



# Supporting Northern Ontario

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation

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# Importance of NOHFC Programs to the North

- Our government is investing in economic development projects across Northern Ontario.
- For the NOHFC, Northern Ontario is defined as “all areas north of and including the districts of Parry Sound and Nipissing.”
- NOHFC provides economic development funding towards approved projects in the territorial districts of Northern Ontario, namely Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, and Timiskaming.
- **Since June 2018, the NOHFC has invested more than \$639 million in 5,265 projects, leveraging more than \$2 billion in investment and creating or sustaining over 8,421 jobs.**



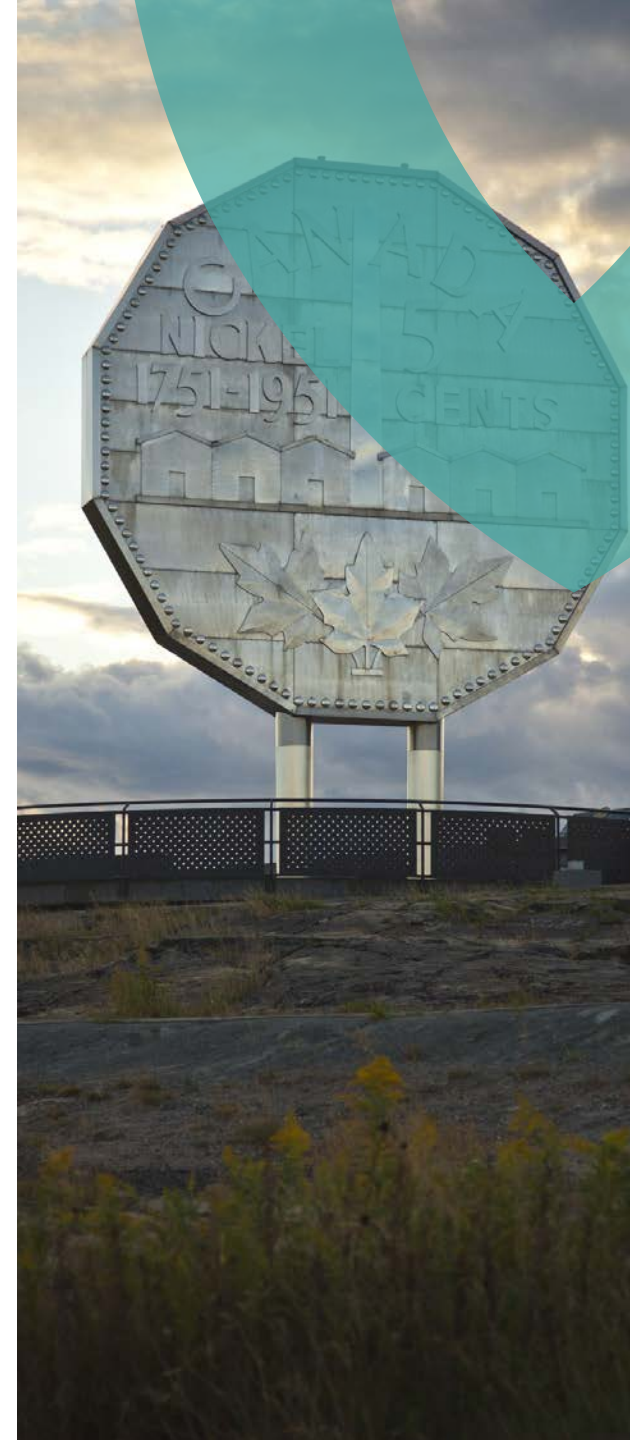




# NOHFC Overview

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- The NOHFC promotes economic prosperity across Northern Ontario by providing financial assistance to projects—big and small, rural and urban—that stimulate growth, job creation and skills development.
- In February 2021, our government launched new and improved NOHFC programs to help increase economic development and promote job creation in Ontario's North.
- Our four new programs target existing and emerging markets, support more projects in small rural communities, address the skilled labour shortage and make it easier for more people and businesses to apply.





# NOHFC Programs

## Our Programs

Four main programs targeting business support, community enhancement, workforce development, and cultural support, with eight funding streams:



### Community Enhancement Program

- Rural Enhancement
- Enhance Your Community



### Cultural Supports Program

- Community Events
- Film and Television



### Invest North Program

- Innovation
- Investment



### People and Talent Program

- Indigenous Workforce Development
- Workforce Development





# NOHFC Programs

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The **Community Enhancement Program**, builds healthy and vibrant northern communities by supporting upgrades and repairs to vital community assets.

