934-863516C3FEDF723E

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53.	Site Rehabilitation Program	<p>Mainly funded by the federal government. Grants to perform well, pipeline, and oil and gas site reclamation work.</p> <p>Will provide funds in \$100 million increments; future increments may be provided for work in regions with the most significant environmental benefits.</p>	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70157C2391212-E275-B8DA-3FCC685A421CE43F
54.	Relief for the child care sector	<p>Up to \$17.8 million in grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6.7 million to cover up to 25 per cent of overhead costs • \$3.2 million for cleaning supplies • \$6.9 million to offset deferred bills and to address unforeseen operational issues. 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71285388C2A58-EBFA-E8E6-0CEDD4EDF6EB6965 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=732841F013C91-A49B-2604-60224F65F031A32A https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77272E8DD5BBA-0A90-B43A-90B1014AA466E662
55.	New supports to help farmers and ranchers through AgriRecovery	<p>Will allow beef producers to hold on to slaughter-ready cattle on maintenance feed ration for several weeks, allowing the supply of animals to more evenly match demand and reduced processing capacity.</p> <p>Will immediately increase the interim payment under AgriStability from 50 per</p>	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=712966D4153AC-D8AB-20B4-6161DCACB28DE5A5

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		cent to 75 per cent for the hog sector. This will put up to \$25 million in the hands of pork producers immediately. Will also immediately increase the advance payment under AgriStability from 50 per cent to 75 per cent for the potato industry.	
56.	Agriculture Training Support Program	Up to \$5 million ; the maximum government contribution under the program is \$2,000 per new employee, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per employer. In addition, about \$1 million in funding will be targeted for meat processors to provide support for new hires for meat-cutting training.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71300983A43C2-052C-9669-7A9B903D1A9CFD39
57.	Expanded electronics recycling pilot	Two-year \$43 million pilot project.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71323348493B5-01B3-2816-FCCD4AC943FA10A8
58.	New webpage to support businesses with relaunch guidelines	Launched: alberta.ca/bizconnect .	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71326376831A4-095A-BA3D-30EFF4DAB5766E9B https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx

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59.	Additional relief for tourism industry: businesses keep tourism levy collected between March 1 to December 31, 2020	Frees up \$16 million to \$27 million in additional cash flow for the hospitality sector.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71383C9FCE3C3-F66E-2CE7-4412FA2E6B61547F
60.	Supports and commercial tenancy measures to help Alberta's small- and medium-sized businesses to access up to \$5,000 to offset a portion of their relaunch costs	\$200 million \$25.7 million accessed at July 31, 2020.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72536399E2AE5-9037-B13A-7EC4BE77ADEE7B15 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727037BAAE58F-C37C-BF0E-F69315C5AF8A9EE2 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7294279B4E6F1-F060-6489-8F460801C86C5E3D
61.	Funding for community-owned Indigenous businesses	Up to \$500,000 for the Aboriginal Business Investment Fund	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727130E6CA296-F4D7-4B79-546A84C3D3D5F401

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Provincial Recovery Efforts

	Announcement	Date	What does it mean to Albertans?	Impact/access for Albertans
62.	<p>Alberta's safely-staged COVID-19 relaunch https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=70217037B8E9C-C319-32CC-240D33487895E4F7</p> <p>Alberta is ready for relaunch https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71348A0F295D8-DA49-AFDF-A55CD044FEE7F8B8</p>	<p>April 30, 2020</p> <p>May 13, 2020</p>	<p>Will put Albertans' safety first and gradually reopen closed businesses and services to get people back to work. Relaunch strategy will be rolled out in stages; each stage will be evaluated and sequenced to ensure public safety is protected and meets needs of businesses, services and recreational opportunities, CMOH.</p> <p>Before proceeding with stages, these following safeguards will be put in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing our nation leading COVID-19 testing capacity at the highest level in Canada. Robust and comprehensive contact tracing, aided by technology, to quickly notify people who may have been exposed. Support for those who test positive for COVID-19, to enable isolation and effectively contain the spread. Stronger international border controls and airport screening, especially for international travellers. Rules and guidance for the use of masks in crowded spaces, especially on mass transit. 	<p>Early stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health Services will resume some scheduled, non-urgent surgeries as soon as May 4. Dental and other health-care workers, such as physiotherapists, speech language pathologists, respiratory therapists, audiologists, social workers, occupational therapists, dieticians and more, will be allowed to resume services starting May 4, as long as they are following approved guidelines set by their professional colleges. <p>Access to provincial parks and public lands will be re-opened using a phased approach, beginning with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle access to parking lots and staging areas in parks and on public lands opening May 1. Opening a number of boat launches in provincial parks on May 1 and working to have them all open by May 14. Check albertaparks.ca for the status of boat launches. Government is working hard to make campsites available as soon as possible, with the goal to have as many open as

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining strong protections for the most vulnerable, including those in long-term care. 	<p>possible by June 1 so Albertans can enjoy our parks while adhering to current health orders. At this time, sites are open to Albertans only. Check albertaparks.ca for updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group and comfort camping will not be offered. Campground facility access restrictions to areas such as showers, picnic and cooking shelters will also be posted to albertaparks.ca. • Alberta Parks' online reservation system will be available May 14 to book site visits beginning June 1. Out-of-province bookings will not be processed. • No washrooms or garbage pickup will be available within provincial parks at this time. These services will be available as soon as Alberta Environment and Parks brings staff back. These seasonal positions represent an important opportunity for Albertans to secure employment during challenging economic times. • Fire bans in parks, protected areas and the Forest Protection Area remain in place. • No off-highway vehicle restrictions are currently in place. Local restrictions may be required if the risk for wildfires increases. • Private and municipal campgrounds and parks can open with physical distancing restrictions, under their own local authority.
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf courses can open on May 4, with restrictions including keeping clubhouses and pro shops closed. On-site shops and restaurants can open in stage one, consistent with other businesses and retailers.
	1. Stage 1	Stage 1 being phased in over a 2 week period starting May 14, then May 25, and June 1	Progress to Stage 1 will occur once health measures are achieved to the satisfaction of the government based on the advice of the chief medical officer of health, as early as May 14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With increased infection prevention and controls, to minimize the risk of increased transmission of infections, some businesses and facilities can start to gradually resume operations as early as May 14: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail businesses, such as clothing, furniture and bookstores. All vendors at farmers' markets will also be able to operate. Some personal services like hairstyling and barber shops. Museums and art galleries. More scheduled surgeries, dental procedures, physiotherapy, chiropractic, optometry and similar services. Daycares and out-of-school care with limits on occupancy. Summer camps with limits on occupancy. This could include summer school. Cafés, restaurants (minors allowed in liquor licensed establishments) with no bar service to reopen for public seating at 50 per cent capacity. Some additional outdoor recreation.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-secondary institutions will continue to deliver courses, however how programs are delivered – whether online, in-person, or a blend – will be dependent on what restrictions remain in place at each relaunch phase. • The use of masks will be strongly recommended in certain specific crowded public spaces, like mass transit, that do not allow for physical distancing (two metres apart).
	2. Stage 2	<p>If Stage 1 is successful, tentative launch of Stage 2 is June 19</p> <p>Actual relaunch date is June 12: https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7256707F4ACA1-947B-6D61-82D5FA695DB863FB</p>	<p>Timing of this stage will be determined by the success of Stage 1, considering the capacity of the health-care system and continued limiting and/or reduction of the rate of infections, hospitalization and ICU cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will allow additional businesses and services to reopen and resume operations with two metre physical distancing requirements and other public health guidelines in place. This includes: • Potential kindergarten to Grade 12 schools, with restrictions. • More scheduled surgeries, including backlog elimination. • Personal services, such as artificial tanning, esthetics, cosmetic skin and body treatments, manicures, pedicures, waxing, facial treatments, massage and reflexology. • Permitting of some larger gatherings (number of people to be determined as we learn more about the levels of risk for different activities) in some situations. • Movie theatres and theatres open with restrictions. <p>Visitors to patients at health-care facilities will continue to be limited.</p>

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	3. Stage 3		Timing of this stage is to be determined based on the success of stages 1 and 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully reopening all businesses and services, with some limited restrictions still in place. Permitting larger gatherings (number of people to be determined). Permitting arts and culture festivals, concerts and major sporting events with some restrictions. Permitting nightclubs, gyms, pools, recreation centres and arenas to reopen with restrictions. Resuming industry conferences with restrictions. <p>No restrictions on non-essential travel.</p>
63.	Royal Alberta Museum re-opens Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology re-opens https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71352C5937E38-F67D-ED7F-2EC424AEF4D7C2CB	May 16, 2020 May 22, 2020	Both museums' reopening plans include reduced operating hours and reduced capacity limits in their galleries. Distancing measures, more access to hand sanitizers and new procedures for staff will help keep the museums safe for all. Timed tickets will help stagger visitors entering the museums and help meet the new reduced capacity limits. Visitors will not be able to enter the museums without pre-booking.	Visitors are encouraged to go to the museums' websites and purchase pre-booked, timed tickets for their visit.
64.	Strengthening safety measures for travellers https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=71397FFF740D6-0176-5B5F-9E0149A38F3E4D52	May 20, 2020	Will be required to pass through a provincial checkpoint where they will need to complete an Alberta isolation plan. Travellers will also undergo a thermal scan, as elevated body temperature is a potential symptom of COVID-19.	Anyone entering the province at the Calgary and Edmonton international airports.

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			Phase two will involve establishing a similar provincial checkpoint at the Alberta-U.S. border crossing at Coutts.	
65.	Infrastructure grants for municipalities https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7264606C876B4-D9C0-1C2C-EFB093DD27824DEF	June 19, 2020	\$200 million.	To upgrade local bridges, roads and community airports and make improvements to water supply and treatment facilities.
66.	Final contract for Calgary Ring Road awarded	June 26, 2020	\$277 million. Budget 2020 allocated about \$1.4 billion for the Calgary Ring Road.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72699722514CB-E4B3-A2B6-CF62CD8670306490
67.	Supporting the growth of western Canada business	June 29, 2020	A new online service simplifies the registration process across provincial lines, making it easier for owners to grow their business.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727110A3FD74E-A7C6-D731-4D087BBAD7B7338C
68.	Job Creation Tax Cut	July 1, the corporate income tax rate will drop to eight per cent – a year and a half sooner than promised.		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268
69.	Innovation Employment Grant will provide a refundable tax credit to companies that invest in research and development	June 29, 2020		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268
70.	Removed occupational categories under the	June 29, 2020		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268

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	Temporary Foreign Worker Program			
71.	Accelerated Fairness for Newcomers Action Plan to put new Albertans who are already here to work faster in jobs that reward their skills and training	June 29, 2020		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268
72.	Cultural Event Relaunch Program	June 29, 2020		https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268
73.	Supports for municipal infrastructure	June 29, 2020	\$500 million supports at least 2,500 new jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268
74.	Support for the tech sector Alberta Enterprise Corporation	June 29, 2020	\$175 million over the next three years in capital funds to support the tech sector.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268
75.	Promoting Alberta	June 29, 2020	\$6 million each year for three years to establish investment agency, Invest Alberta.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727120D7B418C-DF0C-FB14-235849A8D5356268
76.	Widening Highway 40	June 30, 2020	\$50 million supports about 256 new jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727243F03ADB0-B612-A494-6815ABD7F5543245
77.	Investing in the agri-food sector	June 30, 2020	\$27.8 million in an agri-food hub at Exhibition Park in Lethbridge supports 450 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7272642DB1961-BE16-9BE8-EB97C829DBD45237
78.	Highway 3 twinning project	July 2, 2020	Part of the more than \$10-billion infrastructure spending announced as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72736A3E73EC6-E9AF-79ED-DE0308AA0264FFA2

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79.	Restoring balance in Alberta's workplaces	July 7, 2020	<i>Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act</i> could save job creators an estimated \$100 million per year by reducing red tape from daily operations	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72765A708604D-00A5-245D-F931FD2DB9DB40B7
80.	Funding University of Alberta restoration projects	July 8, 2020	Additional \$16 million this year to help restore research and learning spaces. Creates 90 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72771D600BD83-AACE-AA2F-04D4299D43FD7A20
81.	Completing Terwillegar Drive	July 8, 2020	Up to \$120 million to complete the expansion of Terwillegar Drive and upgrade other road infrastructure projects in SW Edmonton. Supports 865 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72773DABC62F9-FD6B-785A-60647E5E57490DB4
82.	Alberta Petrochemicals Incentive Program	July 9, 2020	10-year grant program.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727800A2823BF-BE0A-E531-EB2324FEFA3D2B79
83.	Upgrades for the University of Lethbridge	July 9, 2020	\$20 million to upgrade the University of Lethbridge's district heating and cooling centre, creating about 112 jobs	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727810FA129F1-A96B-E779-8656110153B43E53
84.	Olds College expansion and revitalization	July 10, 2020	\$21 million in capital maintenance and renewal funding will create about 120 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=727943E75546B-E5D1-9EDD-92D7850F4ED5994F
85.	Investing in northern Alberta utilities	July 10, 2020	\$16 million grant to Northern Lights Gas Co-op Ltd. to construct a natural gas supply line to support Mackenzie County.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7280048B71C01-0C70-6182-7997E24568C33837
86.	Five recovery communities for the holistic treatment of mental health and addiction	July 15, 2020	\$25 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7282645E236E4-B709-22FA-3D34F57062820D40

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87.	Funding Lethbridge College maintenance, renewal work	July 15, 2020	\$3.35 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72827460A341E-C516-8CBE-8C1E9B12B15E7FB4
88.	Funding boost for unemployed apprentices (about 3,300)	July 16, 2020	\$1,500 during their classroom instruction period, up from \$1,000 offered when the program began in 2016.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7283371195B18-B68C-81EA-017BC3E23B326DD2
89.	Funding Medicine Hat College	July 16, 2020	\$850,000 to replace its electrical substation.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7283477251C1A-E571-6E2F-D1FE319984C2B42A
90.	Improving David Thompson Highway	July 17, 2020	\$120 million will create 582 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72841A6405827-C26F-AC33-6EA9E2E81A787EF1
91.	Red Deer College infrastructure renewal	July 18, 2020	\$5 million will create 28 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72851E3FE645D-AC00-3795-9FB8FED9F730FE5B
92.	Upgrades to NAIT to upgrade heating, ventilation and cooling systems	July 20, 2020	\$8.13 million will create 46 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7285847B4CA54-E55A-F5BE-CFE125C0137B1B93
93.	Funding for arts facility restoration to replace building infrastructure systems in the theatre complex at the Banff Centre.	July 21, 2020	\$2.58 million will create 14 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7286674F72D6C-E819-E3D4-767750165F162C33
94.	Improving facilities at Keyano College for maintenance and repair	July 22, 2020	\$3.2 million will create 18 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72874A7C26D96-01B2-4F8A-32A9C671C7AC0527

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95.	Affordable and accessible child care for more families	July 23, 2020	Under a renegotiated bilateral agreement with the federal government, the Alberta government will receive \$45 million to assist in the delivery of affordable and accessible child care.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72885DB1ED08D-FDA1-0F7E-A7A0264D627FEBED
96.	Help municipalities create jobs and cope with COVID-19	July 28, 2020	\$1.1 billion to build core infrastructure and create 2,500 jobs. \$500 million for infrastructure projects \$233 million matched federal funding to support municipal operating costs during pandemic, and \$70 million for public transit operating costs	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72914E15595B2-FF50-B006-CE56F8D1173C226B
97.	Improving irrigation in southern Alberta	August 4, 2020	\$2.6 million in grant funding. Part of Alberta's \$10-million Irrigation Rehabilitation Program.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=729624EDD53A1-9D87-C5F6-E4D921A514CCDCB1
98.	Funding for renewal at the Hinton Training Centre	August 4, 2020	\$3.8 million in updates. Spending about \$8.6 million on four Hinton infrastructure maintenance projects, part of almost \$2 billion investment for capital maintenance and renewal projects.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72965509B6F9A-F0CF-E3CE-F5F137676DFF3F61
99.	TIER projects	August 5, 2020	\$10 million: \$3 million Sundre Petroleum Operators Group \$5 million Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute \$2 million Petroleum Technology Alliance of Canada	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=729757B8B6804-CA32-4659-8A99E4C140051498
100.	Revitalizing Lakeland College campus to redevelop the Mead Building in Vermilion	August 5, 2020	\$17.27 million will create 100 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=729767C5182C5-9260-4C8B-62563C649AC18E71
101.	Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District	August 5, 2020	\$1.1 million grant part of the \$10 million Irrigation Rehabilitation Program.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=729817FCA4FE5-D61B-0343-DCDB13058CE23EB1

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102.	United Irrigation District	August 5, 2020	\$262,000 part of the \$10 million Irrigation Rehabilitation Program.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7298384499F45-FDBA-37BE-C993A9CFCC74D066
103.	Cold Lake Fish Hatchery	August 6, 2020	\$10.3 million will create 40 jobs. Part of \$50 million to support Alberta's four provincial fish hatcheries to expand and modernize operations.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72991B33C42EB-A3FE-EF02-E948327032EB3FCB
104.	Funding for First Nations colleges	August 7, 2020	\$500,000 for COVID-19 supports.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=72999DDE27CF5-B536-8ED6-597EF8574C08DE13
105.	Paving an 800-metre stretch of Highway 858 through the Hamlet of Plamondon	August 7, 2020	\$1.8 million for a wastewater collection upgrade in Plamondon as a part of \$150 million in water infrastructure grants.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73002E6004DE6-BDD0-51BE-6E469133DD1C6127
106.	Funding infrastructure projects in six rural communities	August 7, 2020	\$15 million for six rural infrastructure projects.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73003E8027966-94EE-3682-DDE7EDCFFB220092
107.	Funding eight infrastructure projects in rural communities	August 11, 2020	\$23.3 million will create 284 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73015ACD4304D-A4F1-E33E-665A6C17DABA41E5
108.	Funding infrastructure projects in Camrose	August 11, 2020	\$11.8 million for airport and wastewater treatment plant. Will create 40 jobs. \$10.2 Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership \$1.6 million Community Airport Program	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73016B051B773-D59F-BA97-4908B95F6CA2D42A
109.	School construction in Camrose	August 11, 2020	\$15 million will create 84 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73017B0DEEDC9-D64B-2F65-36D7C4CF9DE9620E
110.	Funding irrigation systems projects	August 13, 2020	\$10 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=730351F933DE5-9B62-8EA9-A20D67B9A698A214

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111.	Supporting tourism: trails on public lands and provincial parks in David Thompson Country	August 19, 2020	\$1 million will create 30 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7305757789B67-EB98-B9FF-C5C41FF63F8A5F49
112.	Funding post-secondary projects	August 21, 2020	\$98 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>\$20 million to the University of Lethbridge</u> • <u>\$17.3 million to Lakeland College</u> • <u>\$15.16 million to Olds College</u> • <u>\$6.2 million to Olds College</u> • <u>\$8.13 million to NAIT</u> 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73069AFC2B905-02AB-BEFA-B7C465CAED2D276A

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>\$8 million to the University of Alberta</u> • <u>\$8 million to the University of Alberta</u> • <u>\$5 million to Red Deer College</u> • <u>\$3.35 million to Lethbridge College</u> • <u>\$3.2 million to Keyano College</u> • <u>\$2.58 million to the Banff Centre</u> • <u>\$850,000 to Medicine Hat College</u> 	
113.	Funding 20 infrastructure projects in central Alberta	August 25, 2020	\$69.7 million part of the \$10 billion infrastructure spending announced as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73092802DA1BA-D9CF-0037-2AC10413509BCE65
114.	Funding 18 infrastructure projects in northern Alberta	September 2, 2020	\$62.4 million part of the \$10 billion infrastructure spending announced as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73140191E0B40-0E66-0C30-11E263FAE8E44911
115.	Funding conservation projects	September 4, 2020	\$9.7-million investment in these projects is from the Land Stewardship Fund and will create 125 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=731628BA39319-B06E-4167-21BACA1F575783D3
116.	Constructing Red Deer courthouse	September 10, 2020	Part of the \$10 billion infrastructure spending announced as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan will support 750 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73197BE36589C-9657-7326-45884C60862002EC
117.	Funding affordable homes in Leduc	September 14, 2020	Governments of Alberta and Canada provided \$15.8 million, through the Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement. Will create 115 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=732238E7F6704-A87D-D021-BC18AAB11FBBE630
118.	Funding provincial parks	September 15, 2020	\$43 million will create 230 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73233BA0BCDBD-01EC-4F01-47805F5AAB3C8AB6
119.	Funding replacement of eastbound bridge over Bow River	September 18, 2020	\$60 million will create 357 jobs part of the \$10 billion infrastructure spending	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7325151DFBE9F-FE3B-AE62-80AB8FDBFD38BBE6

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			announced as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=76024DF063515-F372-4983-0ECC083447FA03B6
120.	Funding artificial intelligence	September 18, 2020	\$5 million for Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute through TIER.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7325353A14DB9-C847-DC89-7F952CABE75AF1CF
121.	Innovation funding at colleges, tech schools	September 21, 2020	\$2.1 million in grants through the Research Capacity Program. \$1 million SAIT \$1 million Olds College 150,000 Red Deer College	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73267EFD5F113-9D00-0135-516B0E2BCBF51DF0 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7334692BD731C-B9F3-F709-61F5829CD9CD726E
122.	TIER funded projects	September 22, 2020	\$750 million will create 3,400 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7329228BE88D1-0322-5F49-C6C11B795F47B4C0 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73318C6591C57-0E3B-1147-1811898B8A0131A5 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73430598FF253-FD0E-9802-E650856230274075 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=74477CA9082D2-F2B4-D867-36159E4B8623105A https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=745642FF8ABED-9314-3005-E8D65AF4E905EAB2
123.	Funding affordable housing in Banff	September 23, 2020	\$2.6 million will create 50 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73298552EFBDE-CA3B-4CBC-4E67156E72B1EB3B
124.	Funding seniors housing in Canmore	September 23, 2020	\$10 million in capital funding through Seniors and Housing will create 124 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7329958307A90-9BE3-E3B9-77F2F113606DE00B
125.	School renovations in Lloydminster	September 24, 2020	\$20.3 million will create 110 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=733108CB0F1A0-BE76-80CE-FFAF9CD5ED855871

