



# Guide for Municipal Leaders on Canada's and Alberta's Economic Response to COVID-19

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## Executive Summary

In March 2020, the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta began announcing comprehensive plans involving various financial supports to help stabilize the economy due to the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus. AUMA has developed this guide for municipalities to determine which programs may be applicable to their operations or to communicate with residents and employers about available programs that can help alleviate financial pressures.

This Executive Summary simply summarizes the various support programs for employers and workers, with the next section describing each support program in detail, with links to more information.

### Support for municipalities

	<b>Government of Canada</b>	<b>Government of Alberta</b>
Supporting financial stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe Restart Agreement provides \$303 million in operating and transit funding to help recoup lost revenues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$303 million in dollar matching contribution under the federal Safe Restart Agreement operating and transit funding.</li> </ul>
Support for infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas Tax Funding advanced in June 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$500 million Municipal Stimulus Program</li> </ul>

### Support for employers

	<b>Government of Canada</b>	<b>Government of Alberta</b>
Supporting financial stability and avoiding layoffs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wage subsidies for businesses</li> <li>• Extension of the Work-Sharing program</li> <li>• Deferral of 2020 income taxes and GST remittances</li> <li>• Targeted investments in energy, fisheries, agriculture, culture, sport, air transportation, academic, and mining sectors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freeze and deferral of education property tax</li> <li>• Deferral of 2020 income taxes</li> <li>• Deferral of WCB premiums</li> <li>• Deferral of utility payments</li> <li>• Lodging operators can keep tourism levies</li> <li>• Creation of the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant</li> <li>• Doubled its capital maintenance budget in 2020-21</li> </ul>

**Government of Canada**

**Government of Alberta**

Access to credit

- Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance
- Canada Emergency Business Account
- Regional Relief Recovery Fund
- Mid-market loan guarantees and financing programs
- Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility
- Credit for innovative start-ups

- Funding partner for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program
- Loan relief for ATB and credit union customers

**Support for individuals**

General support for individuals and families

- Top-up of the Canada Child Benefit and GST credit
- Extra time to file and pay income tax

- Freeze of provincial education property tax
- Loan relief for ATB and credit union customers
- Deferral of utility payments

Support for people facing loss of income

- New Canada Emergency Response Benefit
- New Canada Recovery Benefit
- New Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit
- New Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit
- Employment Insurance program expanded

- Creation of the Emergency Isolation Support

Support for students and graduates

- Moratorium on repayment of Canada Student Loans
- Changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program
- Creation of the Canada Emergency Student Benefit

- Moratorium on repayment of Alberta Student Loans

Support for targeted populations

- Numerous investments for Indigenous communities, seniors, and homeless persons

## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to help AUMA members understand the variety of programs available and actions taken by the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta to stabilize and restart the economy as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### How to use this guide

Municipal leaders may use this document as a reference when communicating with residents, not-for-profit organizations, and local businesses about the supports that are available to help alleviate financial pressures on households and employers. In addition, as an employer and manager of public infrastructure, municipalities need to be aware of programs that are available to mitigate financial impacts on municipal organizations and help create infrastructure jobs.

The guide is segregated into two sections:

- Government of Canada's Economic Response Plan
- Government of Alberta's Economic Response Plan

Since the federal and provincial governments may release information more frequently, readers can access the most up-to-date information directly from the [Government of Canada](#) and [Government of Alberta](#) websites.

Revisions to this Guide are summarized in the *Version Control* section at the end of the document.

### Note

This report does not represent a comprehensive summary of all initiatives announced by the federal and provincial governments. The content of this guide is focused on programs and initiatives that are most relevant to municipal leaders.

