

INNOVATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Innovation Enhancement Program provides non-repayable contributions to public sector institutions, not-for-profit groups, community organizations and industry associations that are involved in activities that enhance innovation in the province.

Funding may be available for the development and expansion of strategic industry clusters and for public/private research partnerships involved in the development of new technologies.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

The program will provide assistance of up to 50% of eligible project costs, in the form of a non-repayable contribution, to a maximum of \$250,000 per project.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The proposed project activities must demonstrate innovation enhancement consistent with government's innovation strategy, *Innovation Newfoundland and Labrador: A Blueprint for Prosperity*.

Projects may include:

- Acquiring incremental expertise and consultants for specific, project-based activities, including studies and feasibility analyses.
- Training to assist with the retention of existing employees to meet the demands of new technologies and activities within an organization.
- Assistance for quality improvement programs from educational and R&D institutions.
- Initiatives that focus on developing institutional/industrial partnerships.
- Development and expansion of strategic clusters, including marketing activities to capitalize on the combined strengths, expertise and experience of stakeholders to create a competitive advantage.
- Other activities related to innovation enhancement.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Funds from the program cannot be used:

- To support core administration functions.
- For projects that compete with local private enterprise.
- For residential and commercial real estate services, retail, wholesale and consumer-oriented establishments.
- By federal, provincial, and municipal governments and their agencies.



HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available at any office of the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development or at www.gov.nl.ca/intrd. For assistance, call 1-800-563-2299 or the departmental office closest to you.

SECTOR CONTACTS

Life Sciences	729-4208
Communications Technologies	729-2208
Aerospace and Defence	729-2367
Oceans/Environment	729-0680
Manufacturing	729-6223
Other Sectors	729-1619

LABRADOR REGION

Charlottetown	949-0378
Labrador City	944-4046
Happy Valley-Goose Bay	896-2400
Postville	479-9731
Forteau	931-2908

WESTERN REGION

St. Anthony	454-3508/3521
Port Saunders	861-3004/3096
Corner Brook	637-2980
Deer Lake	635-2613
Stephenville	643-2600/1228
Port aux Basques	695-9872

CENTRAL REGION

Springdale	673-3481
Baie Verte	532-4772
Grand Falls-Windsor	292-4450/4451
St. Alban's	538-3796/3476
Gander	256-1484/1486

EASTERN REGION

Clareville	466-4174/4176
Marystown	279-5531

AVALON REGION

Carbonear	596-4109/4116
Placentia	227-1350
St. John's	729-7104/7112
Ferryland	432-3019