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126.	Affordable housing for Edmonton	September 28, 2020	\$6 million jointly funded by GOA/federal will create 70 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=733345AB289B4-A0EB-576A-C79E80D49BC34EF0
127.	Funding infrastructure projects in southern Alberta	October 1, 2020	\$125,000	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=73375F988A555-B38D-AF8F-A3E82AB5EF71BC17
128.	Funding new housing for veterans	October 2, 2020	\$1.1 million will create 32 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=733862BDD1C29-DF4A-FE81-819E292F3D2DC43A
129.	Funding irrigation infrastructure projects	October 9, 2020	244.5 million will create 6,800 jobs and 1,280 construction jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=744409082E7B3-B5F3-0F7A-8E5CF641A4308087
130.	Growing venture capital industry	October 19, 2020	\$5 million added to the Alberta Enterprise Corporation's Accelerate Fund.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=74502941E3DCB-ACB2-C741-3D26B403040406F1
131.	Investing in innovation at the U of A	October 21, 2020	\$6.3 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7452101D0CF09-F3D1-286C-C777E803D6212EF8
132.	Funding eight infrastructure projects in northern and southern Alberta	October 26, 2020	\$107.5 million jointly funded by GOA/federal will create 600 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=74551F6B79737-A1F0-F832-B7E0DDF91F642A58
133.	Providing internship opportunities	October 20, 2020	\$15 million over three years will support 3,800 internships.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=74588C569054D-E63F-FBBD-6CED2DF8C8B59849
134.	Build new interchange at QE2 and 65 Avenue Leduc	November 6, 2020	\$91 million cost-shared with Leduc will create 471 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7565431653AB9-FA78-8A20-AC3DD28F819E3EDA

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135.	Improving Highway 60	November 6, 2020	Budget 2020 allocates \$4 million of the estimated \$96 million total cost of the project.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7565634B7FF50-A9A4-66C8-17D2A5F381FA12BE
136.	Supporting faith-based and cultural organizations	November 9, 2020	\$1 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=75675D137DF05-A462-C888-8C53E63BF8E54134
137.	Upgrading Peter Lougheed Centre	November 13, 2020	\$137 million will create 770 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=75694992981A5-F6E6-5F7E-0C197F84E821FD5E
138.	Driving Back to Work grant program	November 26, 2020	\$3 million grant program will make the Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) required to earn a Class 1 commercial licence more affordable.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=757773AC97180-B8C7-23D1-7AC4E19C7BC51358
139.	Funding new Civil Society Fund	December 3, 2020	\$20 million over three years.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=75828A75F7374-E5D1-AB33-2D67B391A33496A1
140.	Affordable seniors housing in Lethbridge	December 8, 2020	\$3.4 million jointly funded by GOA/federal through the Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement. will support for 90 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=75856A8AD6CD1-9738-0EA9-613774A1E12096E8
141.	Funding for COVID research	December 10, 2020	\$20 million over four years.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7588416FE414F-B624-734F-EAE367614A6FE5A3
142.	Agriculture research grant at Lakeland College	January 18, 2021	\$1.9 million grant to transition two critical agriculture research programs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=76084E7A857F9-9D99-9549-C1FC29B630561368
143.	Support for performing arts, sports, rodeo sectors	January 28, 2021	\$17 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77155E4DFA4E0-D5CB-557E-86B3CFD75BC3F81F
144.	Increasing protection for vulnerable Albertans	February 3, 2021	\$68.5 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=771991D3F70D2-0538-C6BF-BC9F4A8E9D810AAA

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145.	Expansions to Small And Medium Enterprise Relaunch grant program	February 4, 2021	Financial assistance to Alberta businesses, cooperatives and non-profit organizations with fewer than 500 employees. As of February 1, \$327 million provided to 47,000 businesses. Added support of \$10,000 April 13, 2021.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7720749334E31-F2CC-9007-B89F37CCBAD65D43 https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77945F973BAF4-C549-C53B-3350E688D7CDD8B95
146.	Support at U of A for veterans	February 4, 2021	\$714,000 over two years.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77209505EC069-B58E-099F-8CD7D06042D0B081
147.	Critical Worker Benefit	February 10, 2021	\$118 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7725286D53275-A3FB-8F23-BADBD2282156211E
148.	Capital maintenance and renewal for six buildings in Calgary, Edmonton and Wetaskiwin	February 12, 2021	Jointly funded by GOA/federal \$11.6 million will support 65 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=772648BFD07335-C1B3-4FC4-DA5F3BDB52ACF500
149.	Enhanced COVID_19 Business Benefit	February 17, 2021	Businesses that can demonstrate a revenue reduction of 60 per cent or more will be eligible to receive 15 per cent of their monthly revenue, up to a maximum of \$10,000.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77292F2280241-CB11-EE33-D6F779210BFFDD22
150.	Improving access to healthcare training	February 18, 2021	\$3.8 million over two years for 324 students.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=773021E92C795-DCC9-B56B-8F673C844A56D9B7
151.	Relief for working parents	February 24, 2021	\$108 million Working Parents Benefit.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77589515AF96C-F889-07FC-25F9C214678A6133
152.	Funding Foothills Medical Centre	March 4, 2021	\$23 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77654F32EF775-AD71-2E0F-B892ADF7C402A3EB

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153.	Funding school builds	March 10, 2021	\$268 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77692289D70FC-F08F-9131-88AD553129D439B7
154.	Capital maintenance and renewal projects	March 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$343 million for health facilities to cover costs associated with repairs, upgrades, maintenance and replacement of building systems and building service equipment in more than 1,000 facilities owned or leased by Alberta Health Services. • \$337 million to assist with maintaining facilities at publicly funded post-secondary institutions. • \$321 million for government-owned facilities to maintain the courthouses, provincial buildings, housing, post-secondary institutions, health facilities, education and cultural facilities where government programs and supports are administered and delivered daily. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$203 million to school jurisdictions to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. This may include life-cycle replacement of building systems such as mechanical and electrical systems (boilers, plumbing, etc.), building envelope (roofs, windows or door replacement/upgrades) and 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7771088BB5897-0515-7F23-433B0CADC2A0433A

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			<p>other system maintenance requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$97 million for provincial park modernization, trail maintenance, enhancement and development, wastewater treatment facility replacement, shower building replacements, washroom replacement, building and trail accessibility upgrades, life-cycle repair and equipment maintenance. • \$95 million for renovations and emergency repairs to the 58,250 affordable housing units that serve more than 110,000 Albertans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Projects include replacing or repairing boilers, elevators, HVAC units, electrical and safety systems, siding, windows, roofing, and more. • \$50 million for information technology to ensure reliable access to critical services for Albertans by modernizing or replacing internal and public-facing applications and supporting infrastructure, such as servers, storage, network and other hardware. • \$6 million for innovation infrastructure maintenance, which provides Alberta Innovates, InnoTech Alberta and the Alberta Centre for Advanced Micro- and Nanotechnology Products (ACAMP) with the ability to maintain/renew 	
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			<p>aging infrastructure and the unique testing facilities for later stage scaling and commercialization of Alberta-based technologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2 million to supplement existing tarmac and facilities maintenance initiatives at Alberta's 13 air tanker bases. • \$2 million for the fish culture capital maintenance and renewal program, such as capital repairs and maintenance at Alberta's four fish culture facilities – the Raven Creek and Allison Creek brood stations, and the Sam Livingstone and Cold Lake fish hatcheries. 	
155.	Indigenous-owned housing projects	March 16, 2021	<p>\$13.1 million provided through the Indigenous Housing Capital Program will create 100 jobs.</p>	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=7773259958809-BE79-34EC-EC93751F3A76D7E1
156.	Funding rural health facilities		<p>\$50 million: South Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.6 million to upgrade the medical device reprocessing area in Brooks Health Centre • \$1.5 million to renovate and upgrade the medical device reprocessing area in the Cardston Health Centre • \$1.5 million to upgrade the medical device reprocessing area in Crowsnest Pass Health Centre • \$250,000 to improve the emergency department triage area in Taber Health Centre 	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=777418CEF009F-E9FE-6A81-422B40843AE7BFE5

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			<p>Calgary Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.6 million to add to the ambulance garage at Claresholm General Hospital • \$4.2 million to renovate Didsbury hospital's mental health and public health space, and consolidate rehabilitation medicine to one location • \$4.7 million to renovate the medical device reprocessing area and \$1.2 million to upgrade the pharmacy in High River General Hospital <p>Central Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$650,000 to redesign and renovate the emergency department triage area and desk at Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre • \$1 million to upgrade the medical device reprocessing area, including cart washers and washer disinfectors, in Olds Hospital and Care Centre • \$3.8 million to renovate the emergency department and \$2.1 million to renovate the medical device reprocessing area at Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre <p>Edmonton Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 to convert the washroom at Westview Health Centre (Stony Plain) to make it accessible to patients requiring bariatric services <p>North Zone</p>	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1 million to renovate the medical laboratory in Fairview Health Complex • \$2 million to renovate the medical device reprocessing area in Peace River Community Health Centre • \$3.5 million to renovate the emergency department at St. Therese-St. Paul Healthcare Centre in St. Paul • \$4.7 million to build a new larger EMS station in Slave Lake <p>\$10 million will demolish decommissioned health facilities in Claresholm, Edson \$5 million unallocated</p>	
157.	Funding training for commercial truckers	March 23, 2021	\$5 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77782C0DF2CD3-03BC-EFB3-111796C364EC65EA
158.	Expanding child care options	March 25, 2021	\$9.7 million in grants to operators to create 1,500 more spaces	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=777972B0300BB-DE7A-D0F0-E9FA4D346D52969E
159.	Funding new court building in Calgary	March 29, 2021	\$57.3 million over three years will support 570 jobs.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77828F64C91B7-F1AA-CA2E-F650D629383F65D9
160.	Funding petrochemicals facility	April 5, 2021	\$408 million grant through Alberta Petrochemicals Incentive Program over three years will employ 16,000	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=778669A05AC37-03C0-4549-A91024394D04DC3F
161.	Funding for civil society organizations	April 7, 2021	\$20 million over three years. This year is \$7 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=77891C04FEAC1-B959-AB90-AD785A4FDB8F64D1
162.	Funding health-related capital projects	April 28, 2021	\$3.4 billion:	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=78040FF7944D3-F4E2-E118-E111E65281D13FAE

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.2 billion for health infrastructure projects, including \$143 million for five new projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rockyview ICU, CCU and gastrointestinal unit ○ Expansion of the neonatal intensive care unit at Calgary's Foothills hospital ○ New cyclotron and radiopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Calgary ○ New maternity and community health centre in La Crete in northern Alberta ○ Demolition of the old High Prairie Health Complex • \$766 million for Alberta Health Services self-financed capital for parkades, equipment and other capital requirements. • \$343 million for capital maintenance and renewal of existing facilities. • \$90 million for health department IT projects. 	
163.	Funding Alberta Jobs Now program	May 19, 2021	\$370 million	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=781993B02673E-F525-34FC-1D40819960BD9712
164.	Upgrading seniors housing	June 2, 2021	\$31. 9 million jointly funded by GOA/federal.	https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=79302060FE01A-C63D-9844-8869F3DAC34F62FE

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Utility payment deferral

The Utility Payment Deferral Program helped individuals, families and businesses impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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This program concluded on June 18, 2020.

Overview

The Utility Payment Deferral Program successfully supported Albertans through the 3 peak months of the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, more than 350,000 customers – representing 13% of the natural gas and electricity consumer base – have deferred utility payments through the program, which concluded on June 18.

The program applied to bills for residences, farms, and small businesses:

- electricity consumers, who consume less than 250,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year
- natural gas consumers, who consume less than 2,500 gigajoules per year

In addition, the government ensured that no Albertan was cut off from these services or saw their services reduced while the program was in place.

Repayment

While the economy is beginning to open and economic conditions are improving, we understand many Albertans may continue to experience financial difficulties because of COVID-19. This is why participants of the program will have until June 18, 2021 to repay their deferred payments.

The default repayment plan for all consumers is 12 equal monthly installments and participants may begin to see the first of these installments on their next bill. If this does not work with your financial situation, you can contact your utility provider to discuss an alternate repayment plan. Provided you

meet the terms of your repayment plan, you will not pay interest on deferred payments.

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) has directed utility providers to contact customers who participated in the program to discuss repayment plan. If you participated in the deferral program and have not heard from your utility provider, please contact them to learn about your repayment requirements and options.

If you were in arrears on payments before the deferral program period started, any outstanding utility charges will still need to be repaid.

In addition to the agreed repayment plan, you may:

- put down additional payments towards your balance at any time
- make changes or amendments to your payment schedule – including automatic payments

If you require support negotiating a repayment plan that fits your budget or in resolving any service or billing issues, contact the [Utilities Consumer Advocate](#).

Other supports

For information on other financial support programs available during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit:

- [Financial supports for Albertans](#)
- [Supports for businesses](#)

For mental health supports, visit:

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COVID-19 Updates

- Alberta enters Stage 1: Mandatory provincewide restrictions remain in effect.
- Get vaccinated: Everyone 12+ can book first dose now, second doses available in stages.

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COVID-19 leave

Eligible employees who are in quarantine can take 14 days of unpaid leave.

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This leave is for employees who need to quarantine or self-isolate due to COVID-19. Employees who need to book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment during their working hours can take the [paid COVID-19 vaccination leave](#).

Basic rules

As of March 5, 2020, all employees who are in quarantine due to COVID-19, are eligible for 14 days of unpaid leave.

- All employees are eligible regardless of their length of service.
- Employees can take this leave more than once.
- Employees can take this leave, and any other job-protected leave, consecutively.
- Employers and employees may explore alternate work arrangements such as working from home.

- Employees on COVID-19 leave are considered to be continuously employed for the purpose of calculating years of service.

Notice

Employees need to provide written notice to their employer as soon as possible and reasonable in the circumstances when they are taking this leave.

Employees do not need:

- a medical note in order to access this job-protected leave
- a medical note to return to work
- to give a written notice to the employer when they are able to go back to work

Pay and overtime

Employers are not required to pay for sick time or time where an employee did not work or earn wages.

Employees can request to use their available vacation pay or banked overtime.

Employee eligibility

All employees recommended or directed by the Chief Medical Officer to quarantine related to COVID-19 are entitled to 14 days of unpaid, job-protected leave.

All employees are eligible regardless of their length of service.

Definitions

Quarantine

Quarantine is any [self-isolation or self-quarantine](#) as a result of COVID-19, as may be recommended or directed by the Chief Medical Officer.

Scheduling employees

Employers are encouraged to work with their employees to explore alternate working arrangements to

allow them to continue to work safely, such as working from home or completing duties that do not require contact with people.

If alternate arrangements cannot be made, employers are not required to schedule employees for work, however, employees who have had a prolonged period where they have not been scheduled for work can explore constructive dismissal.

Termination of employment

Employees may not be terminated or temporarily laid off for requesting a protected leave or being on the leave. Exceptions to this are:

- if the employer is temporarily suspending operations, which may result in a temporary layoff, or permanently ceasing operations which would result in termination

Financial supports

The Government of Canada has announced measures to support individuals, businesses and industries with the impacts of COVID-19.

Learn more about [Government of Canada supports](#) .

How the law applies

Employment Standards [COVID-19 Leave Regulation](#) sets out the rules for COVID-19 leave.

Other available leaves

- [Long-term illness and injury leave](#) (up to 16 weeks)
- Regular personal and family responsibility leave, not related to COVID-19 (5 days)
- Temporary [personal and family responsibility leave](#), related to COVID-19 (flexible)
- [Critical illness leave](#) (up to 36 weeks for a child, up to 16 weeks for an adult)

Additional eligibility criteria may apply to other available leaves.

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Apply for emergency isolation support now

MyAlberta is now receiving emergency isolation support applications from working Albertans who are self-isolating or who are the sole caregivers for someone in self-isolation.

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The Government of Alberta recently announced \$50 million in financial support for self-isolating Albertans with no other source of income. These temporary funds are part of government's COVID-19 response to keep Albertans safe during this unprecedented global health crisis.

Eligibility

Working Alberta adults who have experienced total or significant loss of income as a result of having to self-isolate or care for a dependent who is self-isolating can apply for emergency isolation support payments if:

- They have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- They are caring for a dependent who is self-isolating.
- They have otherwise been directed by health authorities to self-isolate.
- They are not receiving compensation from any other source.

The application, along with full eligibility criteria, is available at alberta.ca.

Once their eligibility has been confirmed, Albertans will be asked to create a verified MyAlberta Digital ID, which is required to complete the application. As part of the verification process, information from the applicant's Alberta driver's licence or ID card is used to confirm their identity by matching the information on the card to the government's motor vehicles database. Once their identity is confirmed, Albertans can complete the emergency isolation support application.

Qualifying applicants will receive a one-time payment of \$1,146 through Interac e-Transfer.

Quick facts

- The Government of Alberta has provided emergency financial assistance to thousands of Albertans in the past, in response to crises and natural disasters such as floods and wildfires.
- Albertans who require assistance with the application can call the Service Alberta Contact Centre at 310-4455.
- The contact centre is available seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Starting in April, the federal government will expand Employment Insurance benefits to provide ongoing support to Canadians who are losing income as a result of self-isolation for COVID-19.
- The payment from the Government of Alberta is meant to provide emergency funds until financial supports from the Government of Canada are available.

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Additional financial support for Albertans and employers

More relief is on the way for Albertans and Alberta employers.

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The government has made three significant decisions that will give Albertans and Alberta employers additional supports as they deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

“Our priority is to keep our province strong while we get through these difficult times together. We’re doing everything we can to support Albertans and Alberta employers through this crisis. That’s why we’re focused on creating tangible savings for households and freeing up necessary cash for businesses to help them through these unprecedented times.”

Jason Kenney, Premier

Education property tax freeze

During a pandemic, Alberta households should not need to worry about paying additional property taxes.

- The government will immediately cancel the decision made in Budget 2020 and will freeze education property taxes at last year’s level.
- Reversing the 3.4 per cent population and inflation adjustment will save Alberta households and businesses about \$87 million in 2020-21, which means \$55 million for households and \$32 million for employers.
- The government expects that Albertans and Alberta businesses will fully realize these savings and

that municipal property tax levels will not be increased as a result of the lower provincial education property tax levels.

Education property tax deferral for business

When Alberta businesses are operating, they employ Albertans who can support themselves, their families and help keep the economy running. Effective immediately, the government will defer education property tax for businesses for six months.

- In the next six months, \$458 million in cash will remain with employers to help them pay employees and continue operations.
- The government expects municipalities to set education property tax rates as they normally would, but defer collection. Deferred amounts will be repaid in future tax years.
- The government encourages commercial landlords to pass on these savings to their tenants through reduced or deferred payments. This will help employers continue to manage their debts, pay their employees and stay in business.
- Businesses capable of paying their taxes in full are strongly encouraged to do so. This will assist the province in being able to support Albertans through this pandemic.

“Eliminating the scheduled adjustment of education property taxes and deferring collection of non-residential property taxes will result in savings to Albertans and improved business cash flow. This measure will help Alberta households and businesses during this time – we want to keep Albertans working while we get through these difficult times together.”

Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

WCB premiums deferral for private sector businesses and support for small and medium businesses

Private sector employers can save money on their WCB premium payments at a time when they need it most. These actions ensure the sustainability of the workers' compensation system and that injured

workers continue to receive the benefits and supports they need to return to work.

- Private sector employers will have immediate financial relief by deferring WCB premiums until early 2021, effectively for one year.
- Employers who have already paid their WCB premium payment for 2020 are eligible for a rebate or credit.
- For small and medium businesses, the government will cover 50 per cent of the premium when it is due.
- Large employers will also receive a break by having their 2020 WCB premium payments deferred until 2021, at which time their premiums will be due.
- Paying 50 per cent of small and medium private sector WCB premiums for 2020 will cost government approximately \$350 million.

Additional measures to help families, students and employers

Previously announced measure taken by the province to protect Albertans and assist businesses include:

- The collection of corporate income tax balances and instalment payments is deferred until Aug. 31, 2020. This gives Alberta businesses access to about \$1.5 billion in funds to help them cope with the COVID-19 crisis.
- \$50 million to support emergency isolation for working adult Albertans who must self-isolate, including persons who are the sole caregiver for a dependent who must self-isolate, and who will not have another source of pay or compensation while they are self-isolated. It is distributed in one payment instalment to bridge the gap until the federal emergency payments begin in April.
- Utility payment deferral for residential, farm, and small commercial customers to defer bill payments for the next 90 days and ensure no one is cut off from electricity and natural gas services during this time of crisis.
- A six-month, interest-free moratorium on Alberta student loan payments for all individuals who are in the process of repaying these loans.

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May 28, 2021

Investing in students to close the gap on pandemic learning loss | Investing in students to reduce the loss of learning due to the pandemic

Alberta's government is providing up to \$ 45 million in new funding to jump-start targeted supports for students who require extra help with literacy and numeracy after two school years of pandemic-impacted learning.

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The targeted programming is based on feedback from superintendents from school divisions throughout the province on how to best support early learners.

Early research indicates literacy and numeracy are two key areas where some younger children are experiencing challenges as a result of the pandemic. Research also indicates that early intervention with struggling readers can

help students catch up to grade level. Without intervention, those students could continue to struggle with reading throughout their school lives.

“We know that literacy and numeracy are critical for young students, and getting timely help at the start of the upcoming school year will ensure that all students are set up for future learning success. Alberta has worked hard to keep schools open through most of the pandemic, but we know that many children have still been set back in their learning. Today’s announcement reflects our real commitment to address that.”

Jason Kenney, Premier

“We know the COVID-19 crisis has created an unprecedented need among younger students and schools that intervene quickly are able to help struggling students catch up to grade level. And we recognize that literacy and numeracy are essential and the building blocks for future learning. This investment is to ensure that students who have experienced learning loss get the timely help they need so that no student is left behind.”

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education

School authorities will have flexibility to design programming to best meet local needs by offering small group sessions for up to 16 weeks for students in Grades 1 to 3 who are assessed as needing additional support.

“Additional funding to target foundational skills is welcomed and timely news as jurisdictions are planning to address learning supports arising from the pandemic.”

Bevan Daverne, president, College of Alberta School Superintendents

“This is welcome news. This new funding will support the hiring of additional teachers and make a difference for our young learners, many of whom faced interruptions to learning over the past year. At the beginning of the next school year, we will prioritize work to determine where students are in their learning and identify the next steps to best address student needs. This funding supports the plans we have in place and allows us to provide additional targeted literacy and math supports for students in those schools most impacted by the disruption of learning this year.”

Marilyn Dennis, board chair, Calgary Board of Education

“We are grateful for Alberta Education’s recent investment in our Grade 1 to 3 students. We know that some students are experiencing disruptions to their learning as well as delays in literacy and numeracy because of COVID-19. The \$45 million in new funding will help Calgary Catholic, and other districts across the province, provide additional and targeted literacy and numeracy supports for these students in the fall.”

Mary Martin, board chair, Calgary Catholic School Division

“Our board is grateful for this new funding targeted to support the early learning needs of students next year. COVID has truly hindered the learning of our children. We feel that this announced support, to close the learning gap, will make a real difference in the futures of our students.”

John Lehnert, board chair, Grande Prairie Public School Division

“I appreciate the government’s investment in this important initiative to ensure student learning is prioritized coming out of the pandemic.”

Holly Bilton, board chair, Chinook’s Edge School Division

In March, a [voluntary program](#) for schools was launched to assess the impact of the pandemic. It focuses on reading deficits among early learners.

An [expert panel](#) is also engaging with Albertans on the impacts of the pandemic on school-aged children.

In addition, Alberta is committed to renewing the kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) curriculum with a focus on literacy and numeracy. The draft K-6 curriculum emphasizes literacy and numeracy across all grades to give students a strong base of essential knowledge for the future.