### Limitation

*The information set out in this Guide is considered accurate as of the date on page 1; because the situation with COVID-19 is changing rapidly it is important that readers ensure that the most recent update to this Guide is consulted.*

*While we have endeavored to provide accurate information about the programs set out in this Guide, official information about the programs, including eligibility requirements, deadlines and related terms and conditions, is found in official government publications. We recommend that readers consult those sources for details.*



## A. Government of Canada's Economic Response Plan – Active Initiatives

Federal Program/ Type	Description	Applies to employers			Applies to	
		Municipal Government	Private Sector	Not-for-Profit	Employee/individual	Self-employed
Federal Safe Restart Agreement	As part of the \$19 billion Federal Safe Restart Agreement, Alberta municipalities received a total of \$466 million in operating funding and \$140 million in transit funding through Alberta's <a href="#">Municipal Operating Support Transfer</a> . The funding is a 50/50 split between the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta to help municipalities recoup lost operating revenues and fund front-line municipal services during the restart. AUMA is pleased with the outcomes of its advocacy to secure the funding and allocation formula that meets members needs.	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gas Tax Fund	The federal government accelerated the transfer of the \$2.2 billion 2020 Gas Tax Fund so that 100 per cent of the funding was delivered to the provinces in June instead of half being transferred in November.	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)	Provinces can transfer up to 10% of their original ICIP allocation into a new temporary <a href="#">COVID-19 Resilience stream</a> to respond to new priorities associated with COVID-19. The Government of Alberta has exercised this option to invest a portion of ICIP in infrastructure for healthcare and seniors.	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wage subsidies for employers	All employers who experience a reduction in gross revenues of at least 15 per cent or 30 per cent, between March 15 and July 4, 2020, can access the new <a href="#">Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy</a> . For claims after July 4, 2020, there is no minimum revenue reduction to qualify for the subsidy, but the amount of the revenue reduction will be used to calculate the subsidy amount. The program applies to remuneration paid from March 15 to November 21, 2020 and can be applied for through <a href="#">CRA's My Business Account</a> .	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	✓

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		Municipal Government	Private Sector	Not-for-Profit	Employee/individual	Self-employed
	The <a href="#">Temporary Wage Subsidy</a> allows employers to qualify for a 10% wage subsidy for remuneration paid between March 18 and June 19, 2020, up to a maximum subsidy of \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer.	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	✓
Credit for small and medium-sized businesses	<p><a href="#">Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits to cover operating costs if they have been affected by COVID-19.</li> <li>• To qualify, organizations must have paid \$20,000 to \$1.5 million in total payroll in 2019 or have eligible non-deferrable expenses greater than \$40,000 in 2020.</li> <li>• If loans are repaid by December 2022, 25 per cent of the loan is forgiven.</li> <li>• Applications have been extended to December 31, 2020.</li> </ul> <p>Initially the program was not available to businesses that were owned by individuals holding political office. Following advocacy by AUMA and other municipal associations, the program was changed to only exclude businesses that are owned by Members of Parliament or Senators.</p>	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	n/a
	<p><a href="#">Loan Guarantees and Co-Lending for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMEs may access new operating credit and cash flow term loans of up to \$6.25 million that are guaranteed by Export Development Canada.</li> <li>• SMEs may enter into co-lending agreements with the Business Development Bank of Canada to access incremental credit amounts of up to \$6.25 million.</li> <li>• Both programs are available until June 2021.</li> </ul>	n/a	✓	?	n/a	n/a

