



July 2, 2020

As you may have heard, the Government of Alberta (GoA) has now launched the [Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant](#). The grant opened for applications today for Calgary based organizations.

Here are the grant guidelines: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/6cac661f-5a82-41ce-a42e-15b6efec60d2/resource/5720568f-f83f-43c1-b274-cd18ab06a0bd/download/edtt-small-medium-enterprise-relaunch-grant-guidelines-2020-06.pdf>

Q: What is the purpose of this grant?

The Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant offers financial assistance to Alberta businesses, cooperatives, and non-profit organizations that were ordered to close or curtail operations as a result of public health orders, and that experienced a revenue reduction of at least 50 per cent in April and/or May 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q: Who is eligible?

Under Eligibility Criteria, point 8 writes:

Have not received any payments, grants, or amounts from any other sources, including insurance, to replace or compensate for the loss of revenue/earned revenue other than amounts from these government assistance programs:

- *Alberta Workers' Compensation Board premium relief*
- *Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)*
- *Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)*
- *Western Economic Development Regional Relief and Recovery Fund*
- *Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)*
- *Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)*
- *Government of Alberta grant relief funding for the child care sector*

Under Ineligible Organizations:

*Non-profit organizations that receive operational funding from government (i.e. education supports, health care) are ineligible with the exception of agricultural societies. **The Federation has confirmed that receiving relief funding from the City of Calgary is OKAY and you are still eligible for the SME Relaunch Grant (so long as you meet the rest of the eligibility requirements).***

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In addition, non-profit organizations that receive funding from the programs below are ineligible:

- *Canada Emergency Support Fund*
- *Canada Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations*
- *Canada Emergency support for women's shelters and sexual assault centres*
- *Alberta Emergency Funding for Charities, Nonprofits and Food Banks (administered by FCSS)*
- *Alberta Mental Health and Addiction COVID-19 Community Funding grant*
- *Alberta Emergency Funding for Women and Homeless Shelters.*

Other ineligible entities include municipalities and overnight camps.

Q: When can eligible groups apply?

To clarify, the intake on the first week June 29 – July 3, the GoA has broken up application intake. Applications from Calgary will be accepted on July 2; however, July 4th onward anyone may apply at any time until the program closes.

Q: What is the application deadline?

Intake for the program will remain open until August 31, 2020, or for four weeks following the start of Phase 3 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy, whichever is later. An official date for intake closure will be posted on the program webpage when Phase 3 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy is announced.

Q: What is the funding amount?

Grant funding will be provided for 15 per cent of the organization's pre-COVID monthly revenue in either April 2019, May 2019, or February 2020 up to a maximum amount payable of \$5,000 per eligible business, cooperative or non-profit organization.

Q: Who can groups contact for more information?

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