Quick facts

- Research on reading levels by George Georgiou (professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta) found that, in fall 2020, some students in Grades 1 to 3 were reading about eight to 12 months behind grade level.

- Schools that intervened quickly with struggling readers were able to help about 80 per cent of those students catch up to grade level.
- Previous research indicates that if reading difficulties are not addressed by the end of Grade 3, 75 per cent of those students could continue to struggle with reading throughout their school lives.
- Based on modelling and input from school authorities, it is anticipated that approximately an additional 15 per cent of students in Grades 1 to 3 will need literacy and numeracy support next school year, directly due to COVID-related learning disruptions.
- This is around twice as many students requiring intensive support than school authorities would expect in a typical year.
 - It is also anticipated that, even among students who would experience literacy and numeracy challenges regardless of COVID-19, the degree of deficit may be greater and will require more interventions.
- Funding will be available to school authorities through an application process to Alberta Education that identifies the number of eligible students based on teacher assessments.
 - Additional information on the application process will be available to school authorities in the coming weeks.
 - Students will be assessed after the completion of the up to 16-week program to measure improvements in literacy and numeracy.
- While it will not be known for certain until assessments take place in September and applications are received, up to 50,000 students may benefit from this additional programming.

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Le gouvernement de l'Alberta investira jusqu'à 45 millions de dollars pour financer des programmes d'appui en littératie et en numératie pour les élèves qui ont développé des retards d'apprentissage en raison des perturbations qu'ont connues les écoles au cours des deux dernières années scolaires en contexte de pandémie.

Le choix des compétences ciblées par ce nouveau financement fait suite aux commentaires des directions générales des divers conseils scolaires albertains sur la meilleure façon d'appuyer les jeunes apprenants.

Des travaux de recherche préliminaires ont indiqué que la littératie et la numératie sont deux domaines clés dans lesquels certains jeunes enfants éprouvent des difficultés en raison de la pandémie. De plus, selon ces travaux de recherche, une intervention précoce auprès des lecteurs en difficulté pourrait les aider à rattraper leur retard scolaire. Toutefois, sans cette intervention, ces élèves pourraient continuer à avoir des difficultés en lecture tout au long de leur vie scolaire.

« La littératie et la numératie sont essentielles pour les jeunes élèves et en recevant rapidement de l'aide dès le début de la prochaine année scolaire, ils auront ainsi toutes les chances de réussir leurs apprentissages futurs. L'Alberta a déployé des efforts considérables pour garder les écoles ouvertes pendant la plus grande partie de la pandémie, mais de nombreux enfants ont quand même pris du retard dans leurs apprentissages. L'annonce d'aujourd'hui témoigne de notre engagement réel à remédier à cette situation. »

Jason Kenney, premier ministre

« La pandémie de COVID-19 a créé un besoin sans précédent chez les jeunes élèves et les écoles qui interviennent rapidement peuvent aider les élèves en difficulté à rattraper leur retard scolaire. Nous reconnaissons que la littératie et la numératie sont essentielles et constituent les fondements de tout apprentissage futur. Cet investissement vise à garantir que les élèves qui connaissent un retard d'apprentissage reçoivent rapidement l'aide dont ils ont besoin afin de veiller à ce qu'aucun élève ne continue à prendre du retard. »

Adriana LaGrange, ministre de l'Éducation

Les autorités scolaires pourront concevoir des programmes qui répondent le mieux aux besoins locaux et ainsi offrir des séances en petits groupes pendant un maximum de 16 semaines aux élèves de la 1^{re} à la 3^e année qui

auront été évalués comme ayant besoin d'appui supplémentaire.

« Ce financement supplémentaire ciblant des compétences fondamentales est une nouvelle qui arrive à point, les administrations scolaires planifiant justement des moyens pour réduire les retards d'apprentissage dus à la pandémie. »

Bevan Daverne, président, College of Alberta School Superintendents

« Voilà une bonne nouvelle. Ce nouveau financement permettra d'embaucher des enseignants supplémentaires et de faire une différence auprès de nos jeunes élèves dont plusieurs ont dû faire face à des interruptions d'apprentissage au cours de la dernière année. Au début de la prochaine année scolaire, nous évaluerons davantage les élèves pour savoir où ils en sont rendus dans leurs apprentissages et pour déterminer les prochaines étapes pour mieux répondre à leurs besoins. Ce financement vient appuyer les plans que nous avons mis en place et nous permettra de fournir davantage de soutien en littératie et en numératie aux élèves des écoles qui ont été les plus touchées par ces interruptions. »

Marilyn Dennis, présidente du Conseil élu, Calgary Board of Education

« Nous sommes reconnaissants envers le ministère de l'Éducation d'avoir récemment investi dans nos élèves de la 1^{re} à la 3^e année. Nous savons que certains élèves connaissent des perturbations dans leurs apprentissages ainsi que des retards en littératie et en numératie à cause de la pandémie de COVID-19. Ce nouveau financement totalisant 45 millions de dollars aidera la Calgary Catholic School Division et d'autres conseils scolaires de la province à fournir à ces élèves un soutien supplémentaire dans ces deux domaines dès l'automne prochain. »

Mary Martin, présidente du Conseil élu, Calgary Catholic School Division

« Notre conseil scolaire est très reconnaissant pour ce nouveau financement qui vise à soutenir, l'an prochain, les besoins des élèves en matière d'apprentissage précoce. La pandémie de COVID-19 a véritablement nui à l'apprentissage de nos enfants. Nous pensons que cet appui pour combler les écarts dans l'apprentissage de nos élèves aura des répercussions directes sur leur avenir. »

John Lehnert, président du Conseil élu, Grande Prairie Public School Division

« Je remercie le gouvernement de faire cet important investissement afin de s'assurer que l'apprentissage des élèves soit une priorité après cette pandémie. »

Holly Bilton, présidente du Conseil élu, Chinook's Edge School Division

En mars dernier, un [programme à participation volontaire](#) a été lancé auprès des écoles afin d'évaluer les répercussions de la pandémie, plus particulièrement les retards en lecture chez les jeunes apprenants.

Un [groupe d'experts](#) consulte également les Albertains afin de connaître les répercussions de la pandémie sur les enfants d'âge scolaire.

L'Alberta s'est aussi engagée à renouveler le curriculum provincial de la maternelle à la 12^e année en mettant l'accent sur la littératie et la numératie. En effet, dans l'ébauche du nouveau curriculum de la maternelle à la 6^e année, le développement de la littératie et de la numératie se fera dans chaque matière scolaire afin que les élèves acquièrent de solides connaissances essentielles à leur futur.

En bref

- Les recherches sur les niveaux de lecture menées par George Georgiou (professeur au département de psychopédagogie de l'Université de l'Alberta) ont révélé qu'à l'automne 2020, certains élèves de la 1^{re} à la 3^e année avaient un retard en lecture allant de huit à douze mois par rapport à leur niveau scolaire.
 - Les écoles qui sont intervenues rapidement auprès des lecteurs en difficulté ont pu aider environ 80 % de ces élèves à rattraper leur retard.
 - Des recherches antérieures ont indiqué que si les difficultés de lecture ne sont pas traitées avant la fin de la 3^e année, 75 % de ces élèves pourraient continuer à avoir des problèmes de lecture tout au long de leur vie scolaire.
- En se basant sur la modélisation et les données fournies par les autorités scolaires, environ 15 % des élèves de la 1^{re} à la 3^e année pourraient avoir besoin, l'an prochain, d'une aide particulière en littératie et en numératie en raison des perturbations causées dans leur apprentissage par la pandémie de COVID-19.
- C'est environ deux fois plus d'élèves ayant besoin d'un soutien intensif que les prévisions des autorités scolaires pour une année normale.

- Chez les élèves qui auraient, pandémie ou non, des difficultés en littératie et en numératie, le retard d'apprentissage pourrait être même plus important et exigerait des interventions beaucoup plus nombreuses.
- Les autorités scolaires devront soumettre une demande de financement auprès du ministère de l'Éducation afin d'obtenir du financement en fonction du nombre d'élèves jugés admissibles selon les évaluations des enseignants.
 - De plus amples renseignements sur le processus de demande seront publiés au cours des prochaines semaines.
 - À la fin du programme, d'une durée maximale de 16 semaines, les élèves seront de nouveau évalués afin de mesurer leurs progrès en littératie et en numératie.
- Up to 50,000 students could benefit from this additional support, but this cannot be confirmed until the assessments have taken place in September and the applications have not been received.

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Sep 22, 2020

More support to help relaunch child care sector | Un soutien accru pour aider à relancer le secteur de la garde d'enfants

Licensed child care programs will receive \$87 million in new funding as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan and the federal Safe Restart agreement.

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Child care centres, preschools and approved family day homes play an important role in Alberta's economic relaunch and will use this funding to continue to keep children and staff safe.

"The availability of affordable, high-quality and flexible child care will be key to ensuring Canadian parents can return to work and our economy can recover from this crisis. The Government of

Canada is committed to supporting the child care sector to ensure all Canadian families will have access to the quality child care they need.”

Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

“We are pleased to see Albertans’ contributions coming back to our province through this agreement with the federal government. This funding will ensure safe, reliable child care continues to be available as it is a crucial part of Alberta’s economic recovery. We are providing support to child care and early learning programs throughout the fall so they can keep their centres safe for kids in their care.”

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Children’s Services

Licensed day care, out-of-school care, family day homes, group family child care, innovative child care and preschool programs will benefit from grant payments.

- \$15 million already provided in September (\$109 per licensed/approved space).
- The Safe Restart Agreement payments will be distributed on Oct. 15 and Nov. 15 (\$200 per licensed/approved space, plus \$2,500 per licensed program or approved agency, each month).

“As a child care provider for 31 years, I can say that COVID-19 has created unprecedented challenges to our centre, such as low enrolment and staffing, which has led to significant financial hurdles. The safety of our children, our families and our staff is our top priority and this funding will be valuable in keeping our environments safe for our families and educators.”

Amelyn Harke, executive director, Canada Place Child Care Society

“Due to COVID-19, the past months have posed many challenges for child care providers. CPCCS has worked diligently to ensure all health guidelines have been properly implemented and followed. As more children return to our centre, this additional funding will be greatly beneficial in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for children and staff.”

Chantal Boulianne, parent and board president, Canada Place Child Care Society

These grants will help licensed and approved program operators purchase additional cleaning supplies, safety equipment, and any other upgrades necessary to comply with health guidelines without increasing parent fees. Centres will have to be open by October 10 to receive the October payment and by November 10 to receive the November payment. Of the \$87 million in total funding, \$72 million will come from the federal government's Safe Restart Funding agreement, \$8.2 million from the bilateral agreement and the remaining \$6.9 million from Phase 3 of the Child Care Relief program. In May, the province announced the Child Care Relief program, providing \$17.8 million to ensure child care centres are ready to safely restart and support families through Alberta's economic recovery.

Alberta's Recovery Plan is a bold, ambitious long-term strategy to build, diversify, and create tens of thousands of jobs now. By building schools, roads and other core infrastructure we are benefiting our communities. By diversifying our economy and attracting investment with Canada's most competitive tax environment, we are putting Alberta on a path for a generation of growth. Alberta came together to save lives by flattening the curve and now we must do the same to save livelihoods, grow and thrive.

Key facts

- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 109,000 children were enrolled in a licensed child care program or approved day home. That represents 15 per cent of Alberta children.
- Prior to the pandemic, about 80 per cent of licensed spaces in Alberta were filled.
- As of Sept. 11, there are 2,370 daycares, out-of-school care and preschools open (83 per cent) with 96,535 spaces available. A total of 50,202 children have enrolled, representing an overall enrolment rate of 52 per cent.
- There are more than 2,900 active licensed/approved programs in Alberta, employing 18,000 Albertans.
- A new child care subsidy model began on Aug. 1. This improved model for calculating subsidy provides more financial support for families and makes it easier to apply, with predictable and gradual decreases in support as income climbs.
- In a typical year, more than 28,000 children, or 26 per cent of all children in licensed child care centres and approved family day homes, are supported through child care subsidy. About 23,000 of these children are on full subsidy and will now benefit from an 18 per cent increase to their monthly subsidy support.

- With the new simplified child care subsidy model, calculated with pre-COVID enrolment and program fees data, an estimated 16,000 low-income families will pay less than \$25 per day in child care fees. Some families will pay as low as \$13 per day.
- Child care subsidy can be accessed by families with an income of up to \$75,000, which is the most generous level in the country.
- Consultation feedback on the *Child Care Licensing Act* and regulations is currently being reviewed. These consultations gathered feedback in order to improve legislation and regulations in the fall.

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De nouveaux fonds de 87 millions de dollars sont destinés aux programmes de garde d'enfants agréés dans le cadre du plan de relance de l'Alberta et de l'Accord sur la relance sécuritaire du gouvernement fédéral.

Les centres de la petite enfance, les établissements préscolaires et les services de garde en milieu familial agréés sont essentiels à la relance économique de l'Alberta et leurs responsables utiliseront ce financement pour continuer à assurer la sécurité des enfants et du personnel.

« L'accès à des services de garde de qualité, abordables et souples, sera la clé pour que les parents canadiens retournent au travail et que notre économie se relève de cette crise. Le gouvernement du Canada est résolu à soutenir le secteur de la garde d'enfants afin que toutes les familles canadiennes puissent bénéficier des services de qualité dont ils ont besoin. »

Ahmed Hussen, ministre de la Famille, des Enfants et du Développement social

« Nous sommes heureux de voir les contributions des Albertains et des Albertaines revenir dans notre province grâce à cet accord avec le gouvernement fédéral. Ces fonds permettront de continuer à offrir des services de garde d'enfants sûrs et fiables, car ils constituent un élément essentiel de la reprise économique de l'Alberta. Nous offrons ce soutien aux programmes d'apprentissage et de garde d'enfants tout au long de l'automne afin qu'ils puissent assurer la sécurité de leurs centres et des enfants dont ils prennent soin. »

Rebecca Schulz, ministre des Services à l'enfance de l'Alberta

Les garderies agréées, les programmes de garde parascolaires, les services de garde en milieu familial agréés, les services de garde d'enfants collectifs en milieu familial, les garderies innovantes et les programmes préscolaires obtiendront des subventions.

- Quinze millions de dollars ont déjà été versés en septembre (109 dollars par place agréée ou approuvée).
- Les paiements au titre de l'Accord sur la relance sécuritaire seront distribués les 15 octobre et 15 novembre (200 dollars par place agréée ou approuvée, plus 2 500 dollars par programme agréé ou organisme agréé, chaque mois).

« En tant que fournisseur de services de garde d'enfants depuis 31 ans, je peux dire que la COVID-19 a été une source de défis sans précédent pour notre centre, comme le faible nombre d'enfants et de membres du personnel présents, ce qui a entraîné d'importantes difficultés financières. La sécurité de nos enfants, de nos familles et de notre personnel est notre priorité absolue et ce financement sera essentiel pour assurer la sécurité de nos environnements pour nos familles et nos éducateurs. »

Amelyn Harke, directrice générale de la Canada Place Child Care Society

« En raison de la COVID-19, les derniers mois ont été difficiles pour les prestataires de services de garde d'enfants. La Canada Place Child Care Society (CPCCS) a travaillé avec diligence pour

s'assurer que toutes les directives sanitaires ont été correctement mises en œuvre et suivies. Alors que de plus en plus d'enfants reviennent dans notre centre, ce financement supplémentaire nous sera très utile pour nous aider à maintenir un environnement sain et sûr pour les enfants et le personnel. »

Chantal Boulianne, parente et présidente du conseil d'administration de la Canada Place Child Care Society

Ces subventions aideront les exploitants à acheter des fournitures de nettoyage supplémentaires, de l'équipement de sécurité et toute autre amélioration nécessaire pour se conformer aux directives sanitaires sans répercuter ces coûts sur les frais facturés aux parents. Pour recevoir le paiement de la subvention en novembre, les centres devront ouvrir après avoir reçu le paiement d'octobre. Sur les 87 millions de dollars de financement total, 72 millions de dollars proviendront du financement issu de l'Accord sur la relance sécuritaire du gouvernement fédéral, 8,2 millions de dollars découleront de l'accord bilatéral et les 6,9 millions de dollars restants seront accordés dans le cadre de la phase 3 du programme d'aide aux services de garde (Child Care Relief). En mai, la province a annoncé 17,8 millions de dollars dans le cadre du programme d'aide aux services de garde (Child Care Relief) pour s'assurer que les garderies sont prêtes à reprendre une activité en toute sécurité et soutenir les familles pendant la reprise économique de l'Alberta.

Le plan de relance de l'Alberta est une stratégie à long terme audacieuse et ambitieuse qui vise à créer et à diversifier, en plus de créer des dizaines de milliers d'emplois, et ce, dès maintenant. Construire des écoles, des routes et d'autres infrastructures de base profite à nos collectivités. En diversifiant notre économie et en attirant des investissements grâce à l'environnement fiscal le plus concurrentiel du Canada, l'Alberta sera en mesure de générer de la croissance au cours de la prochaine décennie. La population s'est unie pour sauver des vies en aplatissant la courbe et nous devons maintenant faire de même pour assurer des moyens de subsistance, croître et prospérer.

En bref

- Avant la pandémie COVID-19, 109 000 enfants étaient inscrits dans un établissement de garde d'enfants agréé ou à un service de garde en milieu familial approuvé. Cela représente 15 % des enfants de l'Alberta.
- Avant la pandémie, environ 80% des places en garderie agréée en Alberta étaient occupées.
- En date du 11 septembre, 2 370 garderies, programmes de garde parascolaires et établissements

préscolaires sont ouverts (83 %) où 96 535 places sont disponibles. Au total, 50 202 enfants ont été inscrits, ce qui représente un taux d'inscription global de 52 %.

- Il existe plus de 2 900 programmes actifs agréés ou approuvés en Alberta et 18 000 Albertains et Albertaines y occupent un emploi.
- Un nouveau modèle de subvention pour les services de garde a été mis en place le 1^{er} août. Ce modèle amélioré de calcul des subventions donne lieu à un meilleur soutien financier aux familles et facilite le processus de demande, avec des diminutions prévisibles et progressives du soutien, à mesure que le revenu augmente.
- Au cours d'une année type, plus de 28 000 enfants, soit 26 % de tous les enfants inscrits dans des centres de la petite enfance agréés et à des services de garde en milieu familial agréés, bénéficient d'une aide grâce à la subvention pour la garde d'enfants. La garde d'environ 23 000 de ces enfants est entièrement subventionnée; une subvention mensuelle qui va augmenter de 18 %.
- Grâce au nouveau modèle simplifié de subvention pour la garde d'enfants, calculé à partir des données d'inscription et des frais du programme avant la pandémie de COVID, on estime que 16 000 familles à faible revenu paieront moins de 25 dollars par jour en frais de garde d'enfants. Certaines familles ne paieront que 13 dollars par jour.
- Les subventions pour la garde d'enfants sont offertes aux familles dont le revenu ne dépasse pas 75 000 dollars, ce qui est le niveau le plus généreux du pays.
- Les commentaires recueillis lors de la consultation sur la loi sur l'agrément des services de garde d'enfants (*Child Care Licensing Act*) et son règlement sont en cours d'examen. Ces consultations ont permis de recueillir des commentaires afin d'améliorer la législation et la réglementation à l'automne.

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- [Child care subsidy](#) (Subvention pour la garde d'enfants)
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Feb 24, 2021

Relief for working parents | Help for working parents

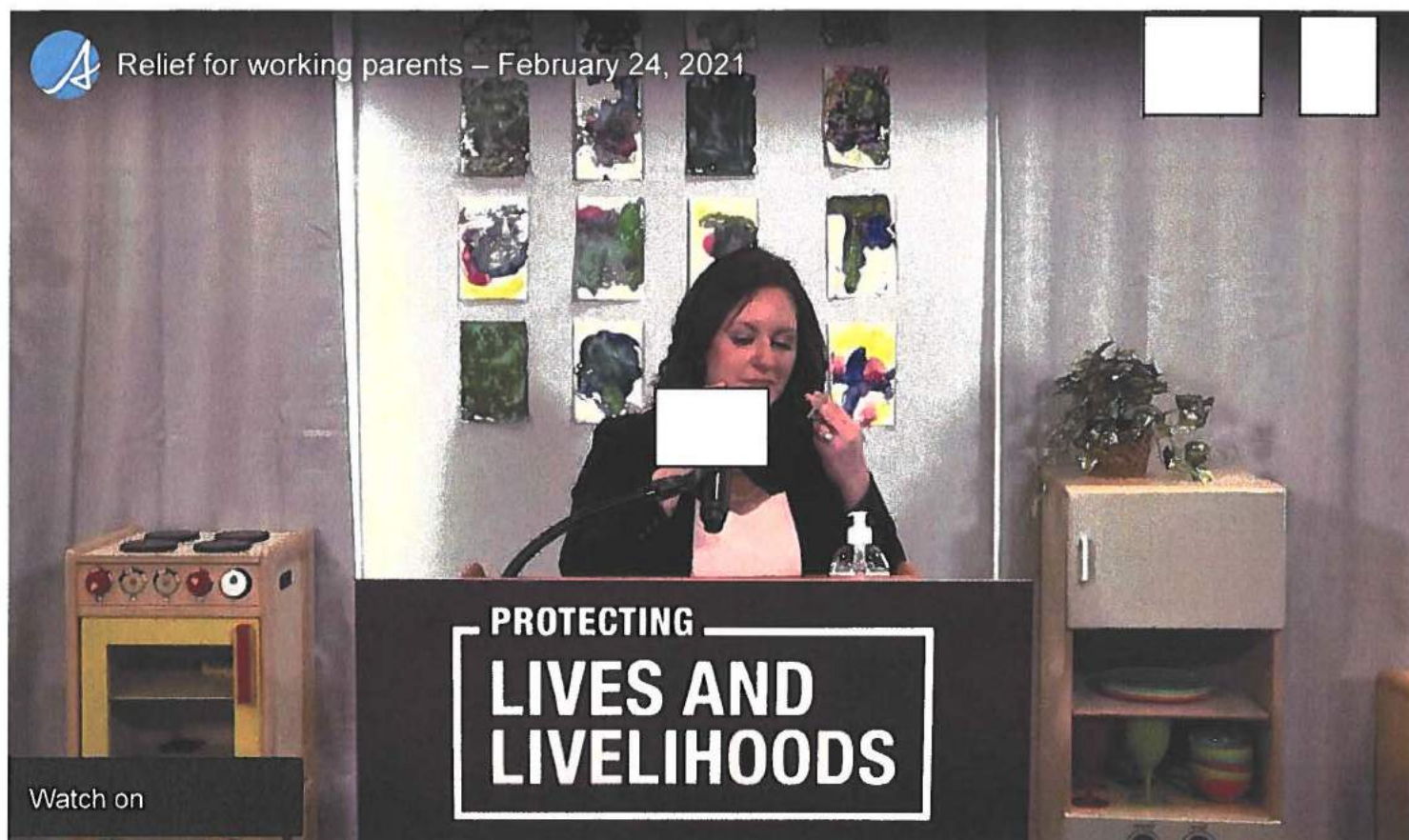
Alberta parents who use child care will receive \$ 561 per child with the new Working Parents Benefit, a one-time payment to help parents with the cost of child care.

