

Supplementary Information
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2025–26 Departmental Plan

Details on transfer payment programs

Transfer payment programs with total planned spending of \$5 million or more

Community Futures Program (CFP)

Start date	1986
End date	Ongoing
Type of transfer payment	Contribution
Type of appropriation	Appropriated annually through Estimates
Fiscal year for terms and conditions	2010–11
Link to departmental result(s)	Communities are economically diversified in southern Ontario
Link to the department's Program Inventory	Community Economic Development and Diversification
Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program	Support to Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) that provide community economic development support to small businesses and communities to enhance local development and diversification.
Expected results	Rural communities in southern Ontario are strengthened and better able to respond to future economic challenges. Funding helps communities pursue: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. economic stability, growth and job creation;2. diversified and competitive local rural economies; and3. economically sustainable communities.
Fiscal year of last completed evaluation	2018–19
Decision following the results of last evaluation	Continuation
Fiscal year of next planned evaluation	2024–25 (Ongoing)
General targeted recipient groups	CFDCs located in rural southern Ontario
Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients	FedDev Ontario engages with southern Ontario's CFDCs through active project monitoring by program officers which includes regular virtual and in-person meetings with individual CFDCs, the Ontario Association of Community Futures Development Corporations and two regional CFDC networks.

Financial information: CFP (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024–25 forecast spending	2025–26 planned spending	2026–27 planned spending	2027–28 planned spending
Total contributions	13,289,110	13,289,110	11,285,992	11,285,992
Total program	13,289,110	13,289,110	11,285,992	11,285,992

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Regional Economic Growth through Innovation (REGI)

Start date	October 18, 2018
End date	Business Scale-up and Productivity – Ongoing Regional Innovation Ecosystem – Ongoing Regional Quantum Initiative – ending March 31, 2028 Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative – ending March 31, 2029 Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative – ending March 31, 2026 Black Entrepreneurship Program – Ecosystem Fund (BEP) – ending March 31, 2030
Type of transfer payment	Contributions
Type of appropriation	Appropriated annually through Estimates
Fiscal year for terms and conditions	2019–20
Link to departmental result(s)	Businesses in southern Ontario invest in the development and commercialization of innovative technologies Businesses in southern Ontario are innovative and growing
Link to the department's Program Inventory	Business Scale-up and Productivity Regional Innovation Ecosystem
Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program	Under REGI, innovation funding programs across all of Canada's RDAs focuses on two key streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Scale-up and Productivity (BSUP): To accelerate the growth of firms and assist with the adoption and adaptation of new, innovative technologies that support scale-up, productivity and the development of, and entry into, new markets to help companies become globally competitive. • Regional Innovation Ecosystem (RIE): To create, grow and nurture inclusive regional ecosystems that support business needs and foster an entrepreneurial environment conducive to innovation, growth and competitiveness. REGI also includes temporary funding streams:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Quantum Initiative (RQI): To support the transformation of the Canadian economy, quantum technologies can help accelerate solutions across a range of sectors and advance a wide range of benefits for Canadians, from the design of new medicines and vaccines, to enhanced security of telecommunications and optimization of complex algorithms involved in AI and the delivery of goods & services. • Regional Artificial Intelligence (RAII): To support projects that accelerate the development of the AI sector in the region and for businesses and organizations to adopt or integrate AI to improve operational efficiency, productivity and competitiveness. • Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative (RHII): To advance innovative homebuilding solutions and boost productivity within the homebuilding sector in Canada. Through RHII, the Agency is prioritizing projects that support innovative homebuilding solutions and demonstrate a clear connection in expediting change in the way homes are built in southern Ontario. • Black Entrepreneurship Program – Ecosystem Fund (BEP): To strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem for Black entrepreneurs and business owners across Canada. BEP funds not-for-profit, Black-led organizations to develop new services or expand those they already offer such as mentorship, networking, financial planning, and business training for Black entrepreneurs. <p>Transfer payments will be repayable and non-repayable contributions.</p>
<p>Expected results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses are more innovative, productive and able to scale up and expand operations to maintain jobs and increase the competitiveness of the southern Ontario economy. • Southern Ontario’s innovation ecosystem supports the needs of businesses and fosters an entrepreneurial environment conducive to innovation, growth and competitiveness. • Businesses and supporting organizations are able to expand with meaningful job creation and inclusive growth. • Businesses will advance and commercialize their quantum products and solutions for domestic and global markets. • Southern Ontario businesses have adopted AI to develop new technologies and processes. • The Agency has advanced new homebuilding methods and boosted productivity.
<p>Fiscal year of last completed evaluation</p>	<p>2023–24</p>
<p>Decision following the results of last evaluation</p>	<p>Continuation</p>
<p>Fiscal year of next planned evaluation</p>	<p>2028–29</p>

