

Nov 23rd 2020 Hospitality Funding

Program Name	Resource Provider
Emergency Survival Fund for LGBTQ2S Artists, Performers, Tip-Based Workers and Glad Day	Glad Day Lit
Description Administered by Glad Day Bookshop in Toronto, this fund will help cover emergency aid and paid work for LGBTQ2S artists, performers and tip-based workers. Website Learn More	
Ontario Live	Ontario Live
Description A virtual marketplace that brings Ontario together to help support local artists, operators, attractions and businesses throughout the province. Coming soon, you’ ll be able to buy, donate to, or experience the best Ontario has to offer all in one place. Website Learn More	
Ontario Supports Ontario's Beverage Alcohol Sector During COVID-19	Province of Ontario
Description The Ontario Government is supporting Ontario's beverage alcohol sector with a number of initiatives including, Pausing increases to beer and wine taxes, previously scheduled to take effect in spring 2020, Temporarily allowing licensed restaurants and bars to sell alcohol with food takeout and delivery orders between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., Temporarily allowing licensed restaurants and bars to sell spirits at a lower price with food takeout and delivery orders, Allowing restaurants and bars to temporarily create or extend outdoor patio spaces to safely accommodate patrons and staff once licensed establishments are permitted to reopen for business, Making it easier for cideries to sell directly to consumers by temporarily removing the requirement for cideries to have five acres of planted fruit to qualify for an on-site store, Extending the Ontario Wine and Grape Strategy to 2021-22, providing \$7.5 million annually for VQA Support, \$4.8 million annually for marketing and promotion, \$250,000 for research and \$250,000 for benchmarking, and Extending the Small Cidery and Small Distillery Support Program to 2021-22, providing \$2.6 million annually to help eligible businesses grow and scale up their operations. Website Learn More	
Tourism Economic Development Recovery Fund	Province of Ontario

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Description The Ontario government is investing \$1.5 million through the new Tourism Economic Development Recovery Fund and offering promotional incentives at provincial attractions to help the province's tourism industry and welcome back visitors after the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will support projects that develop innovative tourism products and experiences, drive private sector tourism investments, workforce development, and support tourism operators to learn more through tourism industry associations.

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Virtual Action Centre

Province of Ontario, UNITE HERE Local 75

Description The Province is investing nearly \$2 million to open a Virtual Action Centre in partnership with UNITE HERE Local 75. This virtual job training resource will provide up to 7,000 unemployed workers in the hospitality sector with access to a wide range of services and supports online and over the phone, including: - Stress management and mental health resources through video conferencing, - Immediate health and safety online training for workers who return to work at designated quarantined sites, - Technical skills online training, - Online training to upgrade English language and digital skills, - Peer group facilitation and employment preparation through videoconferencing.

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