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The Working Parents Benefit will see \$ 108 million go to families that used child care - including licensed or unlicensed daycare, day homes, out-of-school care, or preschool - from April to December of 2020.

"Alberta's government is focused on protecting lives and livelihoods and that means being there for working parents. Families are facing additional stress due to the pandemic and the uncertainty in the economy. We want to directly support these parents by alleviating the financial pressures they have faced this past year."

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Children's Services

"It's great to see the government recognize the pressures that working parents are facing. As a single mother who has felt the stresses of work and child care this past year, this money is greatly appreciated."

Tiffany-Joy Robertson, working parent

The Working Parents Benefit adds to the recently announced Critical Worker Benefit, a \$1,200 payment to 330,000 front-line and essential workers, and the Enhanced COVID Business Benefit, a \$10,000 support for businesses hit hardest by the pandemic.

Families will be eligible to apply for the Working Parents Benefit if they have:

- Children in any form of child care, including licensed or unlicensed child care.
- A household annual income of \$100,000 or less.
- Paid for three months of child care between April 1 and Dec. 31, 2020 (must provide receipts).

A MyAlberta Digital ID is needed to apply for the benefit. Sign up for your [MyAlberta Digital ID](#).

Apply for the Working Parents Benefit online at alberta.ca/WorkingParentsBenefit starting March 1. Applications close March 31.

Alberta's government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care system.

Quick facts

- Families can apply starting March 1 to March 5, and applications will be open by region to manage volume.
- This \$108 million of unspent funds from Children's Services will be redirected under the Working Parents Benefit to support the families of up to 192,000 children.
- As of Feb. 12:
 - 96 per cent of daycares, preschools and out-of-school care programs (2,739 programs) are open.
 - Four per cent of programs (102 programs) are not open.
 - The 2,739 open programs have 115,285 spaces available. On average 58,003 children attended during the week, representing a 50 per cent enrolment rate.
- Child care operators have received more than \$100 million in COVID relief payments over the past year to address cost pressures and adhere to health, cleaning and safety guidelines.

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- [Create a MyAlberta Digital ID](#)
- [Working Parents Benefit](#)

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Les parents albertains qui utilisent les services de garde d'enfants recevront 561 \$ par enfant grâce à la nouvelle Prestation pour les parents travailleurs (Working Parents Benefit), un paiement unique destiné à aider les parents à couvrir leurs frais de garde d'enfants.

Dans le cadre de la Prestation pour les parents travailleurs, un total de 108 millions de dollars sera versé aux familles qui ont eu recours à des services de garde d'enfants, y compris les garderies agréées ou non agréées, les garderies en milieu familial, les garderies extrascolaires ou les établissements préscolaires, d'avril à décembre 2020.

« Le gouvernement de l'Alberta concentre ses efforts sur la protection des vies et des moyens de subsistance de la population, ce qui signifie aussi un appui aux parents qui travaillent. Les familles sont confrontées à un stress supplémentaire en raison de la pandémie et de l'incertitude de l'économie. Nous voulons soutenir directement ces parents en atténuant les pressions financières auxquelles ils ont été confrontés l'année dernière. »

Rebecca Schulz, ministre des Services à l'enfance

« C'est formidable de voir le gouvernement reconnaître les pressions que subissent les parents qui travaillent. En tant que mère célibataire qui a ressenti le stress combiné du travail et de la garde d'enfants au cours de l'année dernière, je suis grandement reconnaissante de recevoir cet argent. »

Tiffany-Joy Robertson, parente travailleuse

La Prestation pour les parents travailleurs s'ajoute à la Prestation pour les travailleurs essentiels récemment annoncée, qui représente un paiement de 1 200 dollars à 330 000 travailleurs de première ligne et travailleurs essentiels, et à la Prestation améliorée pour les entreprises en temps de COVID, un soutien de 10 000 dollars aux entreprises les plus touchées par la pandémie.

Les familles pourront demander la Prestation pour parents travailleurs si elles ont :

- des enfants inscrits dans tout service de garde d'enfants, y compris les garderies agréées et non agréées
- un revenu familial de 100 000 \$ ou moins par année
- payé pour trois mois de garde d'enfants entre le 1er avril et le 31 décembre 2020 (les reçus doivent être fournis)

Il faut avoir un numéro d'identification numérique MyAlberta pour présenter une demande de prestation. Pour en obtenir un, inscrivez-vous à MyAlberta Digital ID.

Vous pourrez soumettre votre demande de Prestation pour les parents travailleurs en ligne à l'adresse suivante : alberta.ca/WorkingParentsBenefit à partir du 1er mars. La date limite de présentation des demandes est le 31 mars.

Le gouvernement albertain réagit à la pandémie de COVID-19 en protégeant les vies et les moyens de subsistance grâce à des mesures précises qui visent à infléchir la courbe, à soutenir les petites entreprises et à protéger le système de santé de l'Alberta.

En bref

- Pour permettre au gouvernement de gérer le volume, les familles pourront commencer à présenter leur demande entre le 1er et le 5 mars, selon la région où ils habitent.
- Ces 108 millions de dollars de fonds non dépensés par le ministère des Services à l'enfance seront réaffectés à la Prestation pour les parents travailleurs afin de soutenir les familles d'un maximum de 192 000 enfants.
- Depuis le 12 février :
 - 96 % des garderies, des établissements préscolaires et des programmes de garde extrascolaire

(2 739 programmes) sont ouverts.

- 4% of the programs (102 programs) are not open.
- The 2,739 open programs offer 115,285 places. On average, 58,003 children benefited from it each week, which represents a participation rate of 50%.
- As a result of the pandemic, daycare operators have received over \$ 100 million in relief payments over the past year, so they can keep up with cost pressure and meet guidelines for health, cleaning and security.

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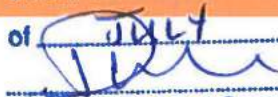
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Mar 25, 2021

Expanding child care options for working parents

Alberta's government is supporting working families across the province by allocating \$9.7 million in grants for operators to create 1,500 more spaces in day homes and daycare centres, including overnight care.

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Access to high-quality child care is vital in helping parents get back to work. These new child care spaces support parents in areas that need more quality child care options and who work beyond typical daytime hours. Funding will also create overnight child care spaces, which was made possible under the *Early Learning and Child Care Act*, which came into force Feb. 1.

"This is great news for working families who are truly essential to Alberta's economy. Working parents need more access to child care, including overnight care, that works when they do."

Jason Kenney, Premier

"We've listened to the needs of parents all across Alberta. This funding provides more accessible, high-quality child care options for working parents in rural areas and growing communities, and will allow Alberta's child care operators to grow and support our economic recovery."

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Children's Services

"We've seen a lot of interest for overnight child care from parents, like nurses and other shift workers, who work outside the regular 9 to 5 Monday to Friday hours. This funding will go a long way towards helping us provide more child care options for parents. Apple Blossom is deeply appreciative of the support of Children's Services and the provincial government in addressing this need in our community."

Lisa Nickel, founder, Apple Blossom Day Homes

Through the Early Learning and Child Care agreement with the federal government, these 1,500 new and flexible child care spaces in licensed programs will create about 200 direct jobs for child care providers. Parameters and operational plans for overnight care will be developed in collaboration with operators.

Quick facts

- Grants will be awarded by March 31 and will add up to more than 1,500 new spaces in both licensed family day homes and facility-based child care centres across Alberta.
- Successful applicants will use the funding to increase the number of children they can care for in centres through renovations, open new daycares and day homes, or add capacity for overnight child care.
- Parameters and considerations such as population size, numbers of existing spaces, and industry/economic need resulted in spaces in communities such as:
 - Sherwood Park, with a young population and located near industrial plants which run 24/7.
 - Hinton, a community that supports oil and gas, forestry, mining and construction industries.
 - Fort McMurray, where many shift workers in energy and emergency services need extended hours of childcare.
 - Taber, where many manufacturing plants operate 24/7.
 - Rocky Mountain House, where many residents are employed at hospitals, RCMP and other 24/7 services.
- The number of child care spaces capacity building grants will support include:
 - 168 in the City of Calgary, including 15 overnight spaces
 - 189 in the Calgary area (serving High River and Strathmore and others), including 19 overnight spaces
 - 185 in central Alberta (serving Camrose, Olds, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House and Viking), including 22 overnight spaces
 - 50 in the City of Edmonton
 - 206 in the Edmonton area (serving Sherwood Park, St. Albert and Sturgeon County), including 24 overnight spaces
 - 221 in north central Alberta (serving Boyle, Edson, Hinton, Westlock and Whitecourt), including eight overnight spaces
 - 295 in northeast Alberta (serving Fort McMurray), including 55 overnight spaces
 - 58 in northwest Alberta (serving Falher, Grande Prairie and Valleyview)

- 186 in southern Alberta (serving Bassano, Brooks, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Taber), including 39 overnight spaces

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Nutrition program support continues for students

Nine non-profits will receive \$3 million to provide additional food assistance for vulnerable K-12 students and families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The non-profit organizations, which will each receive \$300,000 or \$375,000, have extensive experience serving their communities in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray.

This \$3 million in new funding is in addition to \$15.5 million for the school nutrition program. School boards are encouraged to find innovative ways to provide meals or food to students while in-school classes are cancelled.

“Ensuring our students do not go hungry while in-person classes are cancelled is of the utmost importance. We are giving non-profits and school boards the funds and flexibility to find solutions to provide meals or food for students as they learn at home. I commend their efforts to meet students' needs during this challenging time.”

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education

Some school authorities have developed ways to continue providing food assistance, and many others are planning for alternative arrangements. Those who are unable to continue their school nutrition program must direct their remaining funds to non-profits able to serve vulnerable students in their communities during this pandemic.

“Alberta School Councils' Association is pleased to see that students in need will continue to receive nutrition support while learning at home. Families will be relieved to know funding will go to local school boards and non-profits in their communities, to best address vulnerable students during this pandemic.”

Allison Pike, president, Alberta School Councils' Association

“These significant dollars allow us to provide supplementary food packages to the most food insecure families we have been supporting during this school year. The flexibility associated with these funds strengthens our ability to significantly impact monthly the food security of some of our partner schools’ most vulnerable students and families during these unprecedented times.”

Barb Spencer, CEO, e4c

Non-profits receiving funding

- e4c – Edmonton: \$375,000
- Hope Mission – Edmonton and area: \$375,000
- Calgary Meals on Wheels: \$375,000
- Brown Bagging for Calgary: \$375,000
- Breakfast Club of Canada – Fort McMurray and area: \$300,000
- Salvation Army – Grande Prairie and area: \$300,000
- Lethbridge Food Bank: \$300,000
- Medicine Hat and District Food Bank: \$300,000
- The Mustard Seed Red Deer – Central Alberta: \$300,000

Quick facts

- Alberta suspended in-school classes indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 15, based on the recommendations of Alberta's chief medical officer of health.
- Funding to school authorities for the nutrition program for the 2019-20 school year is \$15.5 million.
- On Nov. 28, 2019, the Alberta government announced a \$3 million grant for non-profits to help deliver the school nutrition program. This comes in addition to the \$15.5 million already allotted for the 2019-20 nutrition program.
- About 40,000 students received a daily nutritious meal through the school nutrition program in about 450 schools during the first part of the 2019-20 school year.

There are 62 public, separate and Francophone school authorities that received funding for this program.

- Thirty-seven of the 62 school boards participating in the school nutrition program have been collaborating with community partners and non-profits prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Alberta has a comprehensive response to [COVID-19](#) including measures to enhance social distancing, screening and testing. Financial supports are helping Alberta families and businesses.

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Mar 23, 2020

Additional financial support for Albertans and employers

More relief is on the way for Albertans and Alberta employers.

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The government has made three significant decisions that will give Albertans and Alberta employers additional supports as they deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

“Our priority is to keep our province strong while we get through these difficult times together. We’re doing everything we can to support Albertans and Alberta employers through this crisis. That’s why we’re focused on creating tangible savings for households and freeing up necessary cash for businesses to help them through these unprecedented times.”

Jason Kenney, Premier

Education property tax freeze

During a pandemic, Alberta households should not need to worry about paying additional property taxes.

- The government will immediately cancel the decision made in Budget 2020 and will freeze education property taxes at last year’s level.
- Reversing the 3.4 per cent population and inflation adjustment will save Alberta households and

businesses about \$87 million in 2020-21, which means \$55 million for households and \$32 million for employers.

- The government expects that Albertans and Alberta businesses will fully realize these savings and that municipal property tax levels will not be increased as a result of the lower provincial education property tax levels.

Education property tax deferral for business

When Alberta businesses are operating, they employ Albertans who can support themselves, their families and help keep the economy running. Effective immediately, the government will defer education property tax for businesses for six months.

- In the next six months, \$458 million in cash will remain with employers to help them pay employees and continue operations.
- The government expects municipalities to set education property tax rates as they normally would, but defer collection. Deferred amounts will be repaid in future tax years.
- The government encourages commercial landlords to pass on these savings to their tenants through reduced or deferred payments. This will help employers continue to manage their debts, pay their employees and stay in business.
- Businesses capable of paying their taxes in full are strongly encouraged to do so. This will assist the province in being able to support Albertans through this pandemic.

"Eliminating the scheduled adjustment of education property taxes and deferring collection of non-residential property taxes will result in savings to Albertans and improved business cash flow. This measure will help Alberta households and businesses during this time – we want to keep Albertans working while we get through these difficult times together."

—

Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

WCB premiums deferral for private sector businesses and support for small and medium

businesses

Private sector employers can save money on their WCB premium payments at a time when they need it most. These actions ensure the sustainability of the workers' compensation system and that injured workers continue to receive the benefits and supports they need to return to work.

- Private sector employers will have immediate financial relief by deferring WCB premiums until early 2021, effectively for one year.
- Employers who have already paid their WCB premium payment for 2020 are eligible for a rebate or credit.
- For small and medium businesses, the government will cover 50 per cent of the premium when it is due.
- Large employers will also receive a break by having their 2020 WCB premium payments deferred until 2021, at which time their premiums will be due.
- Paying 50 per cent of small and medium private sector WCB premiums for 2020 will cost government approximately \$350 million.

Additional measures to help families, students and employers

Previously announced measure taken by the province to protect Albertans and assist businesses include:

- The collection of corporate income tax balances and instalment payments is deferred until Aug. 31, 2020. This gives Alberta businesses access to about \$1.5 billion in funds to help them cope with the COVID-19 crisis.
- \$50 million to support emergency isolation for working adult Albertans who must self-isolate, including persons who are the sole caregiver for a dependent who must self-isolate, and who will not have another source of pay or compensation while they are self-isolated. It is distributed in one payment instalment to bridge the gap until the federal emergency payments begin in April.
- Utility payment deferral for residential, farm, and small commercial customers to defer bill payments for the next 90 days and ensure no one is cut off from electricity and natural gas services during this time of crisis.

- A six-month, interest-free moratorium on Alberta student loan payments for all individuals who are in the process of repaying these loans.

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Apr 04, 2020

Relief for forest companies affected by COVID-19

In response to COVID-19 and the economic effects to our forestry industry, the Alberta government will defer timber dues for six months. This will help forest companies continue operating and retain staff during this pandemic.

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Alberta is one of the first provinces to utilize existing legislation to defer timber dues in response to the extreme near-term pressures the forest sector is experiencing.

“Alberta’s forest sector is our third largest resource industry, behind energy and agriculture. Ensuring the economic viability for our responsible forest companies will help Alberta families and contribute to our economic recovery.”

Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

This deferral of dues will support companies that have self-isolating staff or constraints that require working from home and help many rural economies by providing stable employment in the forest industry.

The forest industry has been experiencing low markets for lumber, oriented strand board and pulp due to the pandemic.

Quick facts

- In 2018, the forest sector directly supported 946 small businesses and 58 medium- and large-sized businesses.
- There are 18,700 employed in the forest sector, which also supports 25,000 additional indirect jobs and 90 communities.
- Alberta forest product manufacturing contributed almost \$2.2 billion to the provincial GDP in 2018.
- In 2018, Alberta exported our high-quality forest products around the world, including to the United States (\$2.76B), China (\$715M), Japan (\$294M) and South Korea (\$157M).

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May 19, 2021

Historic investment to create thousands of jobs | A historic investment to create thousands of jobs

More than 22,000 Albertans will be able to get back to work through the largest jobs training program in Alberta's history.

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The Alberta Jobs Now program will provide up to \$370 million to help private and non-profit businesses support much-needed jobs for unemployed and underemployed Albertans across the province and help Alberta's economy recover.

Employers will be able to apply for a grant that covers 25 per cent of an employee's salary for a 52-week period up to a maximum of \$25,000 per employee. The grant can be used to cover salary or training costs. Employers who hire persons with disabilities will receive a grant 1.5 times higher than the amount they receive for other new employees.

"We're investing in Alberta's economic recovery with financial support to provide job opportunities for

unemployed Albertans. This is a long-term investment in working Albertans as we recover from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and recession.”

Jason Kenney, Premier

“Reducing costs for employers encourages them to hire and train more people, getting more than 22,000 Albertans back to work faster. With support from the Alberta Jobs Now program, businesses can afford to train workers for the skills the business needs to be successful, and Albertans have an opportunity to gain new skills and find good-paying jobs.”

Jason Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration

“Our economy has seen signs of recovery, and we are working hard to make sure that trend continues. By encouraging businesses to create and fill jobs and train new employees, we’re getting Albertans back to work sooner and putting money in their pockets that they could spend at local businesses, further driving economic recovery.”

Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation

“The Jobs Now program will give post-secondary students access to the job opportunities they need. Many of our students have been impacted by the pandemic, the global recession and previous years of economic challenge. This program will help our students find meaningful job opportunities and kick-start their professional careers.”

Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Advanced Education

“This is a very positive partnership between the province and the federal government to help employers get Albertans back to work. A program with the flexibility for businesses to develop industry-specific skills in their workforce, to help them grow and thrive, is what our members have been asking for.”

Ken Kobly, president and CEO, Alberta Chambers of Commerce

Employers will be able to apply at alberta.ca/jobsnow as of 9 a.m. on May 20. They can apply for funding for up to 20 new employees. Employers have until Aug. 31 to apply. A second intake will open on Sept. 15 and close on Dec. 31.

To be eligible for the program, private sector business or non-profit organizations must use the funding to hire unemployed Albertans in a new or vacant position. The new hire must reside and work in Alberta and must not have worked for the employer within the past 90 days.

“We believe every Albertan, regardless of the barriers they face, deserves the opportunity to actively participate in their communities and in the workforce. The pandemic has seen a disproportionate number of women experience job loss, while people with disabilities have had limited options to earn a paycheck. This program has the great potential for more Albertans to rejoin the workforce with the skills and supports that meet their goals.”

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services

“The Sinneave Family Foundation is excited about Alberta’s Jobs Now program and the opportunities it will create to connect inclusive employers with diverse job seekers. This important new program has tremendous potential to enhance economic inclusion for autistic Albertans who are ready, willing and able to contribute to Alberta’s economic recovery.”

Tanya McLeod, president, Sinneave Family Foundation

For detailed information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit alberta.ca/jobsnow.

Alberta’s government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta’s health-care system.

Quick facts

- In April, Alberta’s unemployment rate was nine per cent.
- The Alberta Jobs Now program will provide up to \$370 million to help private sector businesses and non-profit organizations hire and train unemployed Albertans.
- \$185 million in funding is available through federal transfers from the Government of Canada through the

Workforce Development Agreement and \$185 million is available through provincial funds.

- Employers can apply through an application portal starting at 9 a.m. on May 20. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 31.
- A second application period will open on Sept. 15 and close on Dec. 31.
- Employers can apply for up to 20 new hires during each intake period.

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Plus de 22 000 Albertains pourront retourner sur le marché du travail grâce au plus important programme de formation professionnelle jamais offert dans l'histoire de l'Alberta.

Grâce au programme *Alberta Jobs Now*, un financement total de 370 millions de dollars est offert aux entreprises privées et aux organismes sans but lucratif pour générer les emplois dont ont tant besoin les Albertains sans emploi ou sous-employés et pour favoriser la relance de l'économie albertaine.

Les employeurs pourront réclamer une subvention couvrant 25 % du salaire ou de la formation d'un nouvel employé durant 52 semaines, jusqu'à un maximum de 25 000 \$ par employé. Les employeurs qui embauchent des personnes handicapées recevront une fois et demie ce montant.

« Nous investissons dans la relance économique de l'Alberta grâce un soutien financier qui permettra de créer des possibilités d'emploi pour les chômeurs albertains. Il s'agit d'un investissement à long terme dans les travailleurs albertains alors que nous nous remettons des effets dévastateurs de la pandémie de COVID-19 et de la récession. »

Jason Kenney, premier ministre

« En minimisant les coûts pour les employeurs, nous les encourageons à embaucher et à former un plus grand nombre de personnes, permettant ainsi à plus de 22 000 Albertains de retourner au travail plus rapidement. Le programme *Alberta Jobs Now* permet aux entreprises de former des travailleurs afin qu'ils acquièrent les compétences dont elles ont vraiment besoin pour réussir, mais il offre aussi aux Albertains la possibilité d'acquérir de nouvelles compétences et de trouver des emplois bien rémunérés. »

Jason Copping, ministre du Travail et de l'Immigration

« Notre économie a montré des signes de reprise et nous veillons à ce que la tendance se poursuive. En encourageant les entreprises à créer et à combler des emplois ainsi qu'à former de nouveaux employés, nous permettons aux Albertains de retourner sur le marché du travail plus rapidement, tout en mettant dans leurs poches de l'argent qu'ils pourront dépenser dans les entreprises locales et ainsi contribuer à la relance économique. »

Doug Schweitzer, ministre de l'Emploi, de l'Économie et de l'Innovation

« Le programme *Alberta Jobs Now* permettra aux étudiants du postsecondaire d'avoir accès aux occasions d'emploi dont ils ont besoin pour réussir. Nombre de nos étudiants ont été touchés par la pandémie, la récession mondiale et les défis économiques des dernières années. Ce programme créera de bonnes possibilités d'emploi pour nos étudiants et les aidera à donner un coup d'envoi à leur carrière professionnelle. »

Demetrios Nicolaides, ministre de l'Éducation supérieure

« Il s'agit d'un partenariat très positif entre la province et le gouvernement fédéral pour aider les employeurs à faciliter le retour des Albertains au travail. Un programme flexible permettant aux entreprises de favoriser l'acquisition, au sein de leur main-d'œuvre, de compétences particulières à leur secteur d'activité afin de les aider à grandir et à prospérer, voilà ce que nos membres avaient demandé. »

Ken Kobly, président-directeur général, Alberta Chambers of Commerce

Les employeurs pourront soumettre leur demande en ligne à alberta.ca/jobsnow dès 9 h le 20 mai. Ils peuvent demander du financement pour l'embauche d'au plus 20 nouveaux employés. Les employeurs ont jusqu'au 31 août pour présenter leur demande. Un deuxième appel aura lieu du 15 septembre au 31 décembre.