## Streams

- **Rural Enhancement Stream**
  - Rural Enhancement
    - Population <1,500
    - Population 1,500 to 30,000
- **Enhance Your Community Stream**





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## Community Enhancement Program

### Rural Enhancement Stream

- \$477,375 for the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge to build a car museum to house a collection of racing cars and automotive paraphernalia next to the Founders' Museum and Pioneer Village.
- \$235,500 for the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge to repair the roof of the Norwest Arena.

### Enhance Your Community Stream

- \$1.5 million for Confederation College to expand and modernize its aviation programs, including purchasing five trainer aircraft and two flight simulators, as well as renovating and upgrading the college's Aviation Centre of Excellence located at the Thunder Bay International Airport
- \$2 million for Mattawa First Nations for the construction of a state-of-the-art training hub and wellness centre
- \$2 million for the City of Thunder Bay for the renewal of the Centennial Botanical Conservatory
- \$1.2 million for the City of Thunder Bay to further develop cruise ship docking infrastructure at the former Pool 6 grain elevator waterfront property adjacent to Prince Arthur's Landing





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The **Cultural Supports Program** promotes and showcases Northern Ontario culture, geography and talent.

## Streams

- **Community Events Stream**
- **Film and Television Stream**





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## Cultural Supports Program

### Community Events Stream

- Wake the Giant Music Festival
- Northern Ontario Tourism Summit 2022
- Franco-Festival 2022
- Vox Popular Media Arts Festival
- Snowday on the Waterfront

### Film and Television Stream

- \$119,000 for Shebafilms Studios to produce the feature film Mr. Noah And The Second Flood, and \$28,256 to hire a 2D Animator and Character Designer Intern
- \$108,832 for Blueprints – an audio and music production company – to renovate its new studio and purchase equipment
- \$62,000 for Pastime Productions to produce the documentary A Sobering Story
- \$34,999 for Friends of the Finnish Labour Temple – a non-profit organization that celebrates and promotes the history and cultural legacy of Finnish immigration to Canada – to hire a Research TV intern, and \$33,907 to hire a Graphics and Animation Intern





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The **Invest North Program** boosts economic recovery and growth and attracts more investment to the north by supporting business development and expansion, as well as by supporting research and commercialization of new innovative technologies.

## Streams

- **Launch Stream**
- **Grow Stream**
- **Locate Stream**
- **Innovation Stream**

## Special Initiatives

- **Industrial Research Chair**
- **Tile Drainage**



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## Invest North Program

### Launch Stream

- \$193,638 to Borderlands Farm in Neebing to build the only wool mill of its kind in the North, construct a storage building and buy equipment to produce fresh lamb, wool products and garlic year-round

### Grow Stream

- \$400,000 for KBM Resources Group to purchase light detection and ranging (LiDAR) equipment and aircraft to expand operations in remote sensing and field and technical services and \$240,916 to purchase information and communications technology to expand geophysical survey services across the energy and utilities, forestry, mining and road infrastructure sectors
- \$310,620 for EvergreenRx KB Inc. to expand its building footprint at its Kakabeka Falls pharmacy to have enough space for administering immunizations, blood pressure kiosks and additional computer workstations and to meet new ventilation and other standards set by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA)
- \$113,000 for Harris Timber to purchase a new processor that will increase business capacity by allowing the company to cut to length instead of only tree length wood
- \$246,200 for Loch Lomond Equipment Sales Limited – a company specializing in equipment for ice road construction – to build additional workshop and storage space to expand operations supporting winter roads important for transporting supplies to Indigenous communities not accessible by road in the spring, summer and fall
- \$98,300 for Maintair Aviation Services Limited to purchase equipment to expand operations and \$28,764 to hire a Human Resources and Administrative Assistant to provide business and operational support



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## Invest North Program

### Locate Stream

- \$5 million for Cetarus Ltd to construct two compressed natural gas facilities (Red Rock and Timmins)

### Innovation Stream

- \$217,920 for Thunder Bay Hydraulics' commercialization of their car lift
- \$434,000 for Radialis Medical to commercialize a positron emission tomography device for breast cancer detection

### Industrial Research Chair

- \$690,370 for Lakehead University to hire an industrial research Chair for supporting mineral exploration in partnership with Impala to analyze nickel, copper and platinum group elements. This investment will help create nine new jobs.

