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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR IGNACE BUSINESSES

The Rural Ontario Development Program Business Development Stream is currently accepting applications from eligible small businesses in rural Ontario.

Eligible businesses may receive funding for up to 35% of eligible project costs, to a maximum provincial contribution of \$10,000.

Funding may support projects involving:

- Market development, including market research, marketing plans, website design, advertising and expansion into new markets
- Cybersecurity assessments, improvements and training
- Business succession planning and related training
- Accessibility improvements, such as ramps and automatic door openers

Businesses generally must:

- Be currently operating and physically located in rural Ontario
- Have between 1 and 20 employees on payroll, excluding the business owner or owners
- Pay agricultural, commercial or industrial property tax, either directly or through rent or lease, or operate from a property that is exempt from property taxes under section 3 of the Assessment Act
- Not occupy a property considered solely residential under the municipality's Official Plan and zoning by-law

Indigenous businesses are exempt from the minimum employee requirement, the property-tax requirement and the restriction on operating from a solely residential property.

All applicants should review the complete program guidelines, including the operational, legal and financial compliance requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, which is 4:00 p.m. Central Time in Ignace.

Interested local business owners are encouraged to contact the Township's Economic Development Generalist, Daniella Okoye, who is available to provide support and guidance with the application process and help applicants access relevant provincial resources.

Applications are submitted directly to the Province of Ontario. The Township does not determine eligibility or funding decisions.

Contact:

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Economic Development Generalist

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Program information and application materials:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rural-ontario-development-program>