Pour être admissibles au programme, les entreprises privées et les organismes sans but lucratif doivent embaucher des Albertains sans emploi pour un poste nouveau ou vacant. Le nouvel employé doit résider et travailler en Alberta et ne doit pas avoir travaillé pour l'employeur au cours des 90 derniers jours.

« Nous croyons que tous les Albertains, peu importe les barrières auxquelles ils font face, méritent de pouvoir participer activement à la vie de leur collectivité et au marché du travail. En raison de la pandémie, un nombre disproportionné de femmes ont perdu leur emploi, tandis que les personnes handicapées ont eu des options plus limitées de gagner leur vie. Ce programme peut être un puissant moyen de favoriser la réintégration d'un plus grand nombre d'Albertains sur le marché du travail grâce à l'acquisition de compétences et à des mesures de soutien qui répondent à leurs objectifs. »

Rajan Sawhney, ministre des Services sociaux et communautaires

« La Sinneave Family Foundation est très emballée par le programme *Alberta Jobs Now* et les nouvelles possibilités d'arrimage entre les employeurs inclusifs et les chercheurs d'emploi aux profils diversifiés. Ce nouveau programme important pourrait contribuer énormément à améliorer l'inclusion économique des Albertains autistes qui sont prêts, désireux et capables de participer activement à la relance économique de l'Alberta. »

Tanya McLeod, présidente, Sinneave Family Foundation

Pour plus d'information sur l'admissibilité et la présentation d'une demande, consultez alberta.ca/jobsnow.

En réaction à la pandémie de COVID-19, le gouvernement de l'Alberta met en œuvre des mesures précises visant à aplatir la courbe, à soutenir les petites entreprises et à protéger le système de santé albertain, et ce, afin de sauver la vie et le gagne-pain des Albertains et Albertaines.

En bref

- En avril 2021, le taux de chômage en Alberta était de 9 %

- Dans le cadre du programme *Alberta Jobs Now*, le gouvernement de l'Alberta investira jusqu'à 370 millions de dollars pour aider les entreprises privées et les organismes sans but lucratif à embaucher et à former les chômeurs albertains.
- Un financement de 185 millions de dollars est disponible grâce aux transferts du gouvernement du Canada dans le cadre de l'Entente sur le perfectionnement de la main-d'œuvre et 185 millions de dollars grâce aux fonds provinciaux.
- Employers can submit an application through an electronic portal starting at 9 a.m. on May 20. Applications will be accepted until August 31.
- A second call will be open from September 15 to December 31.
- Employers can apply for up to 20 new employees on each call.

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Restoring balance in Alberta's workplaces

The proposed *Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act* will support economic recovery, restore balance in the workplace and get Albertans back to work.

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If passed, this legislation could save job creators an estimated \$100 million per year by reducing red tape from daily operations – helping them keep their doors open – and provide jobs for hard-working Albertans.

“Our government was elected on the promise of supporting employee choice and to bring balance back to Alberta's labour laws. This bill will do just that and also help businesses save time and money, letting them focus on getting Albertans back to work while protecting workers.”

Jason Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration

Bill 32 will provide employees and employers with clearer and more transparent rules promoting fairness and productivity, including more clarity about rest periods and temporary layoff notices.

“As businesses reopen, we need to support our job creators. We told Albertans we would get them back to work and make it easier to do business in Alberta. That's exactly what we're doing by cutting this unneeded red tape.”

Grant Hunter, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction

“Alberta Construction Association applauds the Government of Alberta for introducing greater

flexibility and reduced red tape in averaging agreements, hours of work, and temporary layoffs. Changes to these employment standards support seasonal, remote project-based construction jobs, while maintaining fairness in the workplace."

Frederick Vine, chairman, Alberta Construction Association

"Merit Contractors Association congratulates the Government of Alberta for returning balance to employers and their employees through revisions to the Labour Relations Code and *Employment Standards Act*. These positive changes send a message to investors and job creators that Alberta is open for business."

Malcolm Kirkland, president and chief executive officer, Merit Contractors Association

"The proposed changes in the provisions governing employees in the construction industry are a major step in the right direction for working Albertans. These changes represent good public policy that promotes fair and healthy competition among unions while enhancing worker choice and workplace democracy."

Dennis Perrin, provincial director, Christian Labour Association of Canada

To help inform these proposed changes, 5,421 responses were received during an online public survey conducted in November 2019.

Restoring balance and economic stability

- Clarifying that employees continue to accumulate vacation time while on a job-protected leave.
- Clarifying rules for rest periods and flexibility in scheduling breaks.
- Restoring balance to the relationship between employers and employees with updated rules for union certification and revocation, such as removing strict timelines and remedial certification provisions.
- Increasing employee choice by ensuring union members are not forced to fund political activities and causes without explicit opt-in approval.

- Balancing employee rights to fair collective bargaining, striking and picketing with the need to protect businesses and our economy from harm, and ensuring Albertans continue to receive services they rely on.
- Preventing unions from disciplining members if they take a significantly different job with a different employer.
- Updating rules for collective agreements will allow an existing collective agreement to remain in place if employees in the construction industry choose a new union before it expires.
- Changes to collective agreements and first contract arbitration will reduce red tape, encourage stability and help employers and employees work together to reach agreements.
- Increasing transparency and democracy in the workplace by making sure employees know how unions are spending their money.
- Changing rules for construction industry to ensure workforce stability and to attract major projects and investment.

Keeping businesses open and Albertans employed

- Updating rules for temporary layoff notices to help employees stay attached to their jobs longer.
- Adding flexibility to rules for hours of work averaging arrangements to make it easier for employers to set up arrangements, create schedules, and calculate overtime.
- Helping youth find work, and reducing red tape and administrative burdens by expanding the types of jobs 13- and 14-year-olds are allowed to do without first needing a permit.
- Providing flexibility to the Labour Relations Board to expedite processes and efficiency during an emergency.

Saving employers time and money

- Creating simpler and more flexible rules for general holiday pay, group terminations, payment of final earnings upon termination, payroll processes and paying administrative penalties to help employers save time and money in their daily operations.
- Making it easier for employers to apply for variances and exemptions.
- Allowing unions and employers to agree on standards that may work for them.

- Enabling the Labour Relations Board to serve employers, employees and unions more efficiently by reducing administrative burdens, costs and unnecessary hearings.

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Alberta's Recovery Plan: Creating jobs, building, diversifying | Plan de relance de l'Alberta : Créer des emplois, bâtir une infrastructure et diversifier l'économie

Alberta's Recovery Plan details the province's economic strategy, including a record \$10-billion investment in infrastructure and a plan for 50,000 jobs this year.

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Following the initial economic devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the unprecedented crash in

oil prices, the Government of Alberta is stepping forward with a plan to address both the short-term and long-term challenges facing our province. It is a plan to create jobs now that will set Alberta on a path for economic growth, diversification and renewal for the future.

"Albertans have risen to the challenge of the pandemic, though we will continue to be careful, especially for those who are most at risk. Now we must extend that same culture of resilience to overcoming the greatest economic challenge of our time. Today, we take a big step forward in that journey with the launch of Alberta's Recovery Plan, a bold, ambitious long-term strategy to build our province, to diversify our economy, and to create jobs."

Jason Kenney, Premier

Alberta's Recovery Plan includes the many government relief programs that we have put in place to support Albertans and Alberta job creators through the COVID-19 pandemic. It also builds on strategic investments already underway, including the Keystone XL pipeline and \$1 billion in accelerated Capital Maintenance and Renewal funding, which are putting thousands of Albertans to work this summer. The plan will continue under three main pillars: creating jobs, building infrastructure that will spur economic growth, and continuing to diversify our economy.

Building: Investing in Infrastructure

This year Alberta will see the largest ever investment in the province's infrastructure, with \$10 billion being spent on projects in every corner of the province, creating 50,000 jobs. Government is taking unprecedented actions to create immediate jobs in ways that build communities for a bigger, brighter future and support long-term private sector job creation. Workers will be getting back on the job of building facilities, repairing roads and preparing Alberta to be stronger than ever.

Strategic projects

In a major new initiative, the government will launch a series of large-scale infrastructure projects this summer at a total cost of \$612 million. These projects are designed to create at least 2,500 jobs and the projects have been chosen to improve long-term economic growth and to encourage investment across the province.

These strategic projects will be spread across every region of the province, and will include the twinning of highways, projects that support growth in the agricultural sector, gas line extensions for northern

residents, treatment facilities for Albertans recovering from addictions, and other important projects. The projects announced today will be followed by more projects announced in the coming months that will drive economic expansion and provide a legacy that will benefit our province for decades to come.

Creating jobs

Strong economic fundamentals are reinforced in Alberta's Recovery Plan with the immediate acceleration of the Job Creation Tax Cut. On July 1, the corporate income tax rate will drop to eight per cent – a year and a half sooner than promised. Government is also doubling down on its commitment to reduce red tape by ensuring government processes and regulations in the province do not constrain growth.

“The Job Creation Tax Cut is essential to Alberta's recovery, ensuring our province has a competitive tax regime for job creators. When Alberta's corporate income tax rate hits eight per cent, British Columbia's corporate income tax will be 50 per cent higher at 12 per cent. As employers work to recover from COVID-19 they can be confident that Alberta will be the best place in Canada – by far – to locate, bringing with them jobs and prosperity.”

Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Innovation Employment Grant

We are also introducing an Innovation Employment Grant targeted to smaller companies and encouraging technology and investment in Alberta. It will provide a refundable tax credit to companies that invest in research and development, leaving them more money to employ Albertans in areas of innovation. With the Innovation Employment Grant, Alberta-based companies will have a competitive advantage at every stage in their development. During pre-income and scale-up phases, companies will benefit from this program, and as they become profitable and no longer qualify for the grant, they will benefit from the Job Creation Tax Cut.

Putting Albertans first

We will put Albertans, including recently arrived new Canadians, first for available jobs by asking the federal government to remove most occupational categories under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program for Alberta. At the same time, we will help employers connect with unemployed Albertans, making job training programs more responsive, and accelerating the Fairness for Newcomers Action Plan to put new Albertans who are already here to work faster in jobs that reward their skills and

training.

Due to the impairment of international travel, and the deep jobs crisis, government will also reduce by at least one-third this year's targeted admissions under the Alberta Immigration Nominee Program, while moving ahead with key platform commitments like the Foreign Graduate Startup Visa Program to support growth in the tech and innovation sectors. This reflects evidence that newcomers who arrive during economic recessions do less well economically in the short term and for the rest of their careers. When economic conditions improve and employment rises, we will return to previous levels.

Supporting arts and culture

We will create a Cultural Event Relaunch Program to support music, performing arts and landmark events which have been especially hard-hit by public health measures. This program will help those events which may relaunch in the summer address physical distancing requirements, or relaunch as strong as ever in the next season. The government has also committed to growing Alberta's cultural industries by 25 per cent to \$1.5 billion in the next decade.

Municipal infrastructure

Funding for strategic projects is supplemented by increased funding for municipal programs.

In addition to the \$50 million announced for municipalities through the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) to fund bridge improvements, upgrades to roads and community airports and other initiatives and a further \$150 million for water infrastructure grants through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership, we have identified up to \$500 million in further funding for municipalities, funding we expect will be matched by Ottawa. Even before the federal contribution, this represents an increase to municipal infrastructure funding of almost 30 per cent in the current fiscal year.

It is estimated this new \$500 million will support the creation of at least 2,500 jobs – immediate new jobs for projects that support people in the communities where they live, and drive future economic growth in the province.

Diversifying the economy

Sector strategies

Alberta's Recovery Plan will focus on sector strategies for diversifying the economy. Building on our

advantages in energy, agriculture, technology and tourism, these strategies will serve to support growth in other high-opportunity sectors such as value-added petrochemical manufacturing, minerals, including rare earth minerals, pharmaceuticals, the financial sector, logistics and aviation. The details of these sector strategies will be announced this summer and fall.

Technology

Government is also announcing its commitment to diversification through a re-capitalization of the Alberta Enterprise Corporation (AEC). Government is investing \$175 million over the next three years in capital funds that support the technology sector in Alberta.

Promoting Alberta

Government is establishing a new investment agency to help restore economic growth, create jobs, and diversify our economy.

The Invest Alberta corporation will boost investment attraction efforts in key markets with major partners around the globe. It will increase investment in Alberta's primary industries – energy, agriculture, and tourism and encourage investment in our high-potential sectors, such as technology, aviation and aerospace, and financial services. Government has allocated \$6 million annually for the next three years for its operations.

This funding is part of the \$75 million allocated to implement the Investment and Growth Strategy over the next three years to rebuild Alberta's reputation as a destination for business and investment.

"Altogether, this plan represents a bold statement of confidence in the future of Alberta. It is based on common sense, not ideology. It balances targeted government spending in areas like job-creating infrastructure with strong incentives for private sector growth, like the accelerated Job Creation Tax Cut and the expanded Red Tape Reduction initiative. It ensures a future for our largest industry – oil and gas – while boosting diversification in key growth sectors, like tech and innovation through the new Innovation Employment Grant, and the Alberta Enterprise Corporation."

Jason Kenney, Premier

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Le plan de relance de l'Alberta présente la stratégie économique détaillée de la province, notamment un investissement record de 10 milliards de dollars dans l'infrastructure et un plan visant la création de 50 000 emplois cette année.

À la suite de la dévastation économique initiale causée par la pandémie de COVID-19 et de l'effondrement sans précédent des prix du pétrole, le gouvernement de l'Alberta présente un plan pour relever les défis à court et à long terme auxquels la province est confrontée. Il s'agit d'un plan visant à créer des emplois maintenant afin que l'Alberta assure des perspectives de croissance, de diversification et de renouveau économiques pour l'avenir.

« Les Albertains et les Albertaines ont relevé le défi de la pandémie, mais nous continuerons d'être prudents, surtout en ce qui concerne les citoyens qui sont les plus à risque. Nous devons maintenant faire preuve de la même résilience pour surmonter le plus grand défi économique de notre époque. Aujourd'hui, nous franchissons une étape importante de la reprise avec le lancement du plan de relance de l'Alberta, une stratégie audacieuse et ambitieuse à long terme visant à bâtir l'infrastructure de la province, diversifier notre économie et créer des emplois. »

Jason Kenney, premier ministre

Le plan de relance de l'Alberta comprend les nombreux programmes d'aide gouvernementaux que nous avons mis en place pour soutenir la population albertaine et les créateurs d'emplois de l'Alberta pendant la pandémie de COVID-19. Ce plan s'appuie également sur des investissements stratégiques déjà en cours, notamment le pipeline Keystone XL et un financement accéléré de 1 milliard de dollars pour l'entretien et le renouvellement des immobilisations, permettant à des milliers d'Albertains et d'Albertaines de travailler cet été. Le plan se poursuivra avec trois piliers principaux : la création d'emplois, la construction d'infrastructures pour stimuler la croissance économique et la poursuite de la diversification de notre économie.

Bâtir : Investir dans l'infrastructure

Cette année, l'Alberta verra le plus important investissement jamais réalisé dans l'infrastructure de la province, avec 10 milliards de dollars investis dans des projets à l'échelle de la province, grâce à la création de 50 000 emplois. Le gouvernement prend des mesures sans précédent pour créer immédiatement des emplois assurant un meilleur avenir pour les collectivités et soutenir la création d'emplois à long terme dans le secteur privé. Les travailleurs reprendront la construction d'installations, la réparation des routes et ils contribueront à faire de l'Alberta une province plus forte que jamais.

Projets stratégiques

Dans le cadre d'une nouvelle initiative majeure, le gouvernement lancera cet été une série de projets d'infrastructure à grande échelle pour un coût total de 612 millions de dollars. Ces projets sont destinés à créer au moins 2 500 emplois et les projets ont été choisis pour améliorer la croissance économique à long terme et encourager les investissements dans toute la province.

Ces projets stratégiques seront répartis dans toutes les régions de la province et comprendront l'élargissement à quatre voies d'autoroutes, des projets qui appuient la croissance dans le secteur agricole, des prolongements de conduites de gaz pour les résidents du Nord, des centres de traitement pour les Albertains et les Albertaines qui se remettent d'une toxicomanie et d'autres projets importants. Les projets annoncés aujourd'hui seront suivis par d'autres qui seront annoncés au cours des prochains mois, qui stimuleront l'expansion économique et assureront des retombées durables qui profiteront à notre province pendant des dizaines d'années.

Créer des emplois

Des bases économiques solides sont renforcées dans le plan de relance de l'Alberta avec l'accélération immédiate de la baisse d'impôt pour la création d'emplois. Le 1^{er} juillet, le taux d'imposition des

sociétés sera réduit pour s'établir à 8 %; un an et demi plus tôt que prévu. Le gouvernement renforce également son engagement à réduire les formalités administratives en veillant à ce que les processus et les règlements gouvernementaux de la province ne freinent pas la croissance.

« La réduction d'impôt pour la création d'emplois est essentielle à la reprise de l'Alberta, car elle garantit à notre province un régime fiscal concurrentiel pour les créateurs d'emplois. Lorsque le taux de l'impôt sur le revenu des sociétés de l'Alberta atteindra 8 %, l'impôt sur le revenu des sociétés de la Colombie-Britannique sera de 12 %, ce qui est 50 % plus élevé. Alors que les employeurs s'efforcent de se redresser par suite de la COVID-19, ils peuvent être certains que l'Alberta sera de loin le meilleur endroit au Canada pour s'installer, leur offrant emplois et prospérité. »

Travis Toews, président du Conseil du Trésor de l'Alberta et ministre des Finances

Subvention à l'emploi pour l'innovation

Nous introduisons également une subvention à l'emploi pour l'innovation destinée aux petites entreprises et nous encourageons les technologies et l'investissement en Alberta. Cette subvention sera un crédit d'impôt remboursable accordé aux entreprises qui investissent dans la recherche et le développement, leur laissant plus d'argent pour embaucher des Albertains et des Albertaines dans les domaines de l'innovation. Grâce à la subvention à l'emploi pour l'innovation, les entreprises établies en Alberta bénéficieront d'un avantage concurrentiel à chaque étape de leur croissance. Pendant les phases d'avant revenu et d'expansion, les entreprises bénéficieront de ce programme et, à mesure qu'elles deviendront rentables et ne pourront plus bénéficier de la subvention, elles bénéficieront de la réduction d'impôt pour la création d'emplois.

Priorité aux Albertains et Albertaines

Nous placerons les Albertains et les Albertaines, y compris les nouveaux arrivants au Canada, au premier rang des emplois offerts en demandant au gouvernement fédéral de supprimer la plupart des catégories professionnelles du Programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires pour l'Alberta. De même, nous aiderons les employeurs à établir des liens avec les Albertains et les Albertaines au chômage, en faisant en sorte que les programmes de formation professionnelle soient plus adaptés et en accélérant le plan d'action pour l'équité envers les nouveaux arrivants pour que les nouveaux Albertains et les nouvelles Albertaines qui sont déjà dans la province puissent travailler plus rapidement dans des emplois qui récompensent leurs compétences et leur formation.

En raison de la diminution des voyages internationaux et de la crise profonde en matière d'emploi, le gouvernement réduira également d'au moins un tiers les admissions ciblées cette année dans le cadre du programme des candidats à l'immigration de l'Alberta. Des engagements clés de la plateforme, comme le programme de visa pour les jeunes diplômés étrangers, seront toutefois respectés afin de soutenir la croissance dans les secteurs de la technologie et de l'innovation. Nous devons tenir compte du fait que les nouveaux arrivants qui arrivent en période de récession économique s'en sortent moins bien sur le plan économique à court terme et tout au long du reste de leur carrière. Lorsque les conditions économiques s'amélioreront et que l'emploi repartira à la hausse, nous reviendrons aux niveaux précédents.

Soutenir les arts et la culture

Nous allons créer un programme de relance des événements culturels pour soutenir la musique, les arts du spectacle et les événements marquants qui ont été particulièrement touchés par les mesures de santé publique. Ce programme aidera les organisateurs d'événements susceptibles d'être relancés pendant l'été à répondre aux exigences d'éloignement physique ou à reprendre comme avant la crise lors de la prochaine saison. Le gouvernement s'est également engagé à faire croître les industries culturelles de l'Alberta de 25 %, visant des retombées de 1,5 milliard de dollars au cours des 10 prochaines années.

Infrastructure municipale

Le financement des projets stratégiques est complété par une augmentation du financement des programmes municipaux.

En plus des 50 millions de dollars annoncés pour les municipalités dans le cadre du Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (programme des infrastructures stratégiques de transport) pour financer l'amélioration des ponts, la modernisation des routes et des aéroports communautaires et d'autres initiatives, ainsi que des 150 millions de dollars supplémentaires de subventions à l'appui des infrastructures d'eau dans le cadre du partenariat Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (partenariat relatif aux réseaux municipaux d'eau potable et d'eaux usées), nous avons cerné jusqu'à 500 millions de dollars de financement supplémentaire pour les municipalités, financement qui devrait être jumelé par Ottawa. Même avant la contribution fédérale, cela représente une augmentation de près de 30 % du financement des infrastructures municipales au cours de l'exercice courant.

On estime que ce nouveau montant de 500 millions de dollars permettra d'appuyer la création d'au moins 2 500 emplois; de nouveaux emplois immédiats pour des projets qui soutiennent les personnes dans leurs collectivités, et qui sont le moteur de la croissance économique future de la province.

Diversifier l'économie

Stratégies sectorielles

Le plan de relance de l'Alberta mettra l'accent sur les stratégies sectorielles de diversification de l'économie. S'appuyant sur nos atouts en matière d'énergie, d'agriculture, de technologie et de tourisme, ces stratégies serviront à soutenir la croissance dans d'autres secteurs à fort potentiel tels que la fabrication de produits pétrochimiques à valeur ajoutée, les minéraux, notamment les minéraux de terres rares, les produits pharmaceutiques, le secteur financier, la logistique et l'aviation. Les détails de ces stratégies sectorielles seront annoncés cet été et cet automne.

Technologie

Le gouvernement annonce également son engagement en faveur de la diversification au moyen d'une recapitalisation d'Alberta Enterprise Corporation. Le gouvernement investira 175 millions de dollars au cours des trois prochaines années dans des fonds d'immobilisations qui soutiennent le secteur technologique en Alberta.

Promouvoir l'Alberta

Le gouvernement est en train de créer une nouvelle agence d'investissement pour aider à relancer la croissance économique, à créer des emplois et à diversifier notre économie.

La société Invest Alberta intensifiera les efforts déployés pour attirer des investissements sur les marchés clés avec des partenaires majeurs du monde entier. Elle augmentera les investissements dans les industries primaires de l'Alberta (l'énergie, l'agriculture et le tourisme) et encouragera les investissements dans nos secteurs à fort potentiel, comme la technologie, l'aviation et l'aérospatiale et les services financiers. Le gouvernement a attribué 6 millions de dollars annuellement pour les trois prochaines années pour ses activités.

Ce financement fait partie des 75 millions de dollars attribués à la mise en œuvre de la stratégie d'investissement et de croissance au cours des trois prochaines années pour rebâtir la réputation de l'Alberta en tant que destination d'affaires et d'investissement.

