

City of Abbotsford

Business Resource Guide

This resource booklet is designed to support you in the growth and development of your business in Abbotsford. It includes local, provincial, federal and First Nations business directories and memberships; events and workshops; grants, funding and financial opportunity databases; local First Nations; programs; trade and export resources; tools and templates; workforce resources; and the City of Abbotsford business hub.

Local partners from Abbotsford's [Economic Development Table](#) are eager to support your business. If you would like a direct contact, please email econdev@abbotsford.ca and we would be happy to connect you.



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Business Directories and Memberships

Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce

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Abbotsford Downtown Business Association

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BC Agriculture Council

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BC Technology Association

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Buy BC

- + [Become a Buy BC Member](#)
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Community Futures South Fraser

- + [AbbyFresh Directory](#)

Forum for International Trade Training

- + [Become a Member](#)
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Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association

- + [Benefits and Member Directory](#)

Fraser Valley Métis Association

- + [Membership Registration](#)

Government of Canada

- + [Indigenous Business Directory](#)

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

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Heritage BC

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Leq'á:mel First Nation

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Music Grants BC

- + [Membership](#)

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

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Simon Fraser University VentureLabs

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Stó:lō Community Futures

- + [Stó:lō Business Directory](#)

Economic Development Table Partners

The Economic Development Table is a network of organizations and other actors in Abbotsford who have a role, mandate and interest in local economic development. It is an initiative of the City of Abbotsford that builds on collaborative work already taking place, increasing information sharing and identifying potential opportunities to work together.



-  [Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce](#)
-  [Abbotsford Downtown Business Association](#)
-  [Business Development Bank of Canada](#)
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Events and Workshops

Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce

- + [Chamber Events Calendar](#)
- + [Community Events Calendar](#)

Abbotsford Downtown Business Association

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BC Agriculture Council

- + [BCAC](#)

BC Technology Association

- + [Events Calendar](#)

Business Development Bank of Canada

- + [Entrepreneur's Learning Centre](#)
- + [Webinars](#)

Canadian Council for Indigenous Business

- + [Events](#)
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Community Futures South Fraser

- + [Workshops and Events](#)

Export Development Canada

- + [Webinars](#)

Export Navigator

- + [Education](#)

Forum for International Trade Training

- + [Events](#)

Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association

- + [Events](#)

Fraser Valley Métis Association

- + [Events and News](#)

Fraser Valley Regional District

- + [Events List](#)

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

- + [Events](#)

Government of Canada

- + [Trade Events and Training](#)

Innovate BC

- + [Events](#)

New Ventures BC

- + [Events](#)

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

- + [Upcoming Events](#)
- + [Webinars](#)

Rotary Club Abbotsford - Sumas

- + [Calendar](#)

Semá:th First Nation

- + [Events](#)

Simon Fraser University VentureLabs

- + [Events](#)

Startup Canada

- + [Startup Canada Tour](#)

Stó:lō Community Futures

- + [Business Training and Workshops](#)

The Foundation Assisting Canadian Talent on Recordings

- + [Events](#)

Tourism Abbotsford

- + [Go! Abbotsford Events Calendar](#)

