

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CONTACTS AND PROGRAMS		
AGENCY AND CONTACT	PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Human Resources Development Canada XXXXX – Tel:	Local Labour Market Partnerships Program - Canadian Jobs Fund Various employment assistance programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assists communities to develop economic strategies to stimulate business development and create employment ▪ Assistance to unemployed workers to obtain skills upgrading, wage subsidy and job search assistance.
Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers, Tel: (250) 746-9388, or 1-800-665-6597 website: www.cdcv.gov.bc.ca	Community Enterprise Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Community and Cooperative Business Development</u>: Provides matching contributions up to \$100,000 per project to community based agencies to help establish economic enterprises and create jobs. ▪ <u>Community Capacity Building</u>: Provides contributions up to \$50,000 for projects supported by the volunteer sector, where work is generated providing a sustainable income to individuals in marginalized groups. ▪ <u>Community Venture Capital Development</u>: Encourages investment in small businesses through Community Venture Capital Corporations
Ministry of Small Business Tourism and Culture and Human Resource Development Canada Tel: 1-800-667-2272	Business Information Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The centre located in Vancouver provides business information, consumer contacts, business education material and commercial intelligence files. The centre also has an extensive business library.
Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture Tel: (250) 953-4595	Equity Capital Programs Venture Capital Corporations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investors are offered a tax incentive equal to 30% of their investment in a specific holding company called a Venture Capital Corporation (VCC). The Venture Capital Corporation in turn invests in certain types of eligible businesses.

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Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture Business Equity Branch Tel: 1-800-665-6597 Web site: www.beb.sb.gov.bc.ca	Employee Share Ownership Program (ESOP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ESOP is a program to encourage employees to make equity investment in their own companies. Government provides 20 percent tax credit up to \$2,000 per year to each employee who invests in a registered plan.
Business Development Bank of Canada Tel: (250) 851-4902 Website: www.bdc.ca	Various forms of assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loans and loan guarantees. • Venture capital and export receivable financing. • Counseling and training. • Business consulting services associated with ISO certification.
Ministry of Skills, Training & Labour Tel: (250) 717-2055 Human Resource Development Canada Tel: (250) 762-3018	Industrial Adjustment Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A federal/provincial jointly administered initiative that brings employers and workers together in a committee structure to deal with changes in the workplace. The focus is on re-employment of affected workers.. In a “community adjustment” scenario, the adjustment committee is made up of citizens and community groups interested in developing adjustment strategies.
Job Protection Commission Tel: (604) 775-0168, or 1-800-665-4605	Job Protection Services	Three basic forms of assistance are provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In certain industries, the Commission can put in place voluntary concessions (ie: taxes ,royalties, fees, prices) to help with recovery plans ▪ The commission can act as a mediator between the firm and its stakeholders during short-term difficulties. ▪ The Commission can also pay for professional help to address specific businesses issues.
BC Hydro Website: www.bchydro.bc.ca/sites/busines	Business CARE Program Industrial Real Estate Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Business Community Assisted Retention and Expansion Program is a locally led business retention and expansion program that helps communities understand the issues and opportunities facing their businesses. BC Hydro provides technical assistance. ▪ Provides a collective site for BC communities to feature industrial land for sale.