








# Alberta Small Business Supports

	 Start-up support	 Advice and coaching	 Financing	 Tax Credits	 Training	 Market Expansion
Alberta Chambers of Commerce		•			•	•
Alberta Export Expansion Package (AEEP)		•				•
Alberta Innovates	•	•	•		•	
Alberta Investor Tax Credit (AITC)				•		
ATB Financial	•	•	•			•
Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE)	•	•	•		•	•
Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)		•	•			•
Business Link	•	•			•	•
Canada-Alberta Job Grant (CAJG)					•	
Community Futures	•	•	•		•	
Community Economic Development Corporations (CEDC) Tax Credit				•		
Futurpreneur	•	•	•			
Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit (IDMTC)				•		
Self-Employment Training Program	•	•			•	


## GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA PROGRAMS


Information available at [www.alberta.ca/small-business-resources.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/small-business-resources.aspx)

 **Alberta Export Expansion Package (AEEP):** consists of three programs to prepare Alberta companies for success in the international market, including the Export Support Fund, Global Buyers, and Investors Program, and Export Readiness Program. [edt.aEEP@gov.ab.ca](mailto:edt.aEEP@gov.ab.ca)

 **Alberta Investor Tax Credit (AITC):** provides a 30% tax credit to investors who provide capital to eligible small businesses. [AITC.program@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AITC.program@gov.ab.ca)

 **Canada-Alberta Job Grant (CAJG):** an employer-driven training program where government and employers share the costs of training new and existing employees. <https://www.alberta.ca/canada-alberta-job-grant.aspx>

 **Community Economic Development Corporations (CEDC) Tax Credit:** supports Alberta investors and businesses working together to advance rural economic development and social impact initiatives.



 **Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit (IDMTC):** supports the growth, sustainability, competitiveness and business attraction of Alberta's digital media industry by providing a 25% refundable tax credit.



 **Self-Employment Training Program:** provides support to unemployed and marginally employed individuals who have a viable business idea and require additional training to facilitate entry into self-employment. Available in Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, and other rural areas in Central Alberta and Southern Alberta. **1-800-661-3753.**

## SERVICE PROVIDERS

  **Alberta Chambers of Commerce:** your local resource, championing ideas, harnessing energy and collectively moving forward sensible solutions for small business. [www.abchamber.ca](http://www.abchamber.ca)

  **Alberta Innovates:** provides access to programs, funding, business supports, and research facilities to accelerate entrepreneurship and technology-based innovation across the province. **403-450-5111** or [intake@albertainnovates.ca](mailto:intake@albertainnovates.ca)



  **ATB Financial:** provides coaching and advice at Entrepreneurial Centres in Edmonton, Calgary, Grande Prairie, and Lethbridge. Also offers traditional loans as well as non-traditional lending options. [www.atbentrepreneurcentre.com](http://www.atbentrepreneurcentre.com)

  **Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE):** provides tools, resources and loans to women entrepreneurs in Alberta. **1-800-713-3558** or [www.awebusiness.com](http://www.awebusiness.com)

  **Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC):** support for small and medium-sized businesses through access to financing, advisory services, and capital. **1-877-232-2269** or [www.bdc.ca](http://www.bdc.ca)

  **Business Link:** helps small businesses start and expand anywhere in Alberta. Provides one-on-one support, online business training, and market research for business plans. French, Indigenous, and new immigrant supports are also provided. **1-800-272-9675** or [www.businesslink.ca](http://www.businesslink.ca)

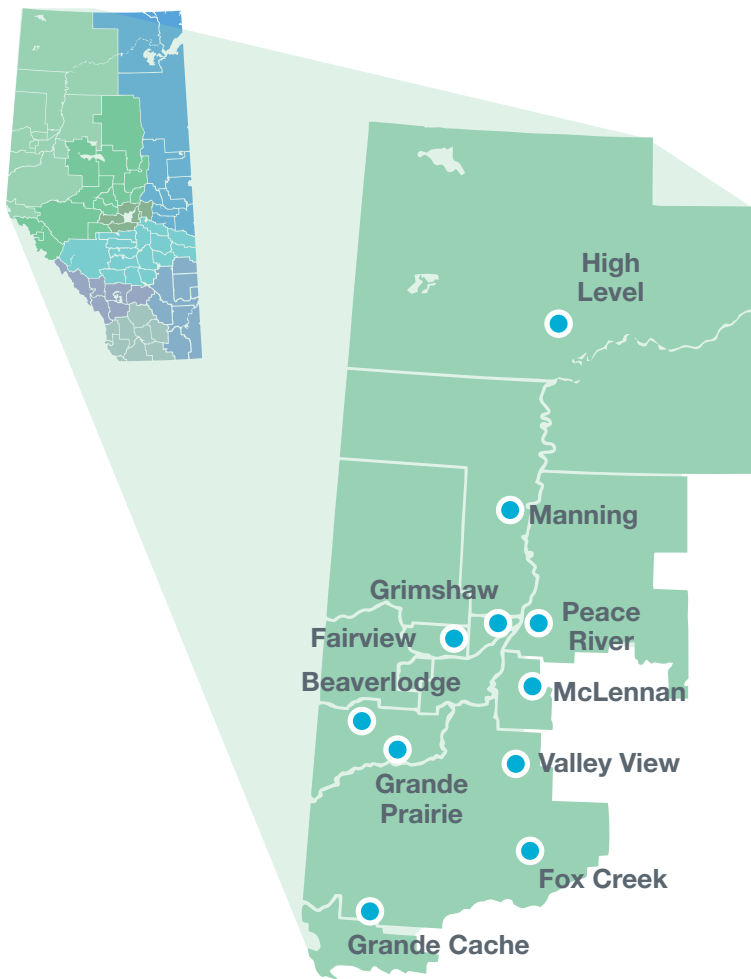
  **Community Futures:** located in 27 locations across Alberta. Provides small business support, including small business loans. **1-877-482-3672** or [www.albertacf.com](http://www.albertacf.com)

  **Futurpreneur:** offers loans to entrepreneurs aged 18-39. Entrepreneurs who receive a loan are also paired with a mentor. **403-265-3288** or [www.futurpreneur.ca](http://www.futurpreneur.ca)

### For information on ministry-specific business supports, contact:

- **Agriculture and Forestry:** 310-FARM (3276)
- **Culture and Tourism:** 780-641-9326
- **Labour Laws/Regulations:** (pay, vacation time, hours, overtime, etc.) 1-877-427-3731

# North West Alberta Small Business Supports



## Grande Prairie

### Alberta Innovates

<https://albertainnovates.ca/>

### Grande Prairie Regional Innovation Network (GPRIN)

<https://www.gprin.ca/>

### ATB Entrepreneur Centre

<https://atbentrepreneurcentre.com/locations/atb-entrepreneur-centre-grande-prairie/>

### SPARK Business Incubator

<https://www.gpsparkincubator.ca/>

## Community Futures

Grande Prairie, High Level and Peace River

[www.albertacf.com](http://www.albertacf.com)

## Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program

The CARES program provides funds so that communities, regions, and municipalities can provide support to businesses in the region. As of May 2018, there are 6 small business related initiatives funded through CARES in the North West Alberta Region. To access a complete list of grant recipients and projects, go to [www.alberta.ca/community-regional-economic-support-program.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/community-regional-economic-support-program.aspx).

## Small Business Statistics

- In 2017, small businesses employed 542,058 Albertans, about 36% of all Alberta private sector employment (note: this excludes public administration, and the health and education sectors).
- In December 2017, there were 163,116 small businesses in Alberta, making up 96% of all businesses with employees.
- In 2017, small businesses generated 28% of Alberta's GDP, the 4th highest among the provinces.
- In 2016, small businesses in Alberta generated \$26,020 of GDP per capita – this is almost 50% higher than the national average of \$17,400 of GDP per capita.
- In December 2017, there were 38 small businesses for every, 1,000 people in Alberta, third amongst the provinces (after Prince Edward Island and British Columbia) and far ahead of the Canadian average of 32.

Note: small business is defined as under 50 employees