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	<p><a href="#">Regional Relief Recovery Fund</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Economic Diversification Canada is providing interest-free loans to businesses that have been unable to access other COVID-19 support measures.</li> <li>RRRF offers several funding streams of up to \$40,000 for rural businesses, women-owned or women-led businesses, or other businesses and up to \$1 million for businesses that meet select criteria.</li> </ul>	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Credit for medium-sized businesses	<p><a href="#">Mid-Market Financing Program</a></p> <p>A new program offered by the Business Development Bank of Canada will provide commercial operating loans ranging from \$12.5 million to \$60 million for medium sized businesses that have revenues of \$100 million to \$500 million per year. It is available until June 2021.</p>	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<p><a href="#">EDC's Mid-Market Guarantee and Financing Program</a></p> <p>A new program by Export Development Canada will guarantee 75 per cent of new operating credit and cashflow loans ranging from \$16.75 million to \$80 million. The program is available to businesses with annual revenues of \$50 million to \$300 million. Application details yet to be released.</p>	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Credit for large businesses	<p><a href="#">Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF)</a></p> <p>A new program that will offer bridge financing to large businesses whose cashflow needs are not being met through conventional financing. Eligible businesses must have revenues exceeding \$300 million per year, seek financing of \$60 million or more, and have a significant workforce in Canada.</p>	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		Municipal Government	Private Sector	Not-for-Profit	Employee/individual	Self-employed
Credit for farmers	<a href="#">Farm Credit Canada</a> is offering loan payment deferral plans or increased credit to farmers and the agri-food sector.	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Income Replacement	As of September 27, 2020, the <a href="#">Employment Insurance</a> (EI) program is temporarily changed for 1 year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals eligible for EI will receive a minimum benefit of \$500 per week.</li> <li>Individuals with at least 120 hours of insurable work can receive a temporary, one-time credit of 300 or 480 insurable hours to qualify for EI.</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	Restrictions
	<a href="#">Canada Recovery Benefit</a> is a new program for workers who are not eligible for EI may who can access up to \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks. This applies to individuals who have stopped working or had their income reduced by at least 50% due to COVID-19.	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓
	<a href="#">Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit</a> is a new program that provides \$500 per week for up to two weeks for workers who are unable to work because they contracted COVID-19 or are self-isolated for reasons related to COVID-19.	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓
	<a href="#">Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit</a> is a new program that provides \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks for workers who are unable to work because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They must care for a child because schools, day-cares, or care facilities are closed due to COVID-19.</li> <li>A child or family member is sick or required to quarantine.</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓
	<a href="#">Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits</a> provides up to 15 weeks of partial income replacement for individuals who cannot work for medical reasons. A medical certificate is not required for claims after March 15, 2020.	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	Restrictions
Work Sharing Program	This program provides employment insurance (EI) benefits to workers who agree to reduce their working hours instead of being laid off when there is a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	n/a



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	reduction in business activity that is beyond the control of the employer. Due to COVID-19, the maximum duration of Work-Sharing agreements is extended from 38 weeks to 76 weeks. <a href="#">Eligibility requirements</a>   <a href="#">Application</a>					
Support for community organizations	<a href="#">Emergency Community Support Fund</a> is a new program that will deliver \$350 million to community organizations that support vulnerable populations. The funding will flow through national organizations such as the <a href="#">United Way</a> , <a href="#">Canadian Red Cross</a> , and the <a href="#">Community Foundations of Canada</a> . Application details are available on each organization's website.	n/a	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a
Support for targeted industries	The Government of Canada has announced numerous other programs to <a href="#">support targeted sectors</a> such as agriculture, fisheries, culture, sport, air transportation, tourism, energy, academic, and mining. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The governments of British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan are receiving up to <a href="#">\$1.7 billion to clean up orphan/inactive oil and gas wells</a>. In Alberta, <a href="#">grants are being paid directly to oilfield service companies</a> that complete the work.</li> <li>The <a href="#">Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Workers</a> provides agricultural employers with \$1,500 for each worker to follow the mandatory 14-day isolation period after arriving in Canada.</li> </ul>	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	✓

## Concluded Initiatives – Government of Canada

### Support for individuals and families

- [Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#): This temporary program provided a taxable benefit of \$500 per week for up to 28 weeks to any Canadian who stopped working for reasons related to COVID-19 and who had income of at least \$5,000 in the previous year. In April, the program was updated to allow individuals to earn up to \$1,000 per month and still be eligible. This ensured that elected officials in small communities, volunteer fire fighters and other individuals with part-time income could still access CERB. The program ended on September 26, 2020 and was replaced by changes to EI and the creation of the Canada Recovery Benefit, Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit, and Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit.
- [GST credit top-up](#): Low-income individuals and families who received the GST credit in 2019 automatically received a one-time top-up in May 2020. The average amount was \$400 for individuals and \$600 for couples.
- Canada Child Benefit (CCB) top-up: Families that received the CCB in 2019-20 received a one-time top-up of \$300 per child in May 2020.
- In July 2020, seniors eligible for Old Age Security pension received a one-time tax-free payment of \$300 and those eligible for Guaranteed Income Supplement received an additional \$200.
- The deadline for individuals to file their 2019 income tax return was extended to June 2020 and the deadline to pay any balance due was extended to September 30, 2020.

