

Supplementary Information
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2026–27 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
Fiscal year for terms and conditions	2010–11
Name of program terms and conditions	Community Futures Program
Type of transfer payment	Contribution
Type of appropriation	Appropriated annually through Estimates
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.
General targeted recipient groups	CFDCs located in rural southern Ontario
Link to departmental result(s)	Communities are developing economically in southern Ontario
Link to the department's Program Inventory	Community Economic 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; and 3. economically sustainable communities.
Fiscal year of next planned evaluation	By 2029–2030

Financial information: CFP (dollars)¹

Type of transfer payment	2025–26 forecast spending	2026–27 planned spending	2027–28 planned spending	2028–29 planned spending
Total grants	0	0	0	0
Total contributions	\$13,289,110	\$11,285,992	\$11,285,992	\$11,285,992

¹ The Community Futures Program is returning to its allocation from the 2026–27 fiscal year onward.

Type of transfer payment	2025–26 forecast spending	2026–27 planned spending	2027–28 planned spending	2028–29 planned spending
Total other transfer payments	0	0	0	0
Total program	\$13,289,110	\$11,285,992	\$11,285,992	\$11,285,992

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Regional Economic Growth through Innovation (REGI)

Start date	October 18, 2018
End date	REGI – Ongoing Regional Quantum Initiative – ending March 31, 2028 Regional Tariff Response Initiative – ending March 31, 2028 Regional Defence Investment Initiative – ending March 31, 2029 Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative – ending March 31, 2029 Black Entrepreneurship Program Ecosystem Fund – ending March 31, 2030
Fiscal year for terms and conditions	2019–20
Name of program terms and conditions	Regional Economic Growth through Innovation
Type of transfer payment	Contributions
Type of appropriation	Appropriated annually through Estimates

<p>Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program</p>	<p>Under REGI, innovation funding programs across all of Canada's RDAs focuses on two key streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Scale-up and Productivity: 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: To create, grow and nurture inclusive regional ecosystems that support business needs and foster an entrepreneurial environment conducive to innovation, growth and competitiveness. <p>REGI also includes temporary funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Quantum Initiative (RQI): To help small- and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), including start-ups, located in southern Ontario, advance and commercialize their quantum products and technologies for domestic and global markets. • Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI): To support SMEs and sectors impacted by tariffs to boost productivity, drive growth, and diversify markets. • Regional Defence Investment Initiative (RDII): To support the strengthening of Canada's defence industrial base. • Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative (RAII): To help bring new AI technologies to market and speed up AI adoption in sectors across the country. • Black Entrepreneurship Program Ecosystem Fund: To strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem for Black entrepreneurs and business owners across Canada. <p>Transfer payments will be repayable and non-repayable contributions.</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>Link to departmental result(s)</p>	<p>Businesses in southern Ontario invest in the development and commercialization of innovative technologies</p> <p>Businesses in southern Ontario are resilient and growing</p>
<p>Link to the department's Program Inventory</p>	<p>Business Scale-up and Productivity</p> <p>Regional Innovation Ecosystem</p>

<p>Expected results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses are resilient, able to scale up and expand operations into new markets by creating jobs and increasing the competitiveness of the southern Ontario economy. • Supporting southern Ontario's innovation ecosystem in meeting the needs of businesses and fostering an entrepreneurial environment conducive to innovation, growth and competitiveness. • Further accelerating the development of the quantum sector and driving product development in southern Ontario's world-class quantum ecosystem. • Helping businesses undertake projects to raise productivity, enhance competitiveness and expand into new global markets, to mitigate tariff impacts and enable greater resiliency among southern Ontario businesses. • Southern Ontario businesses and organizations are entering and/or growing within defence supply chains. • Providing businesses in southern Ontario with the tools needed to adopt artificial intelligence (AI) by developing new technologies and processes to help turn ideas into real-world solutions for Canadians and compete globally. • To support Black-led organizations across Canada to develop new services or expand those they already offer such as mentorship, networking, financial planning, and business training for Black entrepreneurs.
<p>Fiscal year of next planned evaluation</p>	<p>By 2028–2029</p>

Financial information: REGI (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2025–26 forecast spending	2026–27 planned spending	2027–28 planned spending	2028–29 planned spending
Total grants	0	0	0	0
Total contributions	\$325,834,613	\$329,458,856	\$333,048,386	\$175,371,500
Total other transfer payments	0	0	0	0
Total program	\$325,834,613	\$329,458,856	\$333,048,386	\$175,371,500

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Southern Ontario Prosperity Program (SOPP)

Start date	April 1, 2014
End date	SOPP – Ongoing Economic Development Initiative (EDI) – Ongoing
Fiscal year for terms and conditions	2014–15
Name of program terms and conditions	Southern Ontario Prosperity Program
Type of transfer payment	Contributions
Type of appropriation	Appropriated annually through Estimates
Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOPP – Community Economic Development and Diversification stream: To generate sustainable, inclusive growth and help small and rural communities in southern Ontario fully participate in, and benefit from, economic opportunities. • Economic Development Initiative: 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.
General targeted recipient groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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.
Link to departmental result(s)	Communities are developing economically in southern Ontario
Link to the department's Program Inventory	Community Economic Development and Diversification

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. • Official language minority communities have resources to build their communities and can access economic support in their official language of choice.
Fiscal year of next planned evaluation	By 2030–2031

Financial information: SOPP (dollars)²

Type of transfer payment	2025–26 forecast spending	2026–27 planned spending	2027–28 planned spending	2028–29 planned spending
Total grants	0	0	0	0
Total contributions	\$23,235,810	\$6,893,410	\$3,300,000	\$2,800,000
Total other transfer payments	0	0	0	0
Total program	\$23,235,810	\$6,893,410	\$3,300,000	\$2,800,000

² The variance in planned SOPP spending reflects the conclusion of the Tourism Growth in the 2025–2026 fiscal year, as well as the conclusion of investments where the Agency leveraged the Southern Ontario Prosperity Program to respond to specific community diversification and economic opportunities that cannot be adequately fulfilled through REGI.