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|   **1. Western Diversification Business Scale-up and Productivity (BSP) program.** * assist firms in the community with high-growth potential to scale-up and expand;
* support technology demonstration and the commercialization of new technologies;
* encourage the early adoption or adaptation of leading-edge technologies and processes to improve productivity; and,
* increase businesses’ capacity to grow through market diversification and entry into global markets.

Project proposals must demonstrate support in one of the following priorities: clean technology, clean resources, digital technology, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture, and life sciences. Next deadline: January 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. Website: [https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/19762.asp](https://southgrow.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a12e4697cd842066370c0b99&id=f3fbb5ee0b&e=69b301daf1)Email: WD.ab-ab.DEO@canada.caPhone: 1-888-338-9378 **2. Community Initiatives Program**CIP provides funding to support initiatives that enhance and enrich communities throughout Alberta. Municipalities are not eligible but first nations and Metis communities are.Streams include:Project based grantOperating grantCultural  and sports event grantNext Deadline: Jan. 15, 2019Website: [https://www.alberta.ca/community-initiatives-program.aspx](https://southgrow.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a12e4697cd842066370c0b99&id=54485c62a9&e=69b301daf1)Email: LFP.application@gov.ab.caPhone: 780-422-9598  **3. Community Facility Enhancement Program** Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) funding provides financial assistance to acquire, build, purchase, repair, renovate, upgrade or expand sports, recreational, cultural or other related public-use community facilities.The CFEP Large Funding stream is for projects requesting over $125,001 and up to $1 million.  CFEP Small Funding stream maximum funding request is $125,000. Organizations may be considered for up to $10,000 non-matching fundingNext Deadline: Small funding Jan. 15, 2019       Large funding Annual Oct. 1            Website: [https://www.alberta.ca/community-facility-enhancement-program.aspx](https://southgrow.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a12e4697cd842066370c0b99&id=6baff94925&e=69b301daf1)Email: LFP.application@gov.ab.caPhone: 780-422-9598 **4. Visitors Services Innovation Fund** Visitor Services Innovation Fund provides support to community-based visitor services providers across the province to enable the delivery of innovative and forward-thinking multi-channel visitor services. Goals of the fund: * Support the development of innovative and relevant multi-channel visitor services.
* Ensure visitor services are available when, where and how visitors want them, and that these services respond to the needs of the visitor.
* Increase productivity and effectiveness of visitor services in the community, the region and the province.
* Foster a collaborative approach to visitor services to maximize the visitor experience across all channels.

 Deadline: Jan 17 2019, at 4:30pmWebsite: [www.alberta.ca/visitor-services-innovation-fund.aspx/](https://southgrow.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a12e4697cd842066370c0b99&id=aefac27051&e=69b301daf1)Email: AVIP@gov.ab.caPhone: 780-415-6264 **5. Community Partnership Program** The 2018/19 ACP budget is $18.5 million. The objective of the ACP is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives. Key program outcomes include:new or enhanced regional municipal services;improved municipal capacity to respond to municipal and regional priorities; andeffective inter-municipal relations through joint and collaborative activities. Next Deadline: Feb 1 2019Website: [http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership](https://southgrow.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a12e4697cd842066370c0b99&id=40ad6e21f1&e=69b301daf1)Email: ACPOaccess@gov.ab.caPhone: 780-644-2413 **6. Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP)**The Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) provides funding to eligible Alberta employers to hire high school or post-secondary students into summer jobs from May to August.Summer positions created through STEP provide students with the opportunity to build meaningful work experience, increase their skills, gain workplace insight and help prepare them for the future.Next Deadline: Feb 8, 2019Website: [https://www.alberta.ca/step.aspx](https://southgrow.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a12e4697cd842066370c0b99&id=f16b97d086&e=69b301daf1)Email: step@gov.ab.caPhone: 1-780-638-4727 **7. Henry S. Varley Fund**This program will support a wide range of projects in communities throughout southern Alberta.Stream 1 - Community PrioritiesStream 2 – Rural lifeNext Deadline: Mar 15, 2019Website: [www.cflsa.ca](https://southgrow.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a12e4697cd842066370c0b99&id=fd8ee91067&e=69b301daf1).Email: office@cflsa.caPhone: 403-328-5297. |

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