### Support for students

- [Canada Emergency Student Benefit](#): Students and new graduates that were not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit could receive \$1,250 per month and students with dependents or permanent disabilities could receive \$2,000 per month from May to August 2020.
- Canada Student Loan borrowers received an [interest-free moratorium](#) on the repayment of their student loan until September 30, 2020.

### Support for businesses

- The deadline for businesses to pay any income tax amounts or instalments that become owing or due after March 18, 2020 and before September 1, 2020 was extended to September 30, 2020.
- The [Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance](#) (CECRA) supported commercial property owners to temporarily lower rental costs for small business tenants by providing forgivable loans to the property owner. CECRA covered 50% of the rent, the tenant paid up to 25% and the property owner forgave at least 25%. It applied from April to September.

- [Canada Summer Jobs](#): The program was updated with temporary measures including an increase in the wage subsidy from 50% to 100% of the provincial minimum hourly wage, part-time positions were eligible, the job placement period was extended to February 2021, and increased flexibility for eligible job activities.
- [GST remittance](#): In March 2020, the Government of Canada announced that businesses could defer GST/HST payments or remittances to June 30, 2020.
- The [Industrial Research Assistance Program](#) received \$250 million to support innovative and early-stage businesses to access other COVID-19 supports.

### Support for targeted organizations

- Canada's [Reaching Home](#) initiative received \$157.5 million to invest in beds and physical barriers to support social distancing and securement of accommodation for the homeless.
- The [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#) delivered \$100 million to national and regional agencies to help improve access to food and necessities for persons experiencing food insecurity.
- [Women's shelters and sexual assault centres received \\$50 million](#) to help with their capacity to support women and children fleeing violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional programs and details on  
Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan is available at [canada.ca](https://canada.ca).

## B. Government of Alberta's Economic Response Plan – Active Initiatives

Provincial Program	Description	Applies to employers			Applies to	
		Municipal Government	Private Sector	Not-for-Profit	Employee/individual	Self-employed
Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP)	A new program delivering \$500 million to municipalities to spur infrastructure maintenance and construction that will help create jobs across Alberta. The funding is allocated to all municipalities using the Gas Tax Fund formula and must be spent by December 31, 2021. A municipality must attest that its project(s) would not proceed without the funding and must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Minister, that it has taken steps to reduce red tape. <a href="#">Applications were due by October 1, 2020.</a>	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST)	As noted under the Government of Canada's Federal Safe Restart Agreement, Alberta dollar-matched \$303 million in federal funding for municipalities to recoup lost operating revenues and fund front-line services during the restart. The program is called the <a href="#">Municipal Operating Support Transfer</a> and it allocated \$606 million to all municipalities through a formula that is based on AUMA's recommendations to Alberta Municipal Affairs. Municipalities must have signed an agreement by October 30, 2020.	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant	This new program offers <a href="#">financial assistance of up to \$5,000</a> to businesses, cooperatives, and non-profit organizations that were ordered to close or curtail operations, and that experienced a revenue reduction of at least 50% as a result of COVID-19.	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	✓
Flexibility for loans and	Small business customers of ATB can apply for a deferral on their loans and lines of credit as well as access additional working capital. Interest will continue to accrue at the interest rate of the loan. <a href="#">Contact ATB</a> for application.	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a