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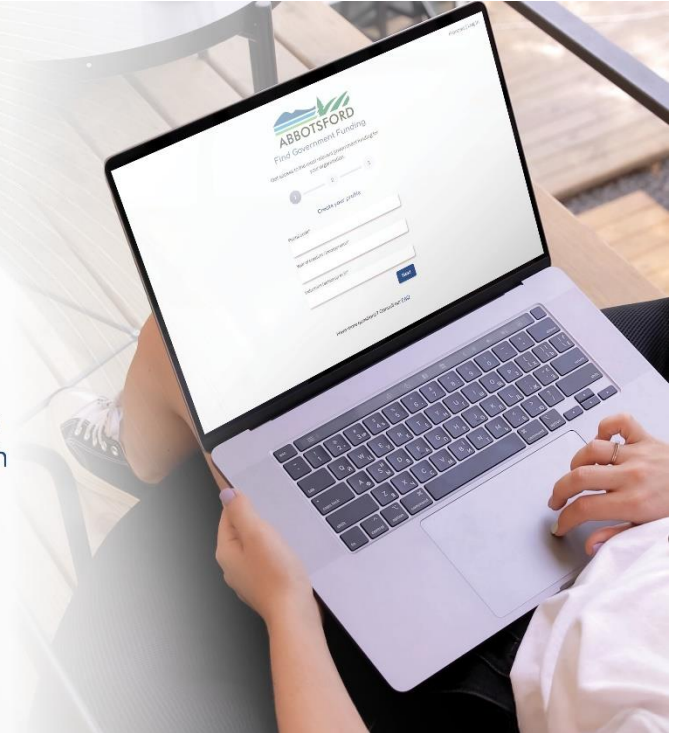
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The City of Abbotsford has partnered with Fundica to help businesses easily find funding in Canada. Fundica's smart search tool connects aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners with grants, tax credits, loans and more.



City of Abbotsford

- + [Agriculture Enhancement Grant](#)
 - o (in partnership with the Abbotsford Community Foundation)
- + [Arts and Culture Grant Program](#)
- + [Fundica - Funding Search Tool](#)
- + [Neighbourhood Small Grants and Programs](#)
 - o (in partnership with the Abbotsford Community Foundation, Neighbourhood Small Grants Abbotsford, and the Vancouver Foundation)
- + [Special Events Grant Application](#)



Government of Canada

- + [Business Benefits Finder](#)
- + [Grants and Funding](#)
 - o [Jobs, skills training and social development projects](#)



Province of BC

- + [Economic Development Funding and Grants](#)

Local First Nations

 [Leq'á:mel First Nation](#)

 [Màthxwi First Nation](#)

 [Semá:th First Nation](#)

Programs

 **Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce**

- + [Campus to Commerce](#)
- + [Company of Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs](#)
- + [Future-Proof Your Business](#)
- + [Women's Leadership Community](#)

AgPal

- + [AgPal Program and Service Finder](#)

BC Technology Association

- + [Dragons 1-on-1](#)
- + [Indigenous-led Tech Company Accelerator](#)
- + [Scaleup Academy](#)
- + [Scaleup IP Accelerator](#)

 **Business Development Bank of Canada**

- + [Black Entrepreneur](#)
- + [Indigenous Entrepreneur](#)
- + [Newcomer Entrepreneur](#)
- + [Woman Entrepreneur](#)
- + [Young Entrepreneur](#)

Canadian Council for Indigenous Business

- + [Connects](#)
- + [Partnership Accreditation in Indigenous Relations](#)
- + [Supply Change](#)

Canadian Red Cross

- + [Ready Rating Program](#)

 **Community Futures South Fraser**

- + [Business Advisory](#)
- + [myCommunityFutures](#)
- + [Self-Employment Program](#)
- + [Startup Challenge](#)

Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium

- + [Programs](#)

Futurpreneur

- + [Explore Our Programs](#)

Government of Canada

- + [Business and Industry](#)
- + [Canadian International Innovation Program](#)
- + [Canadian Technology Accelerators](#)
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- + [Employment and Social Development Canada](#)
- + [Innovation, Science and Economic Development](#)
- + [Pacific Economic Development Canada](#)
 - o [Indigenous Economic Development in B.C.](#)
- + [Service Canada Community Outreach and Liaison Service](#)

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

- + [Business Development](#)
- + [Leadership Development](#)
- + [Professional Development](#)
- + [World Trade Centre Vancouver](#)

Heritage BC

- + [Programs](#)

Innovate BC

- + [Programs](#)

Music Grants BC

- + [Programs](#)

New Ventures BC

- + [Programs](#)
- + [Startup Resources Hub](#)

