Introduction

This document is designed to give you and your organization a high-level summary of funding opportunities available via Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) that are not specifically earmarked for OLMCs. ISED works with Canadians in all areas of the economy to improve conditions for investment, enhance the country's innovation performance, increase its share of global trade and build a fair, efficient and competitive marketplace. While ISED has many programs and initiatives that target sectors outside of community, there are a number that may be of interest and impact in your respective communities

How to use this file

In the sections that follow, you will find the funding program title, a summary of the program's objectives, the envelope's accessibility to community organizations (open call or for solicited organizations), and key eligibility requirements. Wherever possible, a live link has been provided that will take the reader straight to the complete program information page on ISED's website♦.

ISED programs and initiatives

The Accessible Technology Program click here

OPEN CALL

Description: The Accessible Technology Program co-funds innovative projects led by the private sector, not-for-profit organizations, and research institutes to develop new assistive and adaptive digital devices and technologies.

Objectives:
- co-fund innovative projects to develop new assistive and adaptive digital devices and technologies to make it easier for Canadians with disabilities to more fully participate in the digital economy

Eligibility:
- non-profit or charitable status
- Your funding proposal must clearly demonstrate that:
  - the objectives of the program in terms of target audience and content are met;
  - with this financial support, your organization will have the resource capacity and expertise, either internally or through partnerships, to successfully deliver the proposed initiative; and,
  - you can meet your deliverables within the program timeframe

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♦ The ISED website gets updated a few times a year – thank you for letting the RDN team know about any links that need to be adjusted.

CanCode 3.0 [click here](#)

OPEN CALL

Description: The CanCode program was renewed for another 3-year period in 2021-2022 and supports opportunities for Canadian students (kindergarten to grade 12) to learn digital skills including coding, data analytics, and digital content development. The extended program will also support initiatives providing K-12 teachers with the training and professional development needed to introduce digital skills and coding related concepts into their classrooms.

Objectives:
- equip Canadian youth, with a focus on inclusion of underrepresented groups, with the skills needed to be prepared for further studies, including advanced digital skills and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) courses, leading to the jobs of the future
- create a strong, more resilient Canada by providing youth with a pathway to employment, with a focus on inclusion of underrepresented groups, including girls, Indigenous youth, Black youth, youth with disabilities, and youth living in rural, remote and Northern communities

Eligibility:
- no information provided (most recent call is closed)

Computers for Schools Plus [click here](#) (choose **Receive**)

OPEN CALL

Description: The CFS+ program provides computers and other digital devices to assist libraries, not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous communities and eligible low-income Canadians through *CFS+*, the *[CFS+ Internship program](#)*, and the *[Connecting Families initiative](#)*.
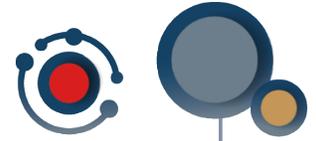
How it works:
- contact your local [CFS+ Affiliates](#) to make a request
- the CFS+ Affiliates will help to assess your needs and eligibility

Digital Literacy Exchange Program [click here](#)

OPEN CALL

Description: The Digital Literacy Exchange program invested $29.5 million in initiatives that taught fundamental digital literacy skills to Canadians who would benefit from participating in the digital economy. The program aimed to equip Canadians with the necessary skills to engage with computers, mobile devices and the Internet safely, securely and effectively. Project funding was available from 2018-19 to 2021-22.

Objectives:

- delivery of digital literacy training initiatives for Canadians who need improved skills and confidence in using computers and the Internet
- enable all Canadians to participate in – and benefit from - a connected and digitally engaged society

Eligibility:

- no information available

Digital Skills for Youth Program click here

OPEN CALL

Description: Digital Skills for Youth (DS4Y) connects underemployed post-secondary graduates with small businesses and not-for-profit organizations where they can gain meaningful work experience to help them transition to career-oriented employment.

DS4Y supports Delivery Organizations with a strong network of small to medium-sized businesses (SMBs under 500 employees) and not-for-profit organizations (i.e. Employers) that can create employment opportunities for youth to build the digital skills needed for the evolving digital economy.

Objectives:

- supporting youth who are more or less job-ready but who may require a first employment experience through wage-subsidy opportunities, and skill development to enter and succeed in the labour market

Eligibility:

- non-profit status
- small to medium-sized businesses
- your organization is looking for interns with a focus on applying their digital skills
- you are a post-graduate student looking for new opportunities in the digital economy