Provincial Program	Description	Applies to employers			Applies to	
		Municipal Government	Private Sector	Not-for-Profit	Employee/individual	Self-employed
access to credit	Personal banking customers of ATB Financial can apply for a deferral on their loans, lines of credit and mortgages for up to 6 months. Interest will continue to accrue at the interest rate of the loan. <a href="#">Contact ATB</a> for application.	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓
Deferral of WCB premiums	<a href="#">Worker Compensation Board (WCB) premiums</a> for the 2020 year are deferred until 2021. When WCB resumes invoicing for 2020 premiums: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• small and medium-sized private sector employers will have 50 per cent of their 2020 premiums waived, and</li> <li>• large employers will have their full 2020 premiums due for payment.</li> </ul>	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	✓
Tourism levy remittances	Hotels and lodging providers will be allowed to keep tourism levy amounts collected between March 1 and December 31, 2020. <a href="#">No application required.</a>	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
2020 budget for capital infrastructure	The Government of Alberta <a href="#">doubled its budget for capital maintenance and renewal projects</a> from \$937 million to \$1.9 billion for 2020-21 to help create jobs. This applies to provincially owned infrastructure, not municipal projects.	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	✓
Alberta's Relaunch Strategy	The <a href="#">Government of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy</a> outlines a phased approach to reopen businesses and activities while limiting the spread of COVID-19. To support businesses and organizations, the province launched the <a href="#">Alberta's Biz Connect website</a> , which offers guidance and resources to support workplaces to reopen operations as possible.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



## Concluded Initiatives – Government of Alberta

### Support for individuals and families

- [Emergency Isolation Support](#): The program offered a one-time payment of \$1,146 to eligible persons that experienced income loss to assist in the period before the Government of Canada launched its emergency programs in April 2020. The program distributed approximately \$108 million to over 94,000 Albertans.

### Support for students

- Alberta Student Loan borrowers received an [interest-free moratorium](#) on the repayment of their student loan until September 30, 2020.

### Support for businesses

- [Deferral of non-residential education property taxes](#): In April 2020, the province announced that municipalities must defer the collection of non-residential education property taxes for 6 months. In May, the province clarified that a municipality could defer both the municipal and education property tax for non-residential properties for a shorter time to achieve an equivalent benefit for businesses. Municipalities were to set tax rates as normal and commercial landlords were encouraged to pass on the savings to tenants through reduced or deferred rent.
- Corporate income tax balances and instalment were deferred from March 19, 2020 until September 30, 2020 in alignment with the Government of Canada's tax deferral.
- As a partner in the federal government's Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program, the Government of Alberta's [financial contribution was estimated to be \\$67 million](#).

### Support for individuals and businesses

- The province reversed its Budget 2020 decision to increase provincial education property taxes. Instead, provincial [education property taxes were frozen](#) at the 2019-20 level of about \$2.5 billion. This reduced the 2020-21 provincial education taxes by \$55 million for residential and farmland properties and \$32 million for non-residential properties compared to what was planned.
- [Deferral of electricity and natural gas utility payments](#): Residential, farm, and small commercial customers could apply to defer electricity and natural gas bill payments up until June 18, 2020. The program applied to customers who consume less than 250,000 kilowatt hours of electricity or 2,500 gigajoules of natural gas per year.

Details on Alberta's COVID-19 response plan is available at:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx>.