Programs

Province of BC

- + [Employment, Business and Economic Development](#)
- + [Find B.C. Government Services](#)
- + [Resources and Support for Businesses and Entrepreneurs](#)

Simon Fraser University

- + [Master of Engineering in Smart Manufacturing and Systems](#)
- + [VentureLabs - Programs and Services](#)

Startup Canada

- + [Startup Gov](#)
- + [Startup Women](#)

Stó:lō Community Futures

- + [Business Support](#)
- + [Business Training](#)

The Foundation Assisting Canadian Talent on Recordings

- + [Our Programs](#)

WeBC

- + [Programs and Services](#)

University of the Fraser Valley

- + [Enactus UFV](#)
- + [Esposito Family Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#)
- + [Faculty of Business and Computing](#)
 - o [Micro credentials](#)
- + [Find Your Program](#)

Tools and Templates

Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and the University of the Fraser Valley Centre for Experiential and Career Educations

- + [Campus to Commerce](#)

Abbotsford Downtown Business Association

- + [Commercial Spaces Now Available](#)

BizPal - Beta

- + [Rules and Requirements](#)

Business Development Bank of Canada

- + [Entrepreneur's Toolkit](#)
- + [Financial Tools](#)
- + [Free and Low-Cost Software](#)
- + [Templates for Download](#)

Canadian Chamber of Commerce

- + [Business Data Lab](#)

Canadian Council for Indigenous Business

- + [Supply Change](#)
- + [Tools for Indigenous Business](#)

Community Futures South Fraser

- + [Resources](#)

Futurpreneur

- + [Business Resource Centre](#)

Government of Canada

- + [Job Bank](#)
 - o [B.C.'s Labour Market Trends and Events](#)
 - o [Labour Market Information](#)
- + [Service Canada Community Outreach and Liaison Service](#)
- + [Starting a Business](#)
- + [Statistics Canada](#)
 - o [Major Economic Indicators](#)
- + [Research and Business Intelligence](#)
- + [Tender Opportunities](#)

Province of BC

- + [BC Bid Portal](#)
- + [BC Registries and Online Services](#)
- + [BC Stats](#)
- + [Economic Statistics](#)
- + [Search Employment, Business and Economic Development](#)

Tools and Templates

Stó:lō Community Futures

- + [Templates](#)

University of the Fraser Valley

- + [Community Health and Social Innovation Hub](#)
 - o [Career Mapping](#)

WeBC

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Trade and Export Resources

BC Agriculture and Food Export Program

- + [Expand Your Reach to New Markets](#)

Business Development Bank of Canada

- + [Prepare Your Business for Trade Uncertainty](#)
- + [Trade Resilience](#)

Canadian Commercial Corporation

- + [Services](#)

Export Development Canada

- + [Exporting](#)

Export Navigator

- + [Grow Your Business](#)

Forum for International Trade Training

- + [Business Resources](#)
- + [Learning Centre](#)
- + [Professional Certification](#)

Government of Canada

- + [Canada Tariff Finder](#)
- + [Intergovernmental Affairs Canada](#)
 - o [Internal Trade](#)
- + [International Trade and Investment](#)
 - o [Canada's Trade Policy](#)
 - o [Expand Your Business, Buy or Sell in Canada](#)
 - o [Export from Canada](#)
 - o [Import into Canada](#)
 - o [Tariffs, Rules and Regulations](#)
 - o [Trade Agreements, Negotiations and Consultations](#)
 - o [Trade Reports, Market Intelligence and Data](#)

Government of Canada

- + [Trade Commissioner Service](#)
 - o [Canadian Technology Accelerators](#)
 - o [Do Business with Canada](#)
 - o [Market and Industry Information](#)
 - o [Our Solutions](#)
 - o [Search by Country, Market, or Region](#)
 - o [Step-by-Step Guide to Exporting](#)
 - o [Support for Exporters from Diverse Backgrounds](#)
 - o [Understanding CUSMA Compliance](#)