<p>General targeted recipient groups</p>	<p>For-profit businesses, including small- and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups, located in southern Ontario.</p> <p>Not-for-profit organizations, including industry associations, innovation and economic development organizations, business incubators and accelerators and publicly-funded post-secondary institutions located in southern Ontario.</p>
<p>Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients</p>	<p>FedDev Ontario participates in outreach activities, including social media platforms, website communications, conferences, meetings and roundtable sessions with stakeholder groups, to engage potential applicants from across southern Ontario (diverse regions and representation) and support the receipt of quality and complete applications.</p> <p>When engaging with applicants and funding recipients, FedDev Ontario employees use a whole-of-government approach, providing pathfinding services to stakeholders where appropriate, receiving and making referrals to other government departments and agencies, Crown Corporations, Community Futures Development Corporations, and convening stakeholders to action on common priorities.</p> <p>For funded projects, FedDev Ontario undertakes structured project monitoring activities. These include regular contact with the recipients regarding reporting and claims requirements, project progress against contractual milestones, and virtual and in-person site visits to assess progress. FedDev Ontario staff engage with recipients throughout the project implementation period, including project milestone announcements and communications opportunities.</p> <p>As an example, FedDev Ontario engages with regional economic stakeholders and for-profit companies through participation in the Accelerated Growth Service and Global Hypergrowth Project initiatives that coordinate government support for high-growth companies. FedDev Ontario also works with federal partners on the Global Skills Strategy, helping high-growth firms scale up by facilitating access to global talent.</p>

Financial information: REGI (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024–25 forecast spending	2025–26 planned spending	2026–27 planned spending	2027–28 planned spending
Total contributions	162,895,361	192,661,221	177,380,890	177,471,420
Total program	162,895,361	192,661,221	177,380,890	177,471,420

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Southern Ontario Prosperity Program (SOPP)

Start date	April 1, 2014
End date	Community Economic Development and Diversification stream – Ongoing Economic Development Initiative – Ongoing Tourism Growth Program – ending March 31, 2026
Type of transfer payment	Contributions
Type of appropriation	Appropriated annually through Estimates
Fiscal year for terms and conditions	2014–15
Link to departmental result(s)	Communities are economically diversified in southern Ontario
Link to the department's Program Inventory	Community Economic Development and Diversification
Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Economic Development and Diversification (CEDD) stream: To generate sustainable, inclusive growth and help small and rural communities in southern Ontario to fully participate in, and benefit from, economic opportunities. • Economic Development Initiative (EDI): To strengthen the region's official language minority communities by promoting innovation, diversification of economic activities and partnerships, and through increased support to small businesses. • Tourism Growth Program (TGP): To support southern Ontario tourism businesses and organizations to grow and develop local tourism projects that will position the region as a destination of choice for domestic and international travellers.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Ontario businesses are more competitive, including those in remote and rural areas. • Southern Ontario communities are more resilient through enhanced business attraction, investment and employment retention. • To strengthen official language minority communities in the region by promoting innovation, diversification of economic growth activities and partnerships as well as increasing support to small businesses. • Tourism businesses, including Indigenous tourism operations, are able to develop tourism offerings and grow their businesses.
Fiscal year of last completed evaluation	2020–21
Decision following the results of last evaluation	Continuation
Fiscal year of next planned evaluation	2025–26

<p>General targeted recipient groups</p>	<p>SOPP – Community Economic Development and Diversification: Legally incorporated for-profit businesses located in southern Ontario, not-for-profit organizations, including industry associations, economic development organizations, municipalities, Indigenous-led organizations, Community Future Development Corporations (CFDCs), business accelerators and incubators, social enterprises and co-operatives, tourism organizations.</p> <p>Economic Development Initiative: Official language minority communities, including community economic development corporations, not-for-profit organizations, sector associations and post-secondary institutions offering full-time programs of study in French.</p> <p>Tourism Growth Program: Businesses, not-for-profit organizations such as tourism associations, band councils or other Indigenous organizations and cooperatives, and other levels of government, including the municipal level.</p>
<p>Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients</p>	<p>FedDev Ontario participates in outreach activities, including social media platforms, website communications, conferences, meetings and roundtable sessions with stakeholder groups, to engage potential applicants. The Agency works with potential applicants by responding to inquiries and referrals.</p> <p>When engaging with applicants and funding recipients, FedDev Ontario representatives use a whole-of-government approach, providing pathfinding services to stakeholders where appropriate, receiving and making referrals with other government departments and agencies, Crown Corporations, Community Futures Development Corporations, and convening stakeholders to action on common priorities. For funded projects, FedDev Ontario representatives undertake project monitoring activities. These include site visits and regular contact with the recipients regarding reporting and claims requirements to ensure timely progress and completion of projects. Agency representatives also engage with recipients throughout the project implementation period and identify opportunities for project milestone announcements and communications opportunities.</p>

