

Ontario Small Business Grant and New Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant

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<p>Eligibility To receive the grant, a small business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be required to close or significantly restrict services due to the Provincewide Shutdown effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020 • have fewer than 100 employees across all affiliated businesses • have experienced a minimum of 20% revenue decline comparing April 2020 to April 2019 revenues. New businesses established since April 2019 are also eligible provided they meet the other eligibility criteria. <p>Businesses that are not eligible include those that were already required to close prior to the introduction of modified Stage 2 measures on October 10, 2020, and essential businesses permitted to operate with capacity restrictions (for example, discount and big box stores selling groceries, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, and beer, wine and liquor stores).</p> <p>Small businesses not in operation in April 2019 or April 2020 will be able to select alternative months for comparing revenue decline through the application portal.</p> <p>Most businesses require a CRA business number in order to be eligible. If a business does not have a business number, they will need to apply for a business number before they can proceed with their application. Indigenous-owned small businesses can apply without a business number through a dedicated application form on the application portal.</p> <p>All businesses need to have information about the revenue decline and number of employees available and would have to attest to the information provided in their application.</p>	<p>Only the following businesses are eligible to apply for funding under this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before- and after- school programs • Campgrounds • Cannabis retail stores • Cell phone and computer providers & repairs • Community centres and multi-purpose facilities • Conference centres and convention centres • Day camps for children • Domestic services • Drive-in cinemas • Driving instruction • Facilities for indoor sports and recreational fitness activities (including fitness centres and gyms) • Garden centres • Hardware stores (including Big Box stores) required to close for in-person shopping. • In person teaching and instruction • Media industries including film and television production (excluding radio/television broadcasting). • Meeting or event space • Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attraction • Outdoor markets (excluding grocery) • Outdoor sports and recreation facilities • Performing arts and cinemas 	<p>...Ineligible businesses are, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses that were already required to close prior to the introduction of modified Stage 2 provincial public health measures on October 10, 2020. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amusement and water parks ○ Steam rooms, saunas, bath houses, and oxygen bars • Essential businesses permitted to operate with capacity restrictions. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discount and big box stores selling groceries ○ Supermarkets, grocery stores, and convenience stores ○ beer, wine and liquor stores ○ Pharmacies • Other businesses that were not required to close or significantly restrict services due to the Provincewide Shutdown. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motels and hotels, cabins and cottages ○ Travel agents ○ Laundromats and dry cleaners ○ Auto dealerships that do not offer vehicle leasing or vehicle repair services ○ Taxi, Uber, Lyft, and limousine services ○ Gas stations and other fuel suppliers ○ Automated and self-service carwashes ○ Places of worship, such as churches ○ Radio or television broadcasting ○ Construction services, including all construction subtrades like flooring, painting, carpeting, and tiling ○ Manufacturing, supply chain, transportation and logistic services 	<p>Ontario Small Business Support Grant provides direct financial support to eligible small businesses that were required to close or significantly restrict services under the Provincewide Shutdown that came into effect in December 2020.</p> <p>The province is now doubling the first round of funding for the Small Business Grant.</p> <p>On March 24, 2021 the government announced a second round of support through the Ontario Small Business Support Grant. Small businesses who have been determined as eligible recipients for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant will automatically be entitled to a second payment in an amount equal to the first payment they receive.</p> <p>They will not need to apply again to receive this additional funding.</p> <p>With this additional round of support, eligible businesses can expect minimum total support of \$20,000, up to a maximum of \$40,000, over the two Ontario Small Business Support Grant payments. To be eligible, a business must demonstrate they experienced a revenue decline of at least 20% when comparing monthly revenue in April 2019 and April 2020. This time period was selected because it reflects the impact of the public health measures in spring 2020, and as such provides a representation of the possible impact of these latest measures on small businesses.</p>	<p>Ontario recognizes that there are many businesses in the tourism and hospitality sector that require support to get through this difficult time. This is why the government is introducing the new Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant, which will provide an estimated \$100 million in one-time payments of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to eligible small businesses such as hotels and motels, travel agencies, amusement parks, and hunting, fishing and recreational camps that may not have been eligible for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant.</p> <p>Small businesses that received the Ontario Small Business Support Grant will not be eligible for the new grant.</p> <p>Examples of Eligible Businesses for the Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotels • Motels • Travel Agencies • Amusement and Water Parks • Hunting and Fishing Camps • Recreational and Vacation Camps (e.g., children’s overnight summer camps) <p>As they look ahead to the upcoming spring and summer tourism season, these eligible small businesses can apply for support to help them recover from the impacts of COVID-19 as well as to help create and protect jobs. Businesses must demonstrate they have experienced a minimum 20 per cent revenue decline and have less than 100 employees to qualify. Applying online will be easy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further details can be obtained at Ontario.ca/COVIDsupport. • Any small businesses that received the Ontario Small Business Support Grant will <u>not</u> be eligible for this new grant. <p>Application details, including a full list of eligible businesses, will be available soon.</p>

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<p>Eligible businesses can expect to receive payment about 10 business days after their application is reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Eligible businesses that submit applications with incomplete or incorrect information, or that require additional review, may experience a delay in payment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal care services relating to the hair or body (excluding oxygen bars) • Personal services • Pet/animal food and services • Photography services • Racing venues, casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments • Rental and leasing services (including automobile, commercial and light industrial machinery and equipment rental) • Restaurants and bars • Retail required to close for in-person shopping • Safety, medical and assistive devices retail (excluding pharmacies) • Shopping malls • Ski hills • Tour and guide services • Vehicle and equipment repair services • Veterinary services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial services including banking, capital markets, securities trading, insurance, accounting and tax services ○ Professional and social services that support the legal and justice system (for example, lawyers, paralegal) ○ Registered health professions ○ Wineries and breweries <p>• In addition, the following business types are not eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short term rental properties, including those listed through Airbnb and other websites. ○ Businesses owned by the federal, provincial, or a municipal government, by a person holding federal or provincial office or by a provincial employee are also ineligible for this grant. 	<p>New businesses established since April 2019 are also eligible provided they meet the other eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Businesses will be able to use the support in whatever way makes the most sense for them. For example, some businesses could use the support to pay employee wages, while others may need support maintaining their inventory.</p>	<p>What you'll need to apply:</p> <p>Business and banking information You will need your business and banking information to apply, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general business information (for example, CRA business number) • banking information (for example, banking institution, account number, branch code) <p>Receipts for PPE You will need to submit receipts or proof of costs for PPE purchased since March 17, 2020. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gloves, gowns, face shields, eye protection, masks, sanitizer, sanitizing wipes • thermometers, temperature monitors or cameras • physical changes, including the installation of hand sanitizer stations and plexiglass dividers. • signs to guide or inform customers and employees. <p>Bills and/or invoices To apply, you will have to submit proof of costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For property tax rebates, this includes your property tax bills (or proof of costs associated with property taxes). • For energy cost rebates, this includes a digital copy of the first energy bill (including electricity, natural gas, propane or other) you received on or after the day modified Stage 2, Control, Lockdown or Provincewide Shutdown restrictions were put in place in your region. You can also submit other energy bills if your business is heated by propane or heating oil. <p>Apply online Fill out an online application to apply for PPE support, property tax rebates, energy cost rebates or the Ontario Small Business Support Grant. You will be able to complete a single form to apply for any – or all – of these programs. Apply for funding</p>