« Dans l'ensemble, ce plan représente une audacieuse déclaration de confiance dans l'avenir de l'Alberta. Il est fondé sur le bon sens et non sur une idéologie. Il établit un équilibre entre les dépenses publiques ciblées dans des domaines tels que les infrastructures créatrices d'emplois et les fortes incitations à la croissance du secteur privé, comme la réduction accélérée de l'impôt pour

la création d'emplois et l'initiative élargie de réduction des formalités administratives. Il assure un avenir à notre plus grande industrie, les hydrocarbures, tout en stimulant la diversification dans des secteurs de croissance clés, comme la technologie et l'innovation grâce à la nouvelle subvention à l'emploi pour l'innovation, et à Alberta Enterprise Corporation. »

Jason Kenney, premier ministre

Renseignements connexes

- [Alberta's Recovery Plan](#) (plan de relance de l'Alberta; en anglais seulement)
- [Support for Alberta's Recovery Plan](#) (PDF) (soutien du plan de relance de l'Alberta; en anglais seulement)
- [Economic Statement](#) (PDF) (énoncé économique; en anglais seulement)
- [Economic Recovery Council](#) (conseil de relance économique; en anglais seulement)
- [Blueprint for Jobs](#) (plan d'action pour l'emploi; en anglais seulement)
- [COVID-19 Information for Albertans](#) (renseignements sur la COVID-19 pour les Albertains et les Albertaines; en anglais seulement)

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Apr 10, 2020

Providing access to food during COVID-19

Government is providing funding to support secure access to food for vulnerable Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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During this time of urgent need for community supports, there is a strong demand placed on food banks and charitable organizations providing access to food. In an effort to protect vulnerable Albertans, government is providing \$5 million to support food banks and community organizations in their food supply efforts.

“Access to food during this pandemic is a critical issue. Vulnerable populations should not be wondering where their next meal will come from. We are allocating this funding to support people so they can access food through food banks and community organizations as we continue to address the impacts of COVID-19.”

Jason Kenney, Premier

“As we navigate through this crisis we must work together to support Albertans in need. We are focused on making food and shelter supports readily available and will continue to ensure our most vulnerable and at-risk people have secure access to food throughout this pandemic.”

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services

“I would like to assure Albertans that we have food security here in Alberta. I would also like to thank all of the organizations across the province that continue to support our food banks. Great initiatives, like 4-H's charity animal sales, are innovative approaches to promote local charities including food bank donations. I know, through 4-H this year, I will be donating to my local food bank.”

Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

Government will be working with Alberta's food banks to provide food to vulnerable populations during this pandemic. The funding will directly support Alberta food bank locations, charities, not-for-profits and

civil society organizations with their food supply efforts.

Quick facts

- On April 3, the Government of Canada announced an investment of \$100 million to improve access to food for vulnerable Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On April 2, Alberta Education announced nine not-for-profit organizations would receive \$3 million to provide additional food assistance to vulnerable K-12 students and their families.

Related information

- [Apply for funding here](#)
- [COVID-19 info for Albertans](#)
- [Emergency funding for charities and not-for-profit organizations](#)

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Apr 14, 2020

Increased supports for Alberta caregivers

Government is providing \$3 million to Caregivers Alberta to expand supports for caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic and into the future.

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Funding to the non-profit organization will help expand support programs and resources for the almost one million Albertans who are caregivers for family and friends, and ensure the many dedicated Albertans caring for their loved ones at home or in the community have access to the supports they need to maintain their well-being.

“Caregivers are essential to the well-being and quality of life of over one million Albertans. This is particularly true as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding to increase supports for caregivers is part of our government’s commitment to ensure that all Albertans are taken care of – during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.”

Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

Caregivers Alberta is the only community organization in Alberta dedicated to the diverse needs of all Alberta caregivers. Funding will help Caregivers Alberta expand supports and increase the reach of these supports so more Albertans can benefit. Supports include:

- Developing a public awareness campaign to highlight the importance of caregivers and their work.
- Compiling an inventory of caregiver supports across the province.
- Expanding the hours of the Caregiver Advisor phone line.
- Establishing a referral system to link caregivers and Caregivers Alberta through health-care providers.
- Updating and expanding support programs.
- Providing employers with resources to support caregivers in the workplace.
- Developing a coaching program for caregivers.

“Developing effective caregiver supports so Albertans can age well in their homes and communities is a priority for our government. This funding will make a big difference in the lives of many Albertans and I look forward to seeing the positive impact these additional supports will have on the lives of caregivers and those of their loved ones.”

Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing

“Without family and friend caregivers, our health-care system would simply collapse – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will help support the almost one million caregivers across the province with caregiver-focused programs and services.”

Sandra Sereda, executive director, Caregivers Alberta

Psychosocial, along with other peer and community supports, are currently available through the toll-free caregiver advisor line at 1-877-453-5088 and online at caregiversalberta.ca for all caregivers, including those caring for someone with COVID-19 or in self-isolation. Medical concerns or questions about COVID-19 or how best to care for someone with COVID-19, are best directed to Alberta Health Services' Health Link at 811. For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and tips on how to reduce your risk, visit [Help prevent the spread](#).

Alberta has a comprehensive response to [COVID-19](#) including measures to enhance social distancing, screening and testing. Financial supports are helping Alberta families and businesses.

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Apr 07, 2021

Funding not-for-profits to support Alberta's recovery | Funding for Nonprofits to Support Alberta's Recovery

Twenty-one civil society organizations will benefit from \$ 7 million in provincial funding to support community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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In short

With the new Civil Society Fund, Alberta's government is providing \$20 million over three years to expand civil society's capacity to address social problems. This year, \$7 million will support vulnerable Albertans during the pandemic and help build lasting solutions to pressing social challenges, some of which have been aggravated by the pandemic.

"We have received a tremendous response for civil society funding from organizations across the province. The successful projects will be crucial in helping to support vulnerable Albertans as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. This investment is critical to ensuring the needs of all Albertans are met, while sustaining core services over the long term."

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services

Civil society includes not-for-profit and voluntary organizations, registered charities, informal groups, private sector organizations and individuals pursuing social good.

The Premier's Council on Charities and Civil Society identified four main priorities to focus on in order to build capacity and move towards recovery:

- Enhance system infrastructure to enable collaboration.
- Advance civil society research and data to enhance cross-sector collaboration.
- Prioritize organizational transformation for innovative delivery models and more collaborative approaches.
- Support financial sustainability and resilience with innovative fundraising, social finance and social enterprise.

"The Civil Society Fund addresses the needs the Premier's Council on Charities and Civil Society heard during our stakeholder engagement. I am pleased to see the diverse array of projects being funded and believe this will have a significant impact on the civil society sector."

Joel Christie, chair, Premier's Council on Charities and Civil Society

Applications for the first year of funding through the Civil Society Fund closed in January. A cross-ministry review process, led by a committee of staff from the ministries of Community and Social Services, Seniors and Housing, Service Alberta, Children's Services and Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, reviewed applications for initiatives that could build civil society capacity and promote further recovery of the sector.

A full [list of the successful grant recipients](#) can be found online.

Alberta's government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care system.

Quick facts

- Alberta has more than 26,000 not-for-profit organizations, employing more than 280,000 Albertans.
- Each year, 1.6 million Albertans provide 262 million volunteer hours.
- Civil Society Fund grants are one-time only.
 - Eligible applicants can request up to \$1.5 million for their project.
 - Successful applicants will have 24 months from the date of the grant agreement to complete their grant activities.

Related information (en anglais seulement)

- [Civil Society Fund](#)

En tout, 21 organismes de la société civile bénéficieront d'un financement provincial de 7 millions de dollars pour soutenir la relance des collectivités après la pandémie de COVID-19.

Avec le nouveau Fonds pour la société civile, le gouvernement de l'Alberta fournit 20 millions de dollars sur 3 ans pour accroître la capacité de la société civile de s'attaquer aux problèmes sociaux. Cette

année, sept millions de dollars aideront les Albertaines et Albertains vulnérables pendant la pandémie et aideront à trouver des solutions durables aux défis sociaux urgents, dont certains ont été aggravés par la pandémie.

« Nous avons reçu une réponse formidable pour le financement de la société civile de la part d'organismes de toute la province. Des projets fructueux seront essentiels pour aider les Albertaines et Albertains vulnérables à se remettre de la pandémie de COVID-19. Cet investissement est essentiel pour garantir que les besoins de toute la population albertaine sont satisfaits, tout en maintenant les services de base à long terme. »

Rajan Sawhney, ministre des Services sociaux et communautaires

La société civile comprend les organismes sans but lucratif et bénévoles, les organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés, les groupes informels, les organismes du secteur privé et les personnes qui recherchent le bien social.

Le Conseil du premier ministre sur les organismes de bienfaisance et la société civile a fixé quatre priorités principales sur lesquelles se concentrer afin de renforcer les capacités et de progresser vers le rétablissement :

- améliorer l'infrastructure du système pour permettre une collaboration;
- faire progresser la recherche et les données relatives à la société civile pour améliorer la collaboration intersectorielle;
- donner la priorité à la transformation organisationnelle pour des modèles de prestation innovants et des approches plus collaboratives;
- soutenir la viabilité financière et la résilience grâce à une collecte de fonds innovante, à la finance sociale et à l'entreprise sociale.

« Le Fonds pour la société civile répond aux besoins que le Conseil du premier ministre sur les organismes de bienfaisance et la société civile a entendus lors de notre consultation des parties prenantes. Je suis heureux de voir la diversité des projets financés et je pense que cela aura une incidence importante sur le secteur de la société civile. »

Joel Christie, président, Conseil du premier ministre sur les organismes de bienfaisance et la

société civile

La période de soumission des demandes pour la première année de financement dans le cadre du Fonds pour la société civile a pris fin en janvier. Un processus d'examen interministériel, dirigé par un comité de membres du personnel des ministères des Services communautaires et sociaux, des Aînés et du Logement, des Services de l'Alberta, des Services à l'enfance et de la Culture, du Multiculturalisme et de la Condition féminine, a examiné les demandes d'initiatives susceptibles de renforcer les capacités de la société civile et de promouvoir la poursuite du rétablissement du secteur.

Vous trouverez la [liste complète des bénéficiaires de subvention retenus](#) (en anglais seulement) en ligne.

En réponse à la pandémie de COVID-19, le gouvernement de l'Alberta protège les vies et les moyens de subsistance au moyen de mesures précises visant à aplatir la courbe, à appuyer les petites entreprises et à protéger le système de santé de l'Alberta.

En bref

- L'Alberta compte plus de 26 000 organismes sans but lucratif, employant plus de 280 000 Albertaines et Albertains.
- Chaque année, 1,6 million d'Albertaines et d'Albertains offrent 262 millions d'heures de bénévolat.
- Les subventions du Fonds pour la société civile sont uniques.
 - Les demandeurs admissibles peuvent demander au maximum 1,5 million de dollars pour leur projet.
 - Les demandeurs retenus disposeront de 24 mois à compter de la date de l'entente de subvention pour mener à bien leurs activités associées à la subvention.

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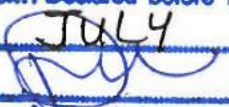
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Apr 15, 2020

Increasing mental health supports in response to COVID-19

Additional funding will improve access to mental health and addiction recovery services, supports and resources for all Albertans.

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The Government of Alberta is spending more than \$53 million to implement more online, phone and in-person mental health and addiction recovery support to make it easier for Albertans to access services from anywhere in Alberta during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We know people are struggling right now, and we want Albertans to know that help is there for them through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Alberta's government is committed to ensuring folks have the support they need to cope and stay mentally healthy during these tough times, which is why our mental health response is the largest in Canada, with funding greater than all other provinces combined."

Jason Kenney, Premier

The Government of Alberta is investing \$21.6 million to improve access to phone and online supports with existing helplines, including the [Addiction Helpline](#), the [Mental Health Helpline](#), the [Kids Help Phone](#) and the [Community and Social Services Helpline \(Alberta 211\)](#).

Further spending will contribute to online resources, available to all Albertans, supporting people who may not be able to access face-to-face services, including those in self-isolation or those in rural locations.

"It's important that Albertans in all corners of the province have access to the mental health and addiction supports they need. These resources will help address the needs of children, youth and adults, and we will continue to work with our partners across the mental health and addiction sector to find innovative ways to support Albertans in need, both now and after the pandemic is behind us."

Jason Luan, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Today's funding also includes:

- \$2.6 million to expand individual and group treatment to address family violence, addiction and

mental health for Albertans

- \$4.2 million to expand the addiction and mental health support available through Primary Care Networks
- \$25 million for a new community grant program to enhance community mental health and addiction recovery for the public, including Indigenous communities, seniors, families and people experiencing social barriers, who are negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The need for mental health supports as a result of this very stressful situation are increasing daily and will continue to do so long after this outbreak has ended. This funding from the Alberta government means we can increase the 211 crisis lines, hire staff so people can reach a live person as well as provide support to those staff who are answering the calls, which can be very stressful in itself. This is vital funding that will make a difference in the lives of so many Albertans.”

Rob Yager, president & CEO, United Way of the Alberta Capital Region

“We are grateful to continue partnering with the Alberta government to support the mental health of all Albertans as they deal with this difficult time. We have been supporting young people for over 30 years, but in partnership with the Government of Alberta, this will be the first time we will be able to leverage our experience to support Albertans of all ages.”

Katherine Hay, president & CEO, Kids Help Phone

“This outstanding announcement highlights the importance of continued recovery and ensures supports are still available for those that need them. Alberta's response to mental health and addiction recovery is leading the entire country and should be the example for every province going forward.”

Crystal Smalldon, executive director, Canadian Addiction Counsellors Certification Federation

Today's \$53 million in one-time funding is in addition to the previously announced \$140 million to create publicly funded addiction recovery spaces for 4,000 more Albertans each year.

Quick facts

- Alberta's Mental Health Helpline is available 24-7 toll-free and offers confidential support for mental health concerns: 1-877-303-2642.
- Alberta's Addiction Helpline is available 24-7 toll-free and offers confidential support for alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and problem gambling: 1-866-332-2322
- The Kids Help Phone is available 24-7 and offers professional counselling, information and referrals and volunteer-led, text-based support to young people by texting CONNECT to 686868.
- The Crisis Text Line Alberta is a service available 24-7 that offers information, referrals and volunteer-led, text-based support for Albertans of all ages, by texting CONNECT to 741741.
- Alberta 211 is a free helpline that connects Albertans to community and social services in their area 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in over 150 languages.

Related information

- [Info for Albertans on COVID-19](#)
- [Mental Health and Addiction COVID-19 Community Funding grant](#)
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Jul 15, 2020

Recovery communities to be built in Alberta

Government is building five recovery communities for the holistic treatment of mental health and addiction. This will add 400 treatment beds to the province – a 30 per cent increase in capacity.

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As part of Alberta's Economic Recovery Plan, \$25 million will support the construction of life-changing recovery communities. More than 65 countries around the world use this evidence-based approach to substance use recovery, including the highly regarded Portuguese model.

"We know recovery is possible for people struggling with addiction and mental health and that is why we are dramatically expanding treatment spaces in our province. Building recovery communities in our province will make it easier for Albertans to access a range of services and get on a lifelong path to recovery."

Jason Luan, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Recovery communities (RCs) focus on the whole person and overall lifestyle changes, not simply abstinence from drug use.

Recovery is seen as a gradual, ongoing process of cognitive change through clinical and peer interventions. Program participants advance through the stages of treatment at their own pace, setting personal objectives and assuming greater responsibilities in the community along the way.

RCs encourage participants to examine their personal behaviour to help them become more pro-social and positively engaged citizens – considered to be based on honesty, taking responsibility, hard work, and willingness to learn. The goal is for a participant to leave the program not only drug-free but also employed or in school or training.

Recovery communities will be part of an integrated system that encompasses clients of the health-care system, justice system, and community social services system.

"As a person in recovery and an alumnus of a peer-supported community program, I'm a firm believer that for a person to achieve long-term recovery, community is essential. The Alberta model is a prominent model for success. Having like-minded people in recovery, living in the same

community, makes perfect sense. With a recovery community setting, success rates will increase with long-term recovery.”

Earl Thiessen, executive director, Oxford House Foundation of Canada

“It’s important now more than ever that we support our communities to recover. When Albertans recover, not only are they better for it but so are our families. This will ensure that families and community are at the centre of the process so that everyone recovers.”

Lerena Greig, executive director, Parents Empowering Parents (PEP) Society

“This investment in recovery communities that focus on long-term health and wellness will help change lives of hundreds of Albertans. Evidence-based comprehensive care combined with support from peers in recovery will allow Albertans battling addiction to invest in their future, for themselves and their family.”

Sheldon Bailey, person in recovery

Construction of these long-term residential treatment centres is part of the more than \$10 billion infrastructure spending announced as part of Alberta’s Recovery Plan. This spending includes: \$6.9 billion Budget 2020 capital spending, \$980 million accelerated for Capital Maintenance and Renewal, \$200 million for Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program and water infrastructure projects, \$600 million in strategic infrastructure projects, \$500 million in municipal infrastructure and \$1.5 billion for Keystone XL.

Alberta’s government is helping create thousands of good jobs for Albertans by building schools, roads and other core infrastructure that benefits Albertans and communities. It will further diversify our economy by helping sectors grow and succeed and returns investment to our province by ensuring we have the most competitive tax environment in Canada.

Quick facts

- Recovery communities will serve Albertans who require a long-term stay to support their addiction

recovery.

- About 400 people will be employed during the construction of the five recovery communities. Once operational, each recovery community will employ 35 to 50 people.

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CIP Operating grant

This grant provides funding of ongoing core operations for non-profit organizations that address social issues.

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Projects impacted by COVID-19

Changes to Community Grant program intakes are necessary to support government's response to COVID-19 now and during the recovery phase. **Program changes are in place; read this webpage carefully for updates and changes.**

If you're unable to proceed with or complete your initiative as planned due to COVID-19, contact Community Grants – by calling [1-800-642-3855](tel:1-800-642-3855) or emailing lf.application@gov.ab.ca – to provide information on the project's status.

Continue to check this page for further updates.

Important dates

Annual application deadlines:

- January 15
- May 15
- September 15

Notification dates:

- June (for January 15 intake)
- October (for May 15 intake)
- February (for September intake)

Notification is sent via email to your organization.

Overview

The Community Initiatives Program (CIP), Operating grant stream supports core operations and capacity building for non-profit organizations whose mission, outcomes, and services makes an impact in one of the following priority areas:

- enhancing the quality of life of Albertans by providing direct programs and services that address social issues
- creating equitable access to human, social and economic resources and services for all Albertans
- supporting community collaborations, involving multiple organizations to address broader human or social issues

For additional program criteria and guidelines, read the: [CIP Operating Guidelines](#) .

Funding

The CIP Operating stream is designed to meet the unique and diverse needs of non-profit organizations

through 2 levels of funding.

Eligible non-profit organizations may receive up to:

- \$60,000 for core funding
 - supports the operations and administration of an organization to further its mission, rather than specific projects
- \$15,000 for organizational development funding
 - supports a broad range of activities designed to strengthen the organization

Matching funds

Core funding is approved on a matching basis. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to contribute an amount equal to or exceeding the core funding request. Eligible matching funds include recent non-government-based revenue (fundraising and donations), in-kind goods and services, and volunteer hours for the organization. All matching funds must be secured prior to the application deadline.

Organizational development funding, up to a maximum of \$15,000, does not have to be matched.

For more details about matching funding, read the [CIP Operating Guidelines](#).

Use the [CIP Operating Community Fundraising Eligibility Worksheet Template](#) (XLSX, 18 KB) to determine matching eligibility.

Multiple applications

Organizations can apply for one capital and one non-capital grant per government fiscal year (April 1-March 31).

- Non-capital grant requests can be accessed through any one of the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grant streams (Project-Based, Operating, or Major Cultural and Sport Events).
- Capital grant requests can be accessed under CFEP and capital equipment grant requests can be accessed through CIP Project-Based.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants

Organizations must have a primary mission or objective in one of the following areas:

- enhance the quality of life of Albertans by providing direct services and programs that address social issues
- create equitable access to human, social, and economic resources and services for all Albertans
- support community collaborations, involving multiple organizations, in addressing broader human or social issues.

To be eligible for the CIP Operating grant, all applicants must be classified as one of the following:

- a registered community non-profit organization in Alberta (and in good standing) under one of these Acts:
 - Provincial Legislation
 - *Societies Act*
 - *Part 21 of the Business Corporations Act - Extra-Provincial Corporations*
 - *Part 9 of the Companies Act, (Nonprofit Companies)*
 - *Special Act of the Alberta Legislature*
 - Federal Legislation
 - *Special Act of the Parliament of Canada*
 - *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*, and must be registered in Alberta under the *Business Corporations Act*
 - *Income Tax Act* (of Canada and operating in the Province of Alberta (Charities))
- First Nations and Metis Settlements
- a collaborative with the following conditions in place:
 - the applicant organization is a registered non-profit organization, in good-standing, under one of the above mentioned Acts
 - the organizational structure of the collaborative, including the roles and responsibilities of the collaborative partners and the decision making process is clearly documented
 - a multi-year strategic plan with clear goals and priorities is utilized

- there is a documented history of operating and achieving results in Alberta for at least one year
- financial resources are shared among the collaborative partners

Organizations must be legally registered and operating in Alberta for at least one year, and must have an Alberta-based address, which must be regularly monitored by an active member of the organization.

Ineligible applicants

The following applicants are not eligible to apply for funding under the CIP Operating stream:

- municipalities
- for-profit organizations
- organizations not registered under one of the above mentioned Acts
- funding agencies or other funders
- organizations that primarily benefit those outside of Alberta
- organizations receiving funding from the Enhanced Capacity Advancement Program
- organizations that have overdue or incomplete accounting/reporting relating to any grant previously awarded by the Government of Alberta
- organizations that are not legally registered and operating in Alberta for one year
- individuals

Eligible expenses

Core eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- wage and salaries for existing staff, including administrative, finance, and program staff like the executive director and administrative staff
- rent
- utilities
- insurance
- advertising, marketing, and communication expenses

essential travel within Alberta

- office and program supplies
- evaluation, data collection, auditing, and reporting
- other ongoing operating pressures as identified by the applicant

Applicants that are successfully assessed for core funding have access to an additional \$15,000 for organizational development activities.

Organizational development funding supports a range of strategic, responsive or innovative actions that strengthen the organization's:

- skills and capacity
- ability to deliver its mission
- ability to increase its long-term sustainability

Ineligible expenses

CIP Operating funding cannot be used for expenses related to:

- events, performances, festivals, celebrations and related costs
- start-up costs
- debt retirement or deficit reduction
- endowment funds
- tours or field trips
- capital or facility improvements
- equipment and furnishings
- land or facility purchase
- vehicles
- scholarships, prizes, gratuities, gifts, individual awards and payments for individual benefit
- expenses incurred prior to application deadline
- costs that are completed prior to the anticipated notification of decision

- expenditures that receive other funding from Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women
- costs that have been covered through other Government of Alberta funded programs for the same purpose
- flow-through funds to another organization
- other expenses deemed ineligible as per the Community Initiatives Program guidelines

How to apply

Continue to visit the various Community Grants Program funding streams webpages to get up-to-date information and any changes to the various grant programs.