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

- + [World Trade Centre Vancouver](#)
 - o [Digital Transformation Workshop](#)
 - o [Market Activation Program](#)
 - o [Trade Accelerator Program](#)

Province of BC

- + [Trade and Invest BC](#)
 - o [For BC Business: Expand Your Opportunities](#)
 - [Expand to BC](#)
 - [Export Programs for BC Businesses](#)
 - [Get Help Exporting](#)

Startup Canada

- + [Startup Global](#)
- + [Women Exporters Program](#)

Workforce Resources

Business Development Bank of Canada

- + [Employee Management and Recruitment](#)

Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium

- + [WILWorks Post Secondary](#)

Fraser Valley Artisans Food Hub

- + [Fraser Valley Artisans Food Hub](#)

Government of Canada

- + [Abbotsford Service Canada Centre](#)
- + [Business and Industry](#)
 - o [Research and Business Intelligence](#)
- + [Employment and Social Development Canada](#)
 - o [Hire a Temporary Foreign Worker](#)
 - [Find Out if You Need a Labour Market Impact Assessment](#)
 - o [Jobs and the Workplace](#)
 - o [Job Bank](#)
 - [Available Workers Dashboard](#)
 - [Fill a Position](#)
 - [Find a Job](#)
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 - [Labour Market Information](#)
 - [Resources for Employers](#)
 - [Training and Careers](#)
 - o [Work-Sharing Program](#)
- + [Service Canada Community Outreach and Liaison Service](#)

Province of BC

- + [Employers](#)
- + [Labour Market Statistics](#)

WorkBC

- + [Access Employer Resources](#)
- + [WorkBC Centre - Abbotsford](#)



Your City of Abbotsford Business Hub

City of Abbotsford

+ [Arts and Events](#)

- [Arts & Events Organizer Guide](#)
- [Go! Abbotsford Events Calendar Submission](#)
- [Special Events Permit](#)

+ [Building Permits](#)

- [Board of Variance](#)
- [Building Code, Bylaws & Fees](#)
- [Building Permit Wait Times](#)
- [Sign Permits](#)
- [Tenant Improvements](#)

+ [Business Licences](#)

- [Business Licence Application](#)
- [Business Licence Inquiry Meeting](#)
- [Business Licence Renewal](#)

+ [Bylaw Services](#)

- [Agriculture Land Reserve \(ALR\) Bylaw Compliance Guide](#)
- [Bylaw Compliance Policy](#)
- [Bylaw Compliance Strategy](#)
- [Good Neighbour Guide](#)

+ [Communication and Engagement](#)

- [Let's Talk Abbotsford](#)
- [Projects on the Go](#)
- [Subscribe for Updates](#)

+ [Community Planning](#)

- [Neighbourhood Plans](#)
- [Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2016](#)

+ [Development Engineering](#)

+ [Development Planning](#)

- [Application Forms & Fees](#)
- [Development Inquiry Meetings](#)

+ [Discover Abbotsford](#)

+ [Economic Development](#)

- [Business Resources](#)
- [Business Retention and Expansion](#)
- [Corporate Partnerships](#)
- [Economic Development News and Table Talk Newsletter](#)
- [Indigenous Businesses](#)
- [Invest in Abbotsford](#)

+ [Filming in Abbotsford](#)

- [Abbywood Walk of Fame- Self-Guided Film Tour by City of Abbotsford](#)

+ [Homelessness & Community Development](#)

- [Abbotsford ACCESS](#)
- [Homelessness Action Plan](#)

+ [Maps](#)

- [Abbotsford GIS Site Finder](#)
- [Abbotsford Map Viewer](#)

+ [Procurement Services and Opportunities](#)

- [Bids and Tenders - Abbotsford](#)

+ [Project Agent - APD](#)