

# Skills Development Fund: Capital Stream

Learn how to apply for funding to support capital technical planning costs and upgrades or construction of training centres for the skilled trades and other in-demand jobs.

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## Overview

The Skills Development Fund (SDF) Capital Stream was launched in June 2023 to offer funding support to eligible organizations to:

- build new training centres
- upgrade existing training centres
- convert an existing building into a training centre

These centres will train people for emerging and in-demand jobs in critical sectors of Ontario's economy, such as:

- the skilled trades
- healthcare
- information technology
- other sectors experiencing recruitment challenges

Recipients can use funding for:

- facility renovations
- retrofits
- expansions
- repairs
- building conversion
- new building construction
- developing the architectural and engineering plans required for the above projects (specific to the new SEED initiative)

There are two funding pathways under the SDF Capital Stream.

### SEED Pathway

This new initiative will provide funding support for the technical planning costs to develop a capital proposal for a capital asset that will be used to support a skills development activity. Recipients could use the funding for:

- engineering or architectural plans
- mechanical and electrical drawings
- construction costs estimates
- other related activities

Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to apply to the GROW Pathway after the successful completion of their SEED Pathway Project to fully execute their capital project.

### **GROW Pathway**

Similar to the SDF Capital Stream Round 1, the GROW Pathway provides funding to support capital projects that create or improve physical spaces that will increase:

- training capacity
  - number of trainees
  - increase retention of trainees
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## **Eligibility**

### **Organizations eligible to apply as a primary applicant**

The following organizations are eligible to apply to the SDF Capital Stream as a primary applicant:

- employers in Ontario (other than the educational organizations listed as being eligible to apply as partners)
- minister-approved, non-college apprenticeship program training delivery agents
- non-profit organizations including Indigenous band offices and Indigenous Skills and Employment Training agreement holders
- professional, industry or employer associations
- trade unions or union-affiliated organizations
- municipalities
- hospitals
- District Social Services Administration Boards
- Consolidated Municipal Service Managers

### **Eligible to apply as a partner**

The following educational organizations are eligible to apply to the SDF Capital Stream **as a partner** with one or more of the eligible primary applicant organizations:

- district school boards
- publicly assisted colleges, universities or Indigenous Institutes in Ontario

- career colleges
- private universities with consent from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to offer degrees

## Project requirements

For a project to be eligible for funding, your application must show how the project will meet all four criteria:

- **Aligns with SDF Capital Stream policy objective** to help create or improve physical spaