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Notice: The BCEDA COVID19 Bulletin will now be emailed on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays.

#COVID19 Bulletin



Resources for Businesses



Live Resources for BC Businesses Document

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- [NACCA: FAQs for Indigenous Businesses](#)
- [Three ways the Co-op model can save a business](#)
- [Tech Co-op Grants Program](#)
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Connecting British Columbia program Phase 3 – Funding Intake in Support of COVID-19 Response

The Connecting British Columbia program has a **short-term opening for funding applications that can be implemented immediately to upgrade networks and expand rural connectivity bandwidth and coverage** where needed. Proposals will be evaluated as received with an expedited turnaround time for funding approvals.


[FAQ's regarding the COVID-19 Reponse Connecting BC program](#)
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Resources for Economic Developers & Local Leaders

Economic Response and Restart
Weekly Teleconference for EDOs & Local Leaders

Every Thursday Starting April 2nd

2:00pm to 3:00pm PST - Register to participate

 **BCEDA**
BC Economic Development Association

 **EDRP**
Economic Disaster Recovery Program

The banner is a vertical rectangle with a black background. At the top, the title "Economic Response and Restart" is in white, with "Weekly Teleconference for EDOs & Local Leaders" below it. A green horizontal bar contains the text "Every Thursday Starting April 2nd" in white. Below that, in smaller white text, is "2:00pm to 3:00pm PST - Register to participate". At the bottom, there are two logos: on the left, the BCEDA logo with the text "BC Economic Development Association"; on the right, the EDRP logo with the letters "E", "D", "R", and "P" in colored boxes (orange, blue, yellow, green) and the text "Economic Disaster Recovery Program" below them.

BCEDA Economic Response & Restart Call, April 30

Thursday, April 30
2:00pm to 3:00pm PST

Commercial businesses - current experience and trends

Hear from guest speakers:

- Karl Littler, Retail Council of Canada
- Jeremy Bramell, Bramwell & Associates
- BC Food and Restaurant Association (tentative)

These weekly calls are hosted by the BC Economic Development Association through the Economic Disaster Recovery Program. It is open to every local, regional and Indigenous government in BC as well as Chambers of Commerce, Community Futures, and others involved in supporting the local economy. We'll share relevant information, facilitate dialog, explore collaboration opportunities and tactics for recovery.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER SOON

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

[Register for the next call](#)



SupportLocalBC Website Growing

SupportLocalBC.com is now open for business. The platform provides a place for people to support their favourite local businesses during the COVID-19 economic slowdown by purchasing gift certificates in one place. The initiative is open to communities and their local businesses from all over BC. There are currently 24 communities and over 150 businesses with more being added daily. If your community is interested in participating, please read our [Community Participation](#) information and [guidelines](#). Once you're ready to join or if you have some questions, [complete this form](#) and we'll get in touch.

[Visit the website](#)



Baby steps to restarting the economy

By Denise Mullen

B.C. can use the staged reopenings of Austria, Denmark & Germany as reasonable templates — assuming the virus doesn't come back strongly in those countries once restrictions are relaxed.

The lockdowns around the world cannot continue indefinitely. Restarting economies is critical. "It is no use saying, 'we are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary." (Winston Churchill). Some nations are now taking steps to reopen, others have bucked the trend. Austria and Denmark were the first to selectively restart. Germany is restarting the week of April 20. Others are pondering and planning their "how to" approaches, including France, Italy, and Spain. In the U.S., the President is keen to get back to business, but most state governors — who have primary jurisdiction — are hesitant. Sweden has followed a slightly different path.

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Reopening Ontario After COVID-19

Ontario is planning for the next phase of responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – reopening our province.

As a first step, we have developed a framework to guide our approach. This framework outlines the method and principles we will use to reopen businesses, services and public spaces to responsibly lead Ontario's economy back to a strong position.

The Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee is a key part of applying this framework. The committee will consult with people and businesses to assess the economic impacts of COVID-19, learn about their unique needs, and help guide Ontario to our "new normal."

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EDO Roundtable: How Different Regions are Planning for COVID-19 Economic Recovery

Tuesday, April 28 - 11:00am PST

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds around the world, we're seeing a variety of responses, strategies and responses from different regions. In this webinar, we'll hear from three different economic developers discussing how they have been working to meet and mitigate these unprecedented challenges. They will share what has worked for them, what they plan to change, and what they see taking place as they move forward into the recovery phase. Participants are encouraged to bring their own questions to share with our panellists.

We are delighted to welcome the following panelists to our discussion:

- Ryan Coleman, Director of City of Columbia (SC) Economic Development
- Chris McLeod, Director, Marketing and Communications at Edmonton Global
- Kirk Jenson, Economic Development Director at City of Logan

WHAT WILL WE DISCUSS?

- How different organizations have responded to the COVID-19 crisis
- How local businesses are managing
- Useful partnerships and cooperative initiatives
- How to help businesses reopen and get back up and running
- The state of site selection & business location inquiries
- Key takeaway from their region's experiences during this pandemic
- What do they wish they'd known/ done differently before COVID hit?

There will be a Q&A following the discussion

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What BC Communities Are Doing

#ExploreKelownaFromHome

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City of Powell River seeks funds to overhaul resident attraction campaign

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Township of Langley waives requirements for public hearings for development applications that are consistent with the OCP

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