

## **Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Manufacturing**

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**Ontario Made**

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

Description "This initiative will promote the many world-class goods that are made across the province by helping consumers easily identify, access and purchase local products. As part of this program, there will be: - A new Ontario Made logo that manufacturers can use to help consumers identify their made-in-Ontario products. CME will also meet with major retailers to promote Ontario Made products in-store and increase visibility for customers; and - A new SupportOntarioMade.ca website that will connect consumers and supply chain partners to manufacturers of made-in-Ontario products through one directory. "

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**Agriculture and Food Business Solutions Fund**

Farm Credit Canada

Description A \$100 million fund to support agribusiness and agri-food sector companies through unexpected business disruptions, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund is set up to support a wide range of enterprises, including companies involved in primary production, agri-tech, manufacturing, packaging and distribution. The fund will provide companies with innovative solutions such as convertible debt investments and other flexible financing solutions. Applications will be assessed individually on their merit, and will be supported to a maximum of \$10 million. To qualify, companies need to demonstrate an impact from an unexpected business disruption, such as the loss of a key supplier, temporary loss of a facility or permanent loss of critical staff or leadership.

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**Ontario Tools Grant**

Province of Ontario

Description The Province is providing an Ontario Tools Grant of \$2.5 million in 2020-21 and \$7.5 million in 2021-22 and ongoing. This will help new eligible apprentices purchase the equipment they need to start their careers. The funding amounts will be distributed as follows: - \$1,000 for those in motive power sector trades; - \$600 for those in construction and industrial sector trades; - \$400 for those in service sector trades. To be eligible for the new grant, apprentices must

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have: - completed level 1 training on or after April 1, 2020; - an active registered training agreement; and - been registered as an apprentice for at least 12 months.

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### Loans for Tools Program - Loan Forgiveness

Province of Ontario

Description The Province forgiving more than \$10 million in outstanding loans owed by apprentices for tool purchases made at the beginning of their careers through the Loans for Tools Program. The Loans for Tools Program allowed thousands of new apprentices to buy tools, equipment, clothing, manuals and code books required for their trade. About 19,000 apprentices who participated in the program owed, on average, \$495.

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### Medical Innovation Xchange (MIX)

Medical Innovation Xchange (MIX), Province of Ontario

Description A platform providing non-medical manufacturing companies free support as they retool to provide essential supplies and equipment to health care facilities during COVID-19. Non-medical manufacturing companies that have received funding through the Ontario Together Fund, or a Purchase Order with the Province of Ontario, can access MIX members' medical advisory services, including assistance navigating regulatory hurdles and increasing efficiencies.

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### 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

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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.

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