### Tile Drainage

- \$645,400 for the Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Association to install tile drainage on 1,168 acres for a consortium of area farmers





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## People and Talent Program

### Indigenous Workforce Development Stream

- \$43,056 for Rutter Urban Forestry Ltd. to hire a Green Mechanic and Apprentice Arborist to learn the arborist trade and maintain and repair equipment

### Workforce Development Stream

- \$31,730 for TBT Engineering Ltd. to hire an Engineer in Training to provide engineering, technical, and administrative direction on projects, liaise with stakeholders and prepare engineering documents, work schedules, detailed cost estimates and assessments
- \$31,395 for North Rock Engineering Inc. to hire an Engineer in Training to provide engineering and project management support like gathering and analyzing data, preparing engineering drawings and ensuring quality control of project design documentation and deliverables
- \$25,594 for Kozar Engineering Inc. to hire a CAD Technician and Designer for 3D modelling and drawing development and to provide input into engineering proposals and reports
- \$23,920 for Eco Carbon Foam Inc. to hire an Extruder Operator to operate a plastic extruder, including start-up, adding mixture and troubleshooting



# For Assistance and More Information:

## Ministry of Northern Development - Regional Economic Development Branch (REDB)

- 23 office locations across the North
- provides assistance to all NOHFC clients with project development and the entire application process

**1-866-711-8304**

**[www.nohfc.ca](http://www.nohfc.ca)**





# NOHFC Programs



## Community Enhancement Program – Rural Stream

### Who is eligible?

- Rural municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit organizations and Local Services Boards, having or serving a population of less than 30,000.

Funding Stream	Funding Type	Available Funding
<b>Rural Enhancement Project</b> For Indigenous communities or communities with a population <u>under</u> 1,500.	Conditional Contribution	90% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$200,000
<b>Rural Enhancement Project</b> For communities with a population <u>over</u> 1,500.	Conditional Contribution	75% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$500,000







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## Community Enhancement Program

### Who is eligible?

- Municipalities, Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, and Local Services Boards located in Northern Ontario.

Funding Stream	Funding Type	Available Funding
Enhance Your Community	Conditional Contribution	The less of 50% of eligible costs <u>or</u> \$2 million





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## Cultural Supports Program – Community Events

### Who is eligible?

- Municipalities, Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, and Local Services Boards located in Northern Ontario for Community Events projects.

Funding Stream	Funding Type	Available Funding
Community Events	Conditional Contribution	30% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$15,000





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## Cultural Supports Program – Film and Television

### Who is eligible?

- Canadian controlled production companies who own all or a majority of the rights to exploit and produce the production project and will receive a producer credit on the project.

Total Production Budget	Funding Type	Potential Level of Support
Up to \$5 million	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs up to \$500,000
\$5 million - \$10 million	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs up to \$1,000,000
\$10 million and above	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs up to \$2,000,000





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Invest North

### Who is eligible?

- Businesses starting-up, expanding existing operations or locating new business operations in or to Northern Ontario.

Funding Stream	Funding Type	Available Funding
Launching a new business	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs, up to \$200,000
Growing an existing business	Conditional Contribution/Loan or both	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20% of eligible costs to \$400,000 in conditional contribution; <b>or</b>,</li><li>• 20% of eligible costs to \$400,000 in conditional contribution, plus a term loan of up to 30% of eligible costs to \$600,000; <b>or</b>,</li><li>• 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$1 million in a term loan.</li></ul>
Locating new business operations to Northern Ontario	Conditional Contribution or Conditional Contribution and term loan	50% of eligible costs, up to \$5 million



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## Invest North - Innovation

### Who is eligible?

- Private-sector businesses, alone or in partnership with a public-sector academic or research institution.

Activity	Funding Type	Available Funding
Applied Research and Development Projects	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs, up to \$500,000
Applied Research & Development <u>and</u> Demonstration & Commercialization Combined	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs, up to \$2 million
Demonstration & Commercialization-only Projects	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs, up to \$2 million



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## Invest North – Industrial Research Chair

### Who is eligible?

- Northern Ontario universities, colleges, and research institutions.

Funding Stream	Funding Type	Available Funding
Industrial Research Chair	Conditional Contribution	50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$1 million dollars.





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## People and Talent Program

### Who is eligible?

- Businesses, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit organizations located in Northern Ontario that have been in operation for at least one year and have minimum of one full-time employee

Funding Stream	Funding Type	Available Funding
Workforce Development Stream	Conditional Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Municipalities, Indigenous Communities, Non-profits:</b> 90% of intern’s salary to a maximum of \$35,000</li><li>• <b>Businesses:</b> 50% of intern’s salary to a maximum of \$35,000</li></ul>
Indigenous Workforce Development Stream (*Internship candidate identifies as an Indigenous person, including First Nation, Metis, or Inuit)	Conditional Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Municipalities, Indigenous Communities, Non-profits:</b> 90% of indigenous intern’s salary to a maximum of \$35,000</li><li>• <b>Businesses:</b> 75% of Indigenous intern’s salary to a maximum of \$52,500</li></ul>

