

**Funding Options for  
Development and Implementation Projects**  
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This list contains a number of funding sources that may assist producer groups and producer organisations to investigate further or spur new ideas. When seeking funding support, it may be best to separate action items into separate projects that can be funded one at a time. It may be helpful to check that the project type fits the potential funder's criteria. Please be aware that funding eligibility criteria may differ between funding sources.

- **Investment Agriculture Foundation** (<http://www.iafbc.ca/>)
  - o The Local Government Agricultural Planning Program supports projects that will lead to development of agricultural area plans within municipalities and regional districts.
  - o Certain types of activities that a community wishes to carry out before developing an Agricultural Area Plan and the implementation of specific activities identified in an Agricultural Area Plan will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Funding is provided on a matching basis. Agricultural Area Plans must be adopted before submitting an application for implementation project funding.
  - o The Islands Agri-Food Initiative encourages the development of a viable and sustainable agri-food sector on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Powell River.
  
- **Farm Business Advisory Services**  
[http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB\\_Advisory\\_Services.html](http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB_Advisory_Services.html). Three main opportunities are:
  - o Support for Business Development SPEAKERS - associations can get up to \$3500 to support fees, travel costs and venue rental for business development speakers.
  - o Revision of ENTERPRISE BUDGET templates (such as [http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/budgets\\_pfp.htm](http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/budgets_pfp.htm) ("bees" are under specialized livestock).
  - o Farm Business Advisory Services: some self-assessment and \$100 will get a farming operation a current financial assessment (valued at \$ 2000) from one of the accredited financial planners listed on the website, plus (if desired) 85 % of the cost of specialized financial planning (up to \$ 3000 value) such as marketing, succession planning, or any of the 7 other specialized areas described.
  
- **BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation** (<http://www.ardcorp.ca/>)
  - o The Agriculture Environment and Wildlife Fund is an Agri-Food Futures Fund program that provides funding assistance to the agriculture industry of BC to resolve key agriculture-environment issues. The fund is intended to further the environmental sustainability of the agriculture sector while enhancing the viability of the industry.
  
- **RuralBC Secretariat** (<http://www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/>)
  - o The RuralBC Secretariat was created in 2008 to work hand in hand with rural B.C. communities, ensuring they each have the tools to achieve their vision for the future.
  
- **Western Economic Diversification** (<http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/home.asp>)
  - o Western Economic Diversification works to strengthen western innovation, business development and entrepreneurship, and community economic development. It funds programs and services for communities, not-for-profits, research and businesses.

- **LiveSmart BC** [http://www.livesmartbc.ca/incentives/small-business/individual\\_program\\_components.html](http://www.livesmartbc.ca/incentives/small-business/individual_program_components.html)
  - o LiveSmart BC's Small Business Program offers rebates and incentives to make business more energy efficient and help reduce power use and expenses.
- **Canada's Rural Partnership** (<http://www.rural.gc.ca/RURAL/>)
  - o Canada's Rural Partnership is intended to provide communities and governments with consistent, reliable and accessible information on economic and demographic factors at the community level.
- **Community foundations** (<http://www.cfc-fcc.ca/about-cfs/find-a-community.cfm?id=2>)
  - o Community Foundations work with donors to build endowment funds that ensure vital futures for communities, grant funds to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives, and bring people together from all parts of our communities to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.
- **Regional funds**
  - o The Columbia Basin Trust (<http://www.cbt.org/>) supports efforts by the people of the Columbia Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations.
  - o The Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society (<http://nkdf.org/>) is a grant-making agency that assists the people of North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitamaat Village, by sponsoring sustainable economic and social projects in the area most affected by the Kemano project and the creation of the Nechako Reservoir.
  - o The Northern Development Initiative Trust (<http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>) offers community funding to municipalities, regional districts, First nations, not-for-profit organizations and public authorities to support sustainable economic development and diversification throughout central and northern British Columbia.
  - o The Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (<http://www.sidit-bc.ca/index.php>) funds self sustaining projects that support job creation, retention and enhancement, increased revenues, increased tax base and economic diversification.
  - o The Island Coastal Economic Trust (<http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/>) funds projects that demonstrate specific measurable returns on investment to the economy of the Trust region.
  - o Coast Sustainability Trust (<http://www.coastsustainabilitytrust.com/>) helps mitigate the negative effects of British Columbia provincial land use decisions related to the Land and Resources Management Plan Process, and the implementation of Ecosystem Based Management, on workers, contractors, First Nations and civic communities on the Central Coast, North Coast and the Queen Charlotte Islands/Haida Gwaii.