Indigenous Businesses

The City of Barrie is doing everything possible, in cooperation with the provincial and federal governments, to minimize impact and see economic recovery take place as soon as possible. This document outlines support resources available to indigenous businesses.

Please visit barrie.ca/SupportForBusiness for information about resources available to various sectors, and for details about changes to City services that support business during this time.

Federal Support Programs

**Funding**

**Indigenous Community Support Fund**
This fund provides Indigenous leadership and organizations with the flexibility needed to design and implement community-based solutions to prevent, prepare and respond to the spread of COVID-19 within their communities. [Get the details.]

**Supporting business through the pandemic and into recovery**
The federal government is providing non-repayable financial contributions to help support operating costs for First Nation, Inuit and Métis community-or collectively-owned businesses and microbusinesses whose revenues have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Get the details.]

**Supporting the Indigenous tourism industry**
The federal government announced a new stimulus development fund that will provide $16 million to support the Indigenous tourism industry. The Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada will administer the fund to businesses across the country that have lost revenue due to COVID-19. [Get the details.]

In addition to the measure above, Indigenous peoples can also access benefits listed under Support for Individuals and Support for Businesses under the Canadian Economic Response Plan.

Provincial Support Programs

**Support for People & Jobs**

**Financial Support**
Providing new, additional support of $26 million to Indigenous peoples and communities, including emergency assistance for urban Indigenous people in financial need, costs for health care professionals and critical supplies to reach remote First Nations, as well as funding to address emergency planning and self-isolation needs for people in First Nation communities. [More details.]

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The City of Barrie is working with our industry partners with updating this document regularly to be able to identify actions to support businesses in responding to the economic impact of COVID-19.