Financial information: SOPP (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024–25 forecast spending	2025–26 planned spending	2026–27 planned spending	2027–28 planned spending
Total contributions	39,883,598	21,586,151	2,893,410	2,800,000
Total program	39,883,598	21,586,151	2,893,410	2,800,000

Increased spending in 2024–25 reflects temporary authorities provided for the Tourism Growth Program. Declining spending in future years corresponds with the internal alignment of core G&C authorities under the Regional Economic Growth Through Innovation Program streams.

Gender-based analysis plus

Introduction

In 2018, Parliament passed the [Canadian Gender Budgeting Act](#). The Departmental Plans and Departmental Results Reports are being used to fulfill the President of the Treasury Board's obligations to make public, every year, an analysis on the impacts of expenditure programs on gender and diversity.

Each department is responsible for conducting their own [Gender-based Analysis Plus \(GBA Plus\)](#)

The Policy on Results indicates that Program officials, as designated by deputy heads, are responsible for ensuring data collection for meeting policy requirements.

Applicability

All organizations must complete GBA Plus supplementary information tables in departmental plans and departmental results reports on an annual basis.

Section 1: Institutional GBA Plus governance and capacity

Governance

Throughout 2025–26, FedDev Ontario will maintain its capacity for GBA Plus and continue to integrate GBA Plus considerations into the design, implementation and evaluation of the Agency's suite of programs. In addition, the Agency will leverage its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Framework and Action Plan, and align its support with broader Government of Canada direction and priorities. The Agency's framework and action plan includes short-, medium- and long-term actions to inform departmental decision-making.

Capacity

The Agency has made progress in advancing institutional knowledge of GBA Plus. In 2025–26, FedDev Ontario will continue to seek opportunities to further enhance its knowledge of GBA Plus, such as through continued promotion of the Department for Women and Gender Equality's (WAGE) introductory GBA Plus training and other GBA Plus-related training and courses. FedDev Ontario will also seek opportunities for the Agency's employees to participate in specialized training, such as the training offered by the Canada School of Public Service, that enhances the skills and competencies of employees. The Agency will leverage and disseminate newly released GBA Plus tools, provided by WAGE, to enable a more consistent and thorough application of GBA Plus across the Agency, including in the assessment of funding applications and provision of training to all staff. Additionally, FedDev Ontario will strengthen the presence of other government-wide initiatives in Agency policies, programs and tools, including the 50-30 Challenge and anti-racism assessment.

The Agency will continue to strengthen its connections with the diverse populations engaged in business growth, innovation and entrepreneurship in southern Ontario through targeted outreach efforts.

Human resources (full-time equivalents) dedicated to GBA Plus

There will be 0.25 full-time equivalents (FTEs) dedicated to GBA Plus at FedDev Ontario during the 2025–26 fiscal year.

Section 2: Gender and diversity impacts, by program

Core responsibility: Economic development in southern Ontario

Program name:

- Business Scale-up and Productivity
- Regional Innovation Ecosystem
- Community Economic Development and Diversification

Program goals:

Program	Program Goals
Business Scale-up and Productivity Regional Innovation Ecosystem Community Economic Development and Diversification	In 2025–26, FedDev Ontario will continue to encourage voluntary self-identification of underrepresented groups (including Indigenous peoples, Black Canadians and other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, newcomers to Canada, women, members of OLMCs, youth and 2SLGBTQI+ individuals) in its application forms for funding. This practice will continue to enable FedDev Ontario to identify gaps in program reach and to identify projects that will benefit encourage the inclusion of underrepresented groups. Additionally, in 2025–26, the Agency will maintain GBA Plus practices, including requiring recipients demonstrate effort towards federal inclusive growth priorities.

GBA Plus data collection plan

The Agency tracks program impacts by intersecting identity factors of diverse groups for its programs that provide funding for businesses and funding for organizations that help businesses grow, which enable the Agency to determine if there are any gaps in the programs offered. If gaps do exist, they will be taken into consideration for the future delivery of Agency programming.