## Version Control: Summary of Updates

Version	Update in content
March 25, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial release of the Guide</li> </ul>
April 1, 2020	<p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Canada's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.</li> <li>Announcement that GST/HST remittances are deferred until June 30, 2020.</li> <li>Announcement that customs duty payments are deferred until June 30, 2020.</li> <li>Announcement that eligible charities will receive a filing extension until December 31, 2020.</li> <li>New details on the Business Credit Availability Program involving the new Canada Emergency Business Account and loans for SMEs.</li> <li>Links to eligibility and application for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Alberta's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement that Tourism Levy remittances are deferred until August 31, 2020.</li> <li>Updated eligibility details for the Emergency Isolation Support program.</li> <li>Updated the WCB deferral program to clarify that employers who have already paid their 2020 premium will automatically receive a refund.</li> </ul>
April 8, 2020	<p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Canada's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New details for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.</li> <li>Announcement of the increase in the Canada Summer Jobs wage subsidy.</li> <li>Link to eligibility details for the Indigenous Community Support Fund.</li> <li>Announcement of \$100 million in funding to community organizations to purchase and deliver food and necessities to Canadians.</li> <li>Updates to various links.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Alberta's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Emergency Isolation Support program is now closed.</li> <li>New details for eligibility of the deferral of utility payments.</li> <li>Announcement of new temporary employment standards.</li> </ul>
April 21, 2020	<p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Canada's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Claimants to the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) can now earn up to \$1,000 per month in income and still be eligible for CERB.</li> <li>Eligibility for the Canada Emergency Response Account is expanded to businesses with payroll between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million.</li> <li>Additional details on changes and access to the Canada Summer Jobs program.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New \$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund to support not-for-profit organizations that serve vulnerable populations.</li> <li>• Agricultural employers will receive \$1,500 for each temporary foreign worker to follow the mandatory isolation period when arriving in Canada.</li> <li>• \$1.7 billion additional funding and financing support for businesses.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Alberta's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link to guidelines for municipalities to implement the province's deferral of non-residential education property taxes.</li> </ul>
<p>April 30, 2020</p>	<p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Canada's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the Canada Emergency Student Benefit program.</li> <li>• Announcement of the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program.</li> <li>• New details on how not-for-profit organizations can apply for the Emergency Community Support Fund.</li> <li>• Link to the new Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy online calculator.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Alberta's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the Alberta Cares Connector program.</li> <li>• Alberta's contribution to the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program.</li> </ul>
<p>May 19, 2020</p>	<p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Canada's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy is extended to cover employee remuneration until August 29, 2020. The previous end date was June 6, 2020.</li> <li>• The Canada Emergency Business Account is expanded to eligible businesses that have payroll less than \$20,000.</li> <li>• Announcement of a temporary wage top-up for low-income essential workers.</li> <li>• Announcement of the Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility.</li> <li>• Announcement of the Regional Relief Recovery Fund.</li> <li>• Announcement of the BDC Mid-Market Financing Program.</li> <li>• Announcement of the EDC Mid-Market Guarantee and Financing Program.</li> <li>• New details available on the previously announced \$1.7 billion in funding for businesses and organizations:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Details on how to access the \$500 million Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations.</li> <li>○ Details on how to access funding through the \$962 million Regional Relief and Recovery Fund.</li> <li>○ Application for the \$250 million investment in the Industrial Research Assistance Program is now closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Announcement of a one-time tax-free payment to seniors that are eligible for Old Age Security pension or Guaranteed Income Supplement.</li> </ul>

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	<p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Alberta's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement to double 2020-21 spending on capital maintenance and renewal projects.</li> <li>• Launch of the Alberta Biz Connect website that offers guidance for businesses and organizations on how to reopen operations.</li> <li>• Launch of the Alberta Relaunch Strategy.</li> </ul>
<p>November 18, 2020</p>	<p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Canada's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the Municipal Operating Support Transfer through the Federal Safe Restart Agreement.</li> <li>• Transfer of the 2020 Gas Tax Fund was accelerated to June 2020.</li> <li>• Addition of the COVID-19 Resilience Stream under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.</li> <li>• The Canada Emergency Response Benefit ended on September 26, 2020.</li> <li>• The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy is extended to November 21, 2020.</li> <li>• The Canada Emergency Business Account will accept applications until December 31, 2020.</li> <li>• The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program has ended.</li> <li>• The Loan Guarantee and Co-Lending programs for small and medium-sized enterprises is available until June 2021.</li> <li>• Application details now available for BDC's Mid-Market Financing Program, the Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility, and the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund.</li> <li>• The Employment Insurance program is temporarily changed to expand access in support of the closure of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.</li> <li>• Announcement of the Canada Recovery Benefit.</li> <li>• Announcement of the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit.</li> <li>• Announcement of the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit.</li> <li>• Several programs have concluded.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Updates to the Government of Alberta's plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of the Municipal Stimulus Program.</li> <li>• Launch of the Municipal Operating Support Transfer as part of Alberta's dollar match of the Federal Safe Restart Agreement.</li> <li>• Launch of the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant</li> <li>• Tourism levies collected after March 1 may be kept instead of a deferred remittance.</li> <li>• Several programs have concluded.</li> </ul>