Step 1. Read the fact sheet and guidelines

- [CIP Operating Guidelines](#)

Step 2. Fill out an application package

- [CIP Operating Application](#)
- Capacity Assessment Tool (if applicable)
 - [Organizational Capacity Assessment Tool](#)
 - [Collaborative Capacity Assessment Tool](#) (DOCX, 190 KB)
- [CIP Operating Community Fundraising Eligibility Worksheet Template](#) (XLSX, 19 KB)
- [CIP Operating Grant Budget Template](#) (XLSX, 14 KB)
- [Application for Direct Deposit Form](#) (PDF, 1.2 MB)

Applications are also available through the Community Grants office. [Contact the office](#) for more information.

The board's president or chair must sign the grant agreement.

Keep a complete copy of your application as you may be contacted if further information or clarification is required.

Step 3. Submit an application

Application packages can be emailed (preferred) to cip.oper.application@gov.ab.ca or mailed to:

Community Initiatives Program
Operating Grant Stream
Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women
212, 17205 106A Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5S 1M7

After you apply

All decisions on grant applications are final, and no appeals will be considered.

Specific terms and conditions of the grant are provided once approved.

Reporting requirements

You must complete your financial accounting for the CIP Operating grant (see pages 15 and 16 of the guidelines for further details) using the:

- [Final CIP Operating Final Report Form](#)
- [June 15, 2020 Intake Final Report Addendum](#) (DOCX, 328 KB)
- [Final Report Financial Template](#) (XLSX, 14 KB)

Contact

Connect with the Community Grants office:

Phone: [780-422-9598](tel:780-422-9598)

Toll free: [1-800-642-3855](tel:1-800-642-3855)

Email: cip.oper.application@gov.ab.ca

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More mental health support for first responders

Government is providing funding to the Heroes in Mind, Advocacy and Research Consortium (HiMARC) to support mental health for military and first responders.

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Premier Jason Kenney, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Jason Luan, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont Brad Rutherford, Director of HiMARC Suzette Brémault-Phillips, and others, met with Edmonton Police Chief Dale McFee and AHS Director of EMS Operations Dale Weiss earlier this week to discuss mental health support for first responders.

Premier Jason Kenney and Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Jason Luan held a roundtable discussion this week to raise awareness of first responder mental health for PTSD Awareness Month with representatives from local first responder agencies and the HiMARC organization.

HiMARC is receiving funding to develop web-based resources to build resilience among first responders and expand clinical trials using virtual reality to treat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among military members and veterans to a sample of other first responders, including law enforcement and health-care providers.

"First responders such as military members, law enforcement and other emergency services members have been on the front lines of our pandemic response. We are pleased to support HiMARC's important work providing a platform for members of these groups to develop and practise resilience skills."

Jason Kenney, Premier

"Many Albertans need additional mental health supports during the pandemic, but none more so than our first responders. Our government is proud to support this program that seeks to provide resources and learning opportunities to help first responders and military members be ready to respond to emergencies at a moment's notice."

Jason Luan, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

"Edmonton Police Service members have played a key role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic so far. The stress and long hours can take a toll on officers. We are grateful to the Government of Alberta and we are pleased to be a partner organization with HiMARC and support this important work."

Dale McFee, chief of police, Edmonton Police Service

The Alberta government is providing \$362,000 to HiMARC for this important work through the COVID-19 Mental Health and Addiction Action Plan – the largest of its kind in Canada.

"Military members, veterans and other first responders are at higher risk of developing PTSD through their work. HiMARC's programs will help these heroes in our communities find effective treatment for this serious illness."

Brad Rutherford, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont, and Military Liaison

"HiMARC aims to enhance resilience, address trauma and mental health challenges when they arise, and facilitate successful return to work and life transitions. With support from and

collaboration with the Government of Alberta and our partners, we will continue to expand our research and services to enable those who serve and have served, their families, organizations and communities to thrive.”

Suzette Brémault-Phillips, director, HiMARC and associate professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta

“The Heroes in Mind, Advocacy and Research Consortium is an important example of how the University of Alberta’s research and education engages multiple sectors and disciplines to benefit the broader community. We are pleased to be working with the Government of Alberta on these two projects to provide continued support to our military, veterans, first responders, and their families.”

David H. Turpin, president and vice-chancellor, University of Alberta

“AHS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is grateful to see this funding provided to HiMARC for ongoing research and treatment of mental health issues in military, veterans, first responders and their families. Paramedics on the frontlines will benefit from the increased resiliency and treatment as they deal with difficult situations every day. HiMARC has been a strong partner in mental health and we look forward to working with them in the future. EMS thanks Premier Jason Kenney, Associate Minister Jason Luan and MLA Brad Rutherford for their work in funding this initiative to make it a reality.”

Dale Weiss, executive director, EMS Operations, Alberta Health Services

Quick facts

- HiMARC was established through the Chair of Canadian Military and Veterans Clinical Rehabilitation in Canada at the University of Alberta’s Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine to develop and implement innovative solutions to improve operational readiness, resilience and growth, as well as health and well-being of organizations, military members, veterans, public safety personnel, and their families.
- HiMARC’s 3MDR project uses an immersive virtual reality system, including exposure therapy, psychotherapy, virtual reality imagery and treadmill walking, to treat PTSD, moral injury and other

mental health conditions.

- The new online platform will include resources and resilience-building activities, as well as a trial of virtual group activities.
- Members include:
 - Alberta Health Services
 - Canadian Armed Forces
 - Covenant Health
 - The Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation
 - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
 - Royal Canadian Legion
 - Veterans Affairs Canada
 - Edmonton Police Service
 - Edmonton Fire Rescue Service
 - Correctional Services

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Supporting first responders' mental health

Over the next three years, \$4.5 million will support mental health treatment for first responders, including leading-edge research, prevention and stigma reduction.

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Alberta firefighters, police officers, paramedics, sheriffs, corrections officers and emergency health-care workers put their lives on the line daily to keep Albertans safe. Alberta's government is committed to providing additional mental health supports to better equip first responders to manage post-traumatic stress injuries.

Grants totaling \$1.5 million per year will be awarded to non-profit organizations and researchers working to improve first responder mental health. Applications to the Supporting Psychological Health in First Responders grant will be open until Sept. 20.

From 2014 to 2018, there were 450 Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) claims for first responders related to post-traumatic stress injuries. These claims represent the suffering and challenges faced by Alberta's heroes, their families, friends and communities.

"First responders put their lives on the line every day to protect Albertans and we are committed to ensuring services and treatments are available to treat and prevent post-traumatic stress injuries. This grant program will fund non-profit organizations and researchers to improve the programs and ensure supports are available."

Jason Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration

"Alberta's government continues to improve access to high-quality care and supports for mental health issues. Healthy first responders and emergency health-care workers ensure our communities, families and friends remain safe and healthy."

Jason Luan, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

"It is important we keep first responders as healthy as possible so they can continue to protect the citizens of our province each day. Investing in leading-edge and evidence-based programs will ensure our members get the best possible care when they need it most. We strive to continually get better and this can only be done through proper research and listening to those officers affected by PTSI."

Dale McFee, president, Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police

"As most Albertans know, paramedics are the ones who meet you in some of the worst moments you'll ever experience; but what many don't realize is that paramedics can relive those moments over and over with every call. We are grateful for this commitment of additional mental health resources and see this as a crucial acknowledgement of this extensive and complex condition in the first response community."

Dusty Schlitter, president, Alberta College of Paramedics

Alberta's Recovery Plan is a bold, ambitious long-term strategy to build, diversify, and create tens of thousands of jobs now. By building schools, roads and other core infrastructure we are benefiting our communities. By diversifying our economy and attracting investment with Canada's most competitive tax environment, we are putting Alberta on a path for a generation of growth. Albertans came together to save lives by flattening the curve and now we must do the same to save livelihoods, grow and thrive.

Quick facts

- Alberta's government is committing \$1.5 million per year for three years for the grant program, starting in 2020-21.
- From 2014 to 2018, WCB claims for first responders related to post-traumatic stress injuries cost more than \$55 million.
- Albertans are served by:
 - More than 14,000 full-time, part-time, casual and volunteer firefighters. About 80 per cent are volunteers.
 - More than 7,500 police officers.
 - More than 9,400 paramedics.
 - More than 770 sheriffs.
 - More than 1,500 corrections officers.

Related information

- [First responders' mental health grants](#)
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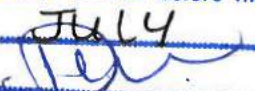
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Alberta to provide additional COVID-19 homelessness supports | L'Alberta fournit des mesures d'appui supplémentaires aux sans-abri pendant la pandémie de COVID-19

Alberta's government is providing an additional \$48 million to continue providing supports for people struggling with homelessness during the pandemic.

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This funding will help shelter operators respond to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic so they can continue providing safe, healthy places to stay for vulnerable Albertans. Funding will also help community organizations continue operating safe isolation and care centres.

“Our top priority is to continue supporting Albertans experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding ensures vulnerable Albertans have 24-7 access to shelter facilities where possible, and are able to self-isolate and receive care in safe spaces. We will continue working with shelter operators and Alberta Health Services to ensure the health and safety of vulnerable Albertans.”

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services

Homeless shelters provide critical, short-term accommodations for people struggling with homelessness, and are often the first line of contact for individuals looking for shelter. Additional funding ensures expanded shelter sites set up to meet physical distancing guidelines can continue to operate, and will incorporate 24-7 access, where possible.

"Throughout this pandemic, Hope Mission has continued to be there to support those who walk through our doors in need of a hot meal and warm place to sleep. COVID-19 requires us all to do things differently to make sure our guests are safe. I am pleased government is stepping up to provide additional financial help so we can continue to support people through this difficult time. On behalf of Hope Mission, I wish to thank the Alberta government for their commitment to helping us feed and shelter our city's most vulnerable."

Bruce Reith, Executive Director at Hope Mission

Without a COVID-19 vaccine and a probable second wave of the virus, these services remain critical to ensuring people struggling with homelessness can shelter in place, access isolation and care, and receive the health supports they need.

"COVID-19 continues to pose a serious threat to people experiencing homelessness. It is critical that we continue to work together to make sure Albertans experiencing homelessness are protected and have access to safe isolation and care or emergency shelter. I am pleased government is working to make sure these supports continue."

Stephen Wile, CEO Mustard Seed

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Quick facts

- This funding is in addition to \$25 million announced in March 2020.
- Funding ensures expanded shelter spaces in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge and Grande Prairie, Lac La Biche, Lloydminster and Drayton Valley continue to operate.

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L'Alberta fournit des mesures d'appui supplémentaires aux sans-abri pendant la pandémie de COVID-19

Le gouvernement de l'Alberta fournit un montant supplémentaire de 48 millions de dollars pour continuer à soutenir les personnes qui se retrouvent sans abri pendant la pandémie.

Ce financement aidera les exploitants de refuges à faire face aux répercussions continues de la pandémie COVID-19 pour qu'ils puissent continuer à offrir des lieux de séjour sûrs et sains aux Albertains et aux Albertaines vulnérables. Le financement aidera également les organismes communautaires à continuer d'exploiter des centres d'isolement et de soins sécuritaires.

« Notre priorité absolue est de continuer à soutenir les Albertains et les Albertaines sans abri pendant la pandémie de COVID-19. Ce financement garantit que la population albertaine vulnérable a accès à des centres d'hébergement 24 heures sur 24 et 7 jours sur 7 là où c'est possible, et qu'ils sont en mesure de s'isoler et de recevoir des soins dans des endroits sûrs. Nous continuerons à travailler avec les exploitants de refuges et l'Alberta Health Services pour nous assurer que la population vulnérable est en santé et en sécurité. »

Rajan Sawhney, ministre des Services sociaux et communautaires

Les refuges pour sans-abri offrent de l'hébergement essentiel et de courte durée aux personnes qui n'ont pas de logis, et ils sont souvent le premier point de contact pour les personnes à la recherche d'un abri. Le financement supplémentaire permettra de garantir que les lieux d'hébergement élargis mis en place pour répondre aux directives d'éloignement physique pourront continuer à fonctionner et qu'ils pourront offrir un accès 24 heures sur 24, 7 jours sur 7, aux endroits où cela est possible.

« Tout au long de cette pandémie, la Hope Mission a continué à soutenir les personnes qui ont franchi ses portes à la recherche d'un repas chaud et d'un endroit pour dormir. La COVID-19 nous oblige tous et toutes à faire les choses différemment pour assurer la sécurité de nos clients. Je suis heureux que le gouvernement apporte une aide financière supplémentaire afin que nous puissions continuer à soutenir les gens pendant cette période difficile. Au nom de la Hope Mission, je tiens à remercier le gouvernement de l'Alberta de s'engager à nous aider à nourrir et à abriter les plus vulnérables de notre ville. »

Bruce Reith, directeur général de la Hope Mission

Sans un vaccin contre la COVID-19 et avec la possibilité d'une deuxième vague de contamination, ces services restent essentiels pour garantir que les personnes sans domicile fixe peuvent s'abriter, s'isoler et être soignées, en plus de recevoir le soutien sanitaire dont elles ont besoin.

« La COVID-19 continue de menacer sérieusement les personnes sans domicile fixe. Il est essentiel que nous continuions à travailler ensemble pour que les Albertains et les Albertaines sans abri soient protégés, qu'ils puissent s'isoler et obtenir des soins en toute sécurité ou encore qu'ils aient accès à un refuge d'urgence. Je suis heureux que le gouvernement s'efforce de faire en sorte que ces mesures de soutien puissent continuer d'exister. »

—
Stephen Wile, PDG de Mustard Seed

Le plan de relance de l'Alberta est une stratégie à long terme audacieuse et ambitieuse qui vise à créer, à diversifier et à consolider des dizaines de milliers d'emplois, dès maintenant. La construction d'écoles, de routes et d'autres installations de base profite à nos collectivités. En diversifiant notre économie et en attirant des investissements grâce à l'environnement fiscal le plus concurrentiel au Canada, nous mettons l'Alberta sur la voie de la croissance. L'Alberta s'est unie pour sauver des vies en aplatissant la courbe et nous devons maintenant faire de même pour sauver nos moyens de subsistance, et pour croître et prospérer.

En bref

- Ce financement s'ajoute aux 25 millions de dollars annoncés en mars 2020.
- Ce financement garantit l'augmentation des places en refuge à Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge, en plus du maintien de l'exploitation des centres de Grande Prairie, Lac La Biche, Lloydminster et Drayton Valley.



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COVID-19 Updates

- Alberta enters Stage 1: Mandatory provincewide restrictions remain in effect.
- Get vaccinated: Everyone 12+ can book first dose now, second doses available in stages.

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May 21, 2021

Supporting women seeking shelter at Jessie's House

Alberta's government is providing Jessie's House with a \$1.1-million grant to help more rural women and families fleeing violence have a safe and supportive place to stay.

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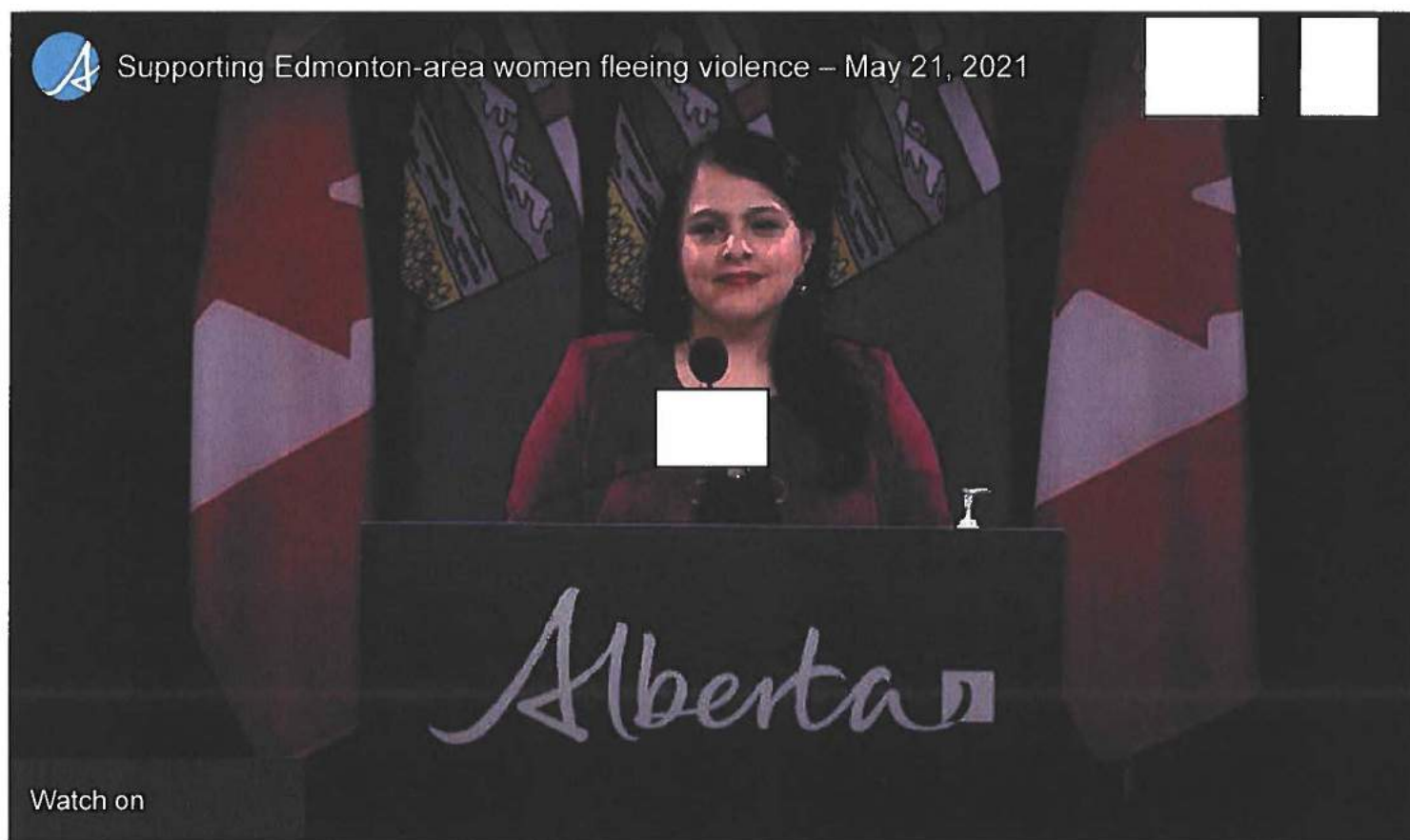
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Jessie's House is a 35-bed women's shelter in Morinville, serving women in rural Sturgeon County, St. Albert and the wider Edmonton region. This investment will help the shelter open at full capacity once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, and provide much-needed supports to help women and children live free from domestic violence.

"Women's shelters do vital life-saving work supporting women and children impacted by domestic violence by providing critical supports to help families break free from abuse and live healthy lives. We know the pandemic has increased incidences of family violence, and supports are required now more than ever. This new funding will ensure those supports are in place at Jessie's House."

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services

"Family violence affects communities right across the province, including in Morinville where our grief over the loss of Jessica Martel persists. It's the reason I have been advocating for important funding for Jessie's House. As we continue to fund life-saving programs like this, I urge all Albertans to identify and support victims of family violence by reaching out with resources on local supports and being clear that it is unacceptable in our communities."

Dale Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity and MLA for Morinville-St. Albert

Since opening, Jessie's House has been operating at half capacity. This funding will support the shelter to fully operate 35 spaces, support staffing and the development and delivery of programming for families in shelter and in the wider community.

"The Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation is important for us as a society to bring awareness and safety to people living in a domestic violence or abusive situation. The death of my daughter by her common-law partner was senseless, and so is the shortage of places for people who are in crisis to go. It was a dream of ours to one day build a safe haven, and with the help of the community Jessie's House was born. With the help of this funding, we can continue to build our dream."

Lynne Rosychuk, mother of Jessica Martel and founder, Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation

"Violence against another human being is unacceptable. Everyone deserves to feel loved, safe, respected and understood despite their circumstances. The Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation's mission is to empower women, men and children to live a life free of violence. This funding will allow us to continue to provide a safe place for people fleeing domestic violence through Jessie's House and the important work of outreach, education, community engagement and awareness."

Marla Welk, executive director, Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation

Emergency women's shelters provide many services through outreach and community supports. Skilled

shelter staff can provide risk assessments and safety plans for women unable to leave, develop individualized supports designed to meet the unique needs of each client and help educate the community on the impacts of domestic violence and building healthy relationships.

Domestic violence issues can be made more challenging during times of crisis, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic, and supports are available for those in need. The Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818 is available toll-free 24-7 in more than 170 languages.

Alberta's government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care system. An additional \$5 million has been provided to women's shelters to help women isolate in safety and to increase community outreach to support women unable to leave abusive relationships.

Quick facts

- This funding will enable Jessie's House to fully operate the 35-bed women's shelter.
- Jessie's House opened in May 2020.
- Jessie's House is named after Jessica Martel, who was killed in a domestic violence incident.
- This funding is reallocated from existing ministry resources.
- Budget 2021 maintains funding for women's shelters at \$51.3 million.
- Funding supports programming and operations for 30 women's emergency shelters, 16 second-stage shelters, two seniors shelters and five fee-for-service shelters.
- General funding covers costs for:
 - 721 beds in women's emergency shelters
 - 189 units in second-stage shelters
 - 16 spaces in elder abuse shelters

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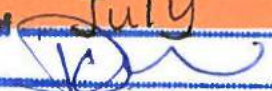
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- Alberta enters Stage 1: Mandatory provincewide restrictions remain in effect.
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Apr 20, 2020

Relief coming for continuing care pressures

New funding will increase staffing of health-care aides to alleviate pressures in contracted continuing care facilities.

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Supports include additional funding to allow for:

- Increased health-care aide staffing levels.
- A wage top-up of an additional \$2 per hour for health-care aides.
- Up to 1,000 paid student practicum positions to fast-track certification and get more staff into our continuing care facilities.

In addition, \$24.5 million is being advanced to operators to help address immediate cost pressures due to COVID-19.

“Health-care aides are integral to the well-being of residents – and they play a critical role across the health-care system. We cannot overlook their contribution, and we must not lose sight of how the pressures they face can directly impact the functioning of entire facilities. We are confident that these measures will make a difference not only to health-care aides, but to the residents of these facilities who deserve quality and compassionate care.”

Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

Continuing care facilities have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why strong restrictions are in place to address the spread of the virus. These restrictions are necessary to help protect lives, but they also place financial and emotional burdens on staff, residents and operators.

Increased funding will help facilities hire about 1,000 additional full-time staff so they can adequately prevent infections and respond to outbreaks. The addition of 1,000 practicum students will also help deal with staffing shortages across the system. A wage supplement will help compensate health-care aides at contracted sites for the extra work necessary during this pandemic. It will also help alleviate the financial burden for those who normally work at several sites, but are now restricted to one site.

