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Program Name

Resource Provider

Soldiers in Tech

Province of Ontario

Description The Ontario government is providing \$500,000 to retrain veterans for jobs in the IT and technology sector. This funding is part of a \$1.8 million investment in IT and technology training projects. The Soldiers in Tech program, offered through the Roland Gossage Foundation, is providing 12-week web development boot camps that equip participating veterans with the skills, resources, and industry knowledge they need to enter junior web developer positions. This innovative program helps to address both the difficulties faced by veterans in re-entering the workforce and the shortage of skilled workers in the tech sector. The Soldiers in Tech program is just one of five new projects in the Greater Toronto Area receiving funding that aim to retrain up to 315 people so they can find employment in Ontario's IT and tech sector.

Website [Learn More](#)

Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)

FedDev Ontario and other Regional Development Agencies

Description The new Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) devotes nearly \$962 million to help businesses and organization who do not qualify for, or have been rejected from, current Government of Canada COVID-19 relief measures. Priority may be given to SMEs in the manufacturing, technology, tourism and other sectors key to the region, that are major employers in small communities or that support the government' s commitment to underrepresented groups. Applications can be submitted for support for fixed operating costs, where business revenues have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In southern Ontario, FedDev Ontario will deliver: \$213 million for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) facing financial pressure; and \$39.4 million to provide rural businesses with access to capital and technical support, delivered by southern Ontario' s Community Futures Development Corporations. The program will provide financial contributions (interest-free loans) to help support fixed operating costs of SMEs, where business revenues have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Website [Learn More](#)

Work Integrated Learning Program

Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC)

Program Name

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Description Work Integrated Learning program provides wage subsidies up to 70% (to a maximum of \$7,000) of a work term student' s pay to encourage work opportunities for students. In response to COVID-19, ITAC has made program adjustments, including allows students to work from home. Please see link for details.

Website [Learn More](#)

NRC IRAP Innovation Assistance Program

National Research Council of Canada

Description This Program is Currently Closed to Applications: National Research Council of Canada' s Industrial Research Assistance Program provides a wage subsidy to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks (amount determined on a case by case basis). Small or medium-sized businesses (SMEs) pursuing technology-driven innovation who have been unable to secure funding under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy are eligible and can apply for financial assistance under this program. Please see the link for further details on eligibility and the application process.

Website [Learn More](#)

Go Digital Canada

Government of Canada and Shopify

Description Go Digital Canada is a central resource hub for Canadian entrepreneurs to get online and grow their business through support resources and tools offered by Shopify and other organizations. Small businesses across Canada can launch their business online for free with an extended 90-day trial (for new merchants that register before October 1), and can access a suite of resources and tools to build their store including step-by-step guidance with Shopify Compass, live webinars, and 24/7 support. Business owners can tailor their stores to suit their individual needs, from setting up online payments, gift cards and local pickup/delivery options, to launching free email marketing campaigns (until October 1), and more.

<https://news.shopify.com/shopify-partners-with-the-government-of-canada-for-go-digital-canada#>

