



## **Stó:lō Community Futures (SCF)**

### **Client COVID-19 Pandemic Business Support**



The impact of COVID-19 has affected everyone, especially small businesses. The SCF Team has been working hard with each of our SCF Loan Clients, in providing them with the financial and emotional support they need during this difficult time. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue consider the safety of our Staff and your wellbeing.

If you're an Indigenous-owned business located in S'ólh Téméxw, that is being financially affected by COVID-19, please contact us to see which emergency business loan funds you qualify for.

SCF is also reviewing businesses on a case-by-case basis, to assess if one of our suite of loan programs could potentially help you on a short-term, or long-term basis.

Please contact SCF Business Analyst, Shannon Smith to learn more!

As information related to small businesses is constantly being updated, SCF wanted to provide some links, and that we hope will help your business navigate through this difficult time.

Our Team is adhering to social distancing, and although we are not physically available to connect with you, we are certainly able to speak with you through phone and email.

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## **Federal Programs:**

- [Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#)

The Government of Canada is taking immediate, significant and decisive action to support Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. This page lists numerous programs, organizations, and sectors who have support available for all types of individuals and businesses.

- [Canadian Federation of Independent Business \(CFIB\)](#)

Check out their Small Business Help Centre, including ways to keep your business open and keeping your employees safe.

## **Provincial Programs:**

- [Small Business BC](#) – BC Business COVID 19 Support Services links provided
- [Temporary Extended Layoff Period](#) - To ease financial hardship on businesses and to keep employees connected with their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic, government has extended the temporary layoff period to 16 weeks for COVID-19 related reasons.
- [COVID 19 Resources for BC Businesses](#) – From the BC Economic Development Association (BCEDA), look your industry sector and see updates relevant for your business
- [BC Restaurant and Food Services Association](#) – COVID 19 is disrupting the entire foodservice industry. Check out their resources on HR guidance and receive information on their supports for the industry
  - *Restaurants Survey:* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCRFACovid>
- [Independent Contractors and Business Associations of BC](#) – Information for Contractor and Construction businesses
- [Women's Enterprise Centre](#) – COVID-19 Resources and Supports



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#### **Working in Isolation:**

- [Chase Office Interiors](#)  
They are offering a package of “Quick” ship products to help anyone needing a space to work at home.  
Contact Trish Nicholson, Workplace Consultant  
at 1-877-922-0118 ext 6009 or by Cell: 604-788-8128
- [Open Hub](#) –  
Technology for small businesses to work remotely

#### **Webinars and Additional Helpful Information:**

- YouTube – [11 Clever Business Pivots During Coronavirus 2020](#)
- Chartered Professional Accountants Canada – [10 Tips for pivoting your business in the face of COVID-19](#)
- HubSpot – [4 pivots Companies are making light of COVID-19](#)

#### **COVID-19 Emergency Planning for your Business**

[Business continuity & COVID-19: Key considerations for small businesses in B.C.](#)

Businesses of all sizes can develop a business continuity plan to prepare their staff and operations for potential business disruptions, including outbreaks such as COVID-19. This 3-part checklist and resource listing can help you prepare your business now for potential future disruptions.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for your business**

- Small Business BC - [Find a PPE Supplier](#)
- Ravens Brewing Co. – [Hand Sanitizer](#) info