These new measures are estimated to cost an additional \$7.3 million per month and are specific support for the pandemic period.

Quick facts

- The most important measure Albertans can take to prevent respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, is to practise good hygiene.
- This includes cleaning your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds, avoiding touching your face, coughing or sneezing into your elbow or sleeve, and disposing of tissues appropriately.
- Anyone who has health concerns or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should complete an [online COVID-19 self-assessment](#).
- For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community, visit alberta.ca/COVID19.

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Mar 17, 2020

New measures to limit COVID-19 in Alberta

The government will declare a state of public health emergency later today, empowering authorities under the *Public Health Act* to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic

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Premier Jason Kenney declares COVID-19 a public health emergency.

Alberta's Provincial Operations Centre has also been elevated from a level 3 to a level 4, the highest level.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the Alberta government is implementing additional measures, including cancelling events that have more than 50 people.

"This is an unprecedented moment in our history and decisive action is needed. We recognize that these measures will have a profound impact on the lives of Albertans, but they are necessary in the face of this growing pandemic."

Jason Kenney, Premier

“These measures are necessary if we are to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our province. Our intention is to limit opportunities for disease transmission by limiting the amount of time Albertans are spending in large crowds and crowded spaces. All Albertans should take immediate action and follow all recommended public health measures. Protecting the health of Albertans is, and always will be, our top priority.”

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health

The additional measures include:

- Mass gatherings are now limited to no more than 50 attendees. This includes worship gatherings and family events such as weddings. Grocery stores, shopping centres, health-care facilities, airports, the legislature and other essential services are not included.
- To limit the amount of time Albertans are spending in large crowds and crowded spaces, all Albertans are prohibited from attending public recreational facilities and private entertainment facilities, including gyms, swimming pools, arenas, science centres, museums, art galleries, community centres, children’s play centres, casinos, racing entertainment centres, and bingo halls.
- Sit-down restaurants, cafés, coffee shops, food courts and other food-serving facilities, including those with a minors-allowed liquor license, are limited to 50 per cent capacity to a maximum of 50 people. Take-out, delivery or drive-through service is permitted. Licensed facilities will also be permitted to deliver liquor.
- At this time, not-for-profit community kitchens, soup kitchens and religious kitchens are exempt, but sanitization practices are expected to be in place and support will be in place for this practice.
- Until further notice, all Albertans are restricted from attending bars and nightclubs, where minors are prohibited by law.

Municipalities, charitable and non-profit organizations providing social services support will immediately see \$60 million to support their COVID-19 response. The funding will be provided to adult homeless shelters, women’s emergency shelters and the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program, which supports municipalities and civil society organizations in providing services to vulnerable Albertans.

Albertans are encouraged to visit alberta.ca/COVID19 for the latest information, guidance and resources.

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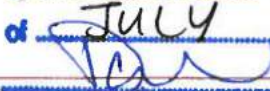
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Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy

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Backgrounder

November 5, 2020

On October 9, the government proposed the new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy to provide direct relief to businesses, non-profits, and charities that continue to be economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new rent subsidy would be available retroactive to September 27, 2020, until June 2021.

The government is providing the proposed details for the first 12 weeks of the program, until December 19, 2020. The proposed program would, in many ways, mirror the successful Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, providing a simple, easy-to-understand program for affected qualifying organizations. The new rent subsidy would provide benefits directly to qualifying renters and property owners, without requiring the participation of landlords.

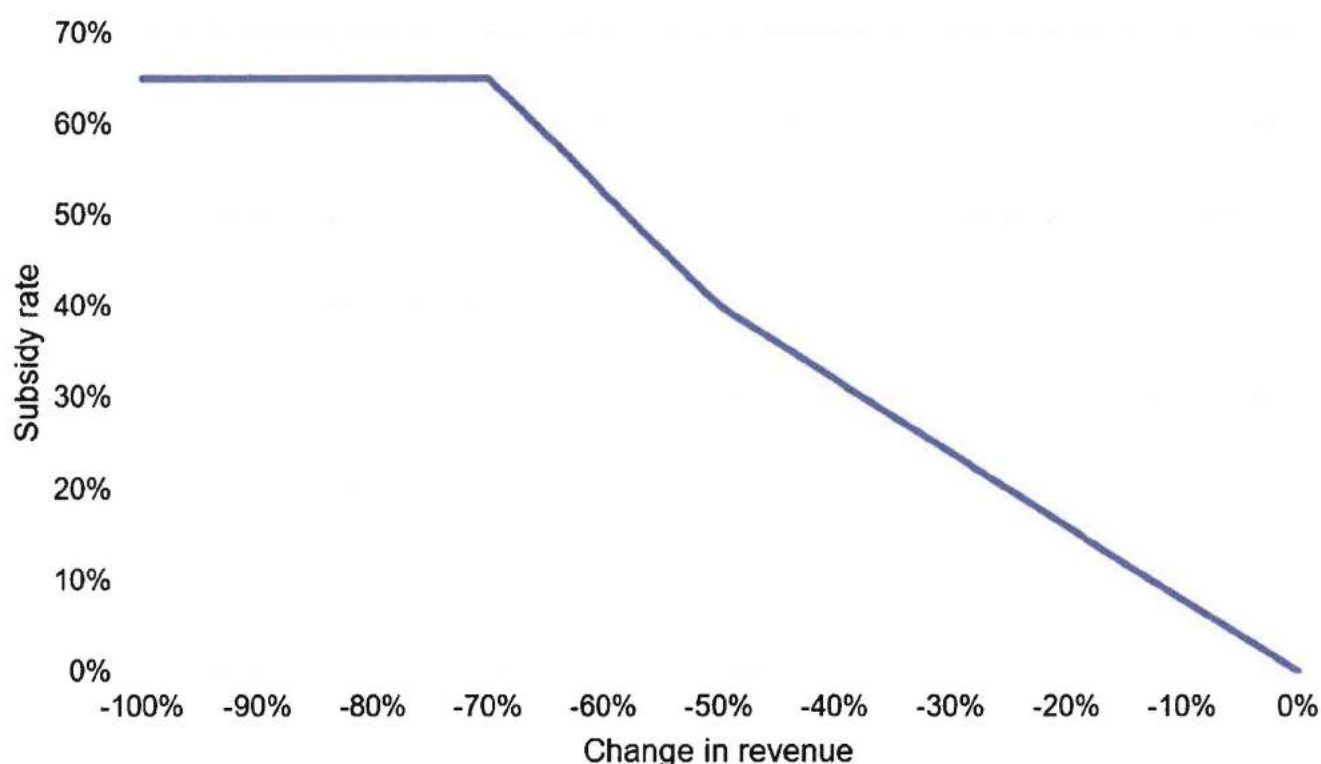
This backgrounder provides information for organizations that have experienced a revenue decline and may qualify for the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy. If your organization has been subject to a public health order issued under the laws of Canada, a province or territory (including orders made by a municipality or regional health authority under one of those laws), you may be eligible for additional resources under [the new Lockdown Support](#).

Rent Subsidy for Organizations Impacted by the Crisis

With the introduction of the new rent subsidy, qualifying organizations that have suffered a revenue drop would be eligible for a subsidy on eligible expenses. As shown in Table 1 and Figure 1, below, the maximum base rate subsidy would be 65 per cent, and available to organizations with a revenue drop of 70 per cent or more. The base rate would then decline to a rate of 40 per cent for organizations with a revenue drop of 50 per cent, and then would gradually reduce to zero for those not experiencing a decline in revenues. This structure mirrors the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy rate structure.

Table 1

Revenue Decline	Base Subsidy Rate
70% and over	65%
50% to 69%	40% + (revenue drop - 50%) x 1.25 (e.g., 40% + (60% revenue drop - 50%) x 1.25 = 52.5% subsidy rate)
1% to 49%	Revenue drop x 0.8 (e.g., 25% revenue drop x 0.8 = 20% subsidy rate)

Figure 1

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Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses for a location for a qualifying period would include commercial rent, property taxes (including school taxes and municipal taxes), property insurance, and interest on commercial mortgages (subject to limits) for a qualifying property, less any subleasing revenues. Any sales tax (e.g., GST/HST) component of these costs would not be an eligible expense.

Eligible expenses would be limited to those paid under agreements in writing entered into before October 9, 2020 (and continuations of those agreements) and would be limited to expenses related to real property located in Canada. Expenses that relate to residential property used by the taxpayer (e.g., their house or

cottage) would not be eligible. Payments made between non-arm's-length entities would not be eligible expenses. Mortgage interest expenses in respect of a property primarily used to earn, directly or indirectly, rental income from arms-length entities would not be eligible.

Expenses for each qualifying period would be capped at \$75,000 per location and be subject to an overall cap of \$300,000 that would be shared among affiliated entities.

Eligible Entities

Eligibility criteria for the new rent subsidy would generally align with the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program. Eligible entities include individuals, taxable corporations and trusts, non-profit organizations and registered charities. Public institutions are generally not eligible for the subsidy. Eligible entities also include the following groups:

- Partnerships that are up to 50 per cent owned by non-eligible members;
- Indigenous government-owned corporations that are carrying on a business, as well as partnerships where the partners are Indigenous governments and eligible entities;
- Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Associations;
- Registered Journalism Organizations; and
- Non-public colleges and schools, including institutions that offer specialized services, such as arts schools, driving schools, language schools or flight schools.

In addition, an eligible entity must meet one of the following criteria:

- have a payroll account as of March 15, 2020 or have been using a payroll service provider;
- have a business number as of September 27, 2020 (and satisfy the Canada Revenue Agency that it is a *bona fide* rent subsidy claim); or
- meet other conditions that may be prescribed in the future.

Calculating Revenues

Revenues will be calculated in the same manner as under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program.

- An entity's revenue for the purposes of the rent subsidy is its revenue from its ordinary activities in Canada earned from arm's-length sources, determined using its normal accounting practices. Revenues from extraordinary items and amounts on account of capital are excluded.
- For registered charities and non-profit organizations, the calculation includes most forms of revenue, excluding revenues from non-arm's length persons. These organizations are allowed to choose whether to include revenue from government sources as part of the calculation. Once chosen, the same approach would have to apply throughout the program period.
- Special rules for the computation of revenue are provided to take into account certain non-arm's-length transactions, such as where an entity sells all of its output to a related company that in turn

earns arm's-length revenue.

- Affiliated groups that do not normally compute revenue on a consolidated basis may elect to do so.

Reference Periods for the Drop-in-Revenues Test

Eligibility would generally be determined by the change in an eligible entity's monthly revenues, year-over-year, for the applicable calendar month.

Alternatively, an entity can choose to calculate its revenue decline by comparing its current reference month revenues with the average of its January and February 2020 revenues.

Once an entity has chosen to use either the general or alternative approach, they must use that approach for each of the three periods. The approach chosen would apply to both the base Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy.

An eligible entity would use the greater of its percentage revenue decline for the current qualifying period and that for the previous qualifying period in order to determine its subsidy rate. This would provide certainty to businesses regarding their expected minimum subsidy rate and aligns with the practice under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.

Table 2, below, outlines each qualifying period and the relevant reference period for determining the change in revenue.

Table 2: Reference Periods

	Qualifying period	General approach	Alternative approach
Period 8	September 27 to October 24, 2020	October 2020 over October 2019 or September 2020 over September 2019	October 2020 or September 2020 over average of January and February 2020
Period 9	October 25 to November 21, 2020	November 2020 over November 2019 or October 2020 over October 2019	November 2020 or October 2020 over average of January and February 2020
Period 10	November 22 to December 19, 2020	December 2020 over December 2019 or November 2020 over November 2019	December 2020 or November 2020 over average of January and February 2020

Note: The period numbers align with those used for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, for simplicity. Period 8 of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program is the first period for which the rent subsidy will be in effect.

All applications must be made on or before 180 days after the end of the qualifying period.

The estimated cost for the first three periods of the rent subsidy program, including the new Lockdown

Support for locations significantly affected by public health restrictions, is \$2.2 billion in 2020-21.

How Organizations Will Benefit

Example 1:

Sandy owns a kitchen supply store. The store was closed down in the initial stages of the pandemic in March and April, but has since reopened. With new safety precautions in place Sandy now limits the number of customers in her store. In September and October, her revenues are down 25 per cent compared to last year. She paid \$5,000 in eligible rent costs during the first period of the rent subsidy. For this period, she will be eligible for a rent subsidy of 20 per cent, or \$1,000.

Example 2:

Matt owns a local chain of three casual dining restaurants. With restrictions on dining room capacity, and patio business declining as cooler weather sets in, his revenues were down 40 per cent in September and 60 per cent in October, compared to the same time last year. Matt incurred \$30,000 in eligible rent costs in respect of the first period of the rent subsidy. He will be eligible for a rent subsidy at a rate of 52.5 per cent, for a benefit of \$15,750.

Example 3:

MovieCastle Group is a chain of six cinemas. MovieCastle Group fully owns each cinema, which are all incorporated separately. In September, revenues were down 70 per cent, and in October, revenues were down over 80 per cent. MovieCastle Group and its companies incurred rent costs of \$600,000 in respect of the period.

Under the rent subsidy, MovieCastle Group will be eligible for a base subsidy rate of 65 per cent on a maximum of \$300,000 of rent expenses per period. At each location, only the first \$75,000 of rent expenses is eligible for the subsidy. MovieCastle Group members decide to divide the maximum \$300,000 for the group equally amongst the six members, and each therefore can claim \$50,000 in eligible expenses. The total group benefit will be \$195,000 (or 65 per cent of \$300,000).

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Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

Details of changes to the wage subsidy announced as part of Budget 2021 are now available. Find out what the changes are.

As a Canadian employer who has seen a drop in revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for a subsidy to cover part of your employee wages. This subsidy will enable you to re-hire workers, help prevent further job losses, and ease your business back into normal operations.

Next deadline

July 15, 2021:

Last day to apply for claim period 11

Next period opens

July 7, 2021: First day you can apply for claim period 17










Claim period 17 is the first claim period that the Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP) is also available. The CEWS and the CRHP support wages you pay through different phases of your economic recovery. For claim periods 17 to 20, eligible employers can claim either CEWS or CRHP, whichever is higher.

Go right to the calculator if you already know how the subsidy works.

Calculate your
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Helping Hard-hit Businesses Hire More Workers with the Canada Recovery Hiring Program

From: [Department of Finance Canada](#)

Background

June 2, 2021

For businesses that have been hit hardest by the pandemic, hiring the workers they need to grow is a cost they may worry about taking on. The federal government wants these businesses to be able to recover and grow by hiring more people.

The recent federal budget proposed the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program to provide support to eligible employers that continue to experience qualifying declines in revenues relative to before the pandemic. The proposed Hiring Program is included in Bill C-30, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 19, 2021 and other measures, which is currently before Parliament. The program would offset a portion of the extra costs employers take on as they reopen, either by increasing wages or hours worked or hiring more staff. This support would only be available for active employees and will be available from June 6, 2021, to November 20, 2021. The aim is to make it as easy as possible for businesses to hire new workers as the economy reopens.

As the rates for both the Wage Subsidy and the Hiring Program will slowly ramp down over time, employers will have a strong incentive to begin hiring as soon as possible and maximize their benefit. The program is also designed so that employers can hire at their own pace, as different jurisdictions reopen at different paces.

The Hiring Program will help eligible employers hire the workers they need so that the economy can fully recover more quickly and without leaving people behind. The program will be available through the Canada Revenue Agency, just like the Wage Subsidy and Rent Subsidy. The application portal will open following Royal Assent of Bill C-30, the *Budget Implementation Act*.

It is estimated that this program will cost \$595 million in 2021-22.

How the Canada Recovery Hiring Program Works

The proposed Canada Recovery Hiring Program would provide eligible employers with a subsidy of up to 50 per

cent of incremental remuneration paid to eligible active employees between June 6, 2021, and November 20, 2021.

Eligible Employers

Employers eligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would generally be eligible for the Canada Recovery Hiring Program. Eligible employers must be Canadian-controlled private corporations (including a cooperative corporation that is eligible for the small business deduction), and also include individuals, non-profit organizations, registered charities, and certain partnerships.

Corporations and trusts that are ineligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy because they are public institutions would also not be eligible for the Hiring Program. Public institutions generally include municipalities and local governments, Crown corporations, wholly owned municipal corporations, public universities, colleges, schools, and hospitals.

Eligible employers, or their payroll service provider, would be required to have had a payroll account open with the Canada Revenue Agency on March 15, 2020.

Eligible Employees

An eligible employee must be actively employed by an eligible employer throughout a qualifying period (or the portion of the qualifying period throughout which the individual was employed by the eligible employer) and are primarily employed in Canada.

The Hiring Program would not be available for furloughed employees, meaning those who are on leave with pay but do not perform any work for the employer. An employee would not be considered to be on leave with pay for the purposes of the Hiring Program if they are on a period of paid absence such as vacation leave, sick leave, or sabbatical.

Eligible Remuneration and Incremental Remuneration

The types of remuneration eligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would also be eligible for the Hiring Program.

Eligible remuneration generally includes salary, wages, and other remuneration for which employers are required to withhold or deduct amounts on account of the employee's income tax obligations. However, severance pay, stock option benefits, or the personal use of a corporate vehicle are not eligible. The amount of remuneration for employees would be based solely on remuneration paid during the qualifying period.

Incremental remuneration for a qualifying period is the difference between total eligible remuneration paid to eligible employees during the qualifying period and total eligible remuneration paid to them during the baseline period. For calculation of total eligible remuneration paid for both the qualifying period and the baseline period, eligible remuneration for each eligible employee would be subject to a maximum of \$1,129 per week.

As with the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the eligible remuneration for a non-arm's length employee for a week

Timing	Period 17 June 6 – July 3	Period 18 July 4 – J
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General approach June 2021 over June 2019 **or** May 2021 over May 2019 July 2021 c

Alternative approach June 2021 **or** May 2021 over average of January and February 2020 July 2021

*Period 17 of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would be the first period of the Canada Recovery Hiring Progra

Employers seeking access support from the Hiring Program must apply no later than 180 days after the end of each qualifying period.

An eligible employer would be permitted to claim either the hiring subsidy or the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy for a particular qualifying period, but not both.

Subsidy Amount

If an eligible employer meets the revenue-decline threshold for a qualifying period, its subsidy amount would be equal to its eligible incremental remuneration multiplied by the Hiring subsidy rate (e.g. 50%, 40%, 30% or 20%) for the qualifying period. The rates for each period are shown below, in Table 3.

Table 3

Canada Recovery Hiring Program Rates, Periods 17* to 22

(June 6, 2021 to November 20, 2021)

	Period 17 June 6 – July 3	Period 18 July 4 – July 31	Period 19 August 1 – August 28	Period 20 August 29 – Septe
Hiring subsidy rate	50%	50%	50%	

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Example

Max and Chinmay run a bookstore whose storefront was shut down sporadically through the winter and spring due to public health restrictions. While their business survived, they had to lay off three of their 10 employees, each of whom they pay \$600 per week. Their baseline payroll from March 14 to April 10 was \$16,800 (i.e., seven employees x \$600 x four weeks).

As public health restrictions are lifted and the vaccination campaign continues, their business begins to recover. In May, their revenues were still down 50 per cent from their level before the pandemic, but are only down 20 per cent in June, and by July are close to their pre-pandemic level. As a result, they are able to hire back their three laid-off employees starting June 6, and are even able to add an additional employee starting July 4.

As a result of proposed measures in the federal government's recovery plan, Max and Chinmay's business will

benefit from either the extended Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy or the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program:

- For June 6 to July 3, their payroll is \$24,000. Their business would be eligible for a wage subsidy rate of 40 per cent (based on a 50-per-cent revenue decline), resulting in a wage subsidy of \$9,600. Alternatively, the business would be eligible for a hiring subsidy rate of 50 per cent, which would be applied to the difference between its current payroll and its baseline payroll, resulting in a hiring incentive of \$3,600. They are better off claiming the wage subsidy of \$9,600 for this period.
- For July 4 to July 31, their payroll is \$26,400. Their business would be eligible for a wage subsidy rate of 8.75 per cent (based on a 20-per-cent revenue decline), resulting in a wage subsidy of \$2,310. Alternatively, the business would be eligible for a hiring subsidy rate of 50 per cent, which would be applied to the difference between its current payroll and its baseline payroll, resulting in a hiring incentive of \$4,800. In this instance, they are better off claiming the hiring incentive of \$4,800 for this period.

In total, Max and Chinmay will be eligible for at least \$14,400 in support from these two measures to help their business rebuild as the economy recovers.

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Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) How to apply

Changes to CRB amounts and eligibility period limits

Eligible CRB recipients can now apply for a **total of 25 periods** (50 weeks) between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.

Payment amounts will change to **\$600** (\$540 after taxes withheld) for each 2-week period if either:

- you have already applied for 21 periods
- you are applying for your first period on or after period 22 (July 18 to 31, 2021)

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Before you apply

Answer these questions to ensure your application will be quick and easy:

☐ File your income taxes

Have you filed your 2019 and 2020 income taxes?

April 30, 2021 Due date to file your 2020 taxes (employees)

June 15, 2021 Due date to file if you or your spouse or common law partner is self-employed

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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DARREN HEDLEY
 Sworn / Declared before me this 12 day
 of JULY A.D., 2021

 A Commissioner for Oaths in and
 for the Province of Alberta.
 A Notary Public.

☐ **Confirm you are currently registered with the CRA**

Have you applied for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) with CRA before?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

☐ **Set up direct deposit**

Direct deposit payments take about 3 to 5 business days. A cheque takes about 10 to 12 business days.

Is your direct deposit information up to date with the CRA?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, I want to set it up
- ☐ No, I prefer to receive my payment by cheque

☐ **Check impact on your social assistance benefits**

Do you receive any provincial or territorial Social (Income or Disability) Assistance?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you earn more than \$38,000

You may have to reimburse some or all of your benefit payment if you earn over \$38,000 in the calendar year.

To determine how this may impact you, go to:

[If you earn over \\$38,000](#)

When you can apply

You may start applying on the first Monday **after the 2-week period** you're applying for has ended. Applications do not renew automatically.

You must apply for each period separately. You may apply for any period you are eligible for that is open for application, including **up to 60 days after** the period has ended.

☐ Determine when to apply

Select your eligibility period

Make your selection...

Apply online or by phone

Avoid payment delays

File your 2019 and 2020 tax returns to avoid potential delays with your benefit application. Your payment may be delayed up to 4 weeks if your income tax information is not on file at the CRA.

For information about filing, go to [Get ready to do your taxes](#).

Make sure you're properly set up. Refer to: [Before you apply](#).

1 Apply

Read the Privacy Statement

Online:

Apply using your CRA My Account

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By phone:

Apply using the automated toll-free line


2 Provide any additional information requested by the CRA

The CRA will verify your application. If we do not have complete information, your payment may be delayed up to 4 weeks.

To help avoid delays, file your 2019 and 2020 income tax [return](#).

If your application needs further validation, we may ask you to provide additional information.

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