# Provincially Focused Supports for B.C. Businesses

#### **Export Navigator**

Export Navigator is a community-based program that provides free support and ongoing guidance to help B.C. businesses expand beyond local markets.

Who is eligible: All businesses located in B.C. are eligible to join the Export Navigator program.

Link to program: <a href="https://exportnavigator.ca/">https://exportnavigator.ca/</a>

# Export Navigator

#### Trade Accelerator Program (TAP)

TAP provides small and medium-sized enterprises with essential strategies, resources, and mentorship to scale up and develop export plans. The program has a proven track record of helping participants achieve significant results in international markets.

Who is eligible: Available to all businesses in B.C.

Link to program: Trade Accelerator Program (TAP) - Greater Vancouver Board of Trade



#### Trade and Invest BC

Trade and Invest BC offers a wide variety of resources to help B.C. business grow through international opportunities. Tapping into international markets for exports of made-in-BC goods and services offers the potential for businesses of all sizes to benefit from going global to grow sales, broaden opportunities, and increase competitiveness. Our experienced team of trade and investment professionals have access to a global network of representatives in China, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, Taiwan, India, Europe, Mexico and the United States. Connect with us today. Link to program: www.britishcolumbia.ca



#### BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (BCMJF)

BCMJF helps manufacturing companies modernize, innovate, and grow by providing funding for capital projects in all regions in B.C., particularly in communities affected by economic impacts or downturns.

Note: The BCMJF intake is currently closed as of November 15, 2024.

Who is eligible: Businesses, for-profit organizations, entities with for-profit manufacturing operations, including First Nations and Indigenous- and First Nation-owned enterprises.

Link to program: BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund - Province of British Columbia



#### ESG Centre of Excellence

The Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Centre of Excellence is a support hub that provides ESG guidance, resources, and tools for B.C. businesses, organizations and entrepreneurs. The Centre offers advisory services to help businesses build capacity and equip them to meet ESG demand.

Who is eligible: B.C. Businesses of all sizes and sectors looking to start or strengthen their ESG focus.

Link to program: Environment Social and Governance (ESG) Centre of Excellence



#### Forestry Innovation Investment (FII)

FII supports a wide variety of organizations under the Market Initiatives program that work towards our common goal of advancing B.C.'s forest sector with a direct benefit to B.C. forestry and value-added wood product manufacturing exporters

Who is eligible: Groups representing multi-company interests, academic and research institutions, First Nations councils and non-profits, government entities, and more.

Link to program: https://www.bcfii.ca/current-market-initiatives-recipients/



#### The BC Agriculture and Food Export Program (BCAFE)

Funded under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), the BCAFE provides cost-share funding to eligible sector business and associations to undertake market development activities outside of B.C. The program aims to increase sales, reduce market risk, and enhance long-term sustainability for B.C.'s agriculture, food and beverage exporters, enabling them to maintain, expand and/or diversify export markets.

Who is eligible: Eligible applicants include agriculture producers with a head office in B.C.

Link to program: <a href="https://bcagricultureandfoodexportprogram.ca/">https://bcagricultureandfoodexportprogram.ca/</a>





# British Columbia, Naturally.

#### InnovateBC Integrated Marketplace Initiative

The Integrated Marketplace (IM), developed by the Province of B.C. under the StrongerBC Economic Plan and supported by PacifiCan, accelerates the adoption of domestic innovations to advance decarbonization, competitiveness, and safety. Delivered by Innovate BC in partnership with Testbeds, IM helps domestic companies secure key reference customers, driving scale-up, export growth, and job creation.



Who is eligible: Eligible companies operating within the three approved testbeds may submit a project proposal to the IM program upon agreeing to IM's program conditions.

Link to program: <a href="https://www.innovatebc.ca/programs/integrated-marketplace">https://www.innovatebc.ca/programs/integrated-marketplace</a>

#### CleanBC for Business

CleanBC offers programs and incentives to help B.C. businesses green their operations and grow new business opportunities through innovation:

- The CleanBC Industry Fund can leverage investments to lower emissions and improve operations
- B.C.'s Forest Carbon Initiative improves the use of residual wood and forest fibre, and promotes sustainable
- CleanBC Plastics Action Fund reduces plastics and makes better use or recycled plastic in manufacturing processes



- CleanBC Building Innovation Fund supports new low carbon building solutions
- CleanBC Go Electric Advanced Research and Commercialization programs

Link to program: <a href="https://cleanbc.gov.bc.ca/">https://cleanbc.gov.bc.ca/</a>

### Creative BC - Passport to Markets Program

Creative BC is an independent non-profit society created and supported by the Province of B.C. in 2013. Creative BC's services include funding programs, BC Film Commission services, B.C. motion picture tax credits, and investment attraction and stewardship. Its mandate is to sustain and help grow B.C.'s creative industries: Motion picture, Interactive and digital media, Music and sound recording, Book publishing, and Magazine publishing.



Link to program: Passport to Markets Program

#### **Small Business Advisory Services**

Pathfinding supports for entrepreneurs and small business owners include free one-on-one consultations with expert advisors, access to resources designed to help businesses start, grow and thrive, and guidance on navigating government programs and funding opportunities. The experiences advisory team have been delivering these services for many years and have the best knowledge of the ecosystem of support.

Who is eligible: All prospective and existing entrepreneurs and small business owners or who are located or plan to be

Link to program: Help for small businesses and entrepreneurs - Province of British Columbia

#### **BRITISH** COLUMBIA

## BC Bid

The BC Bid application is a modern online marketplace where buyers can post solicitation opportunities and is open for suppliers to submit bids on all solicitation types.

Link to program: **BC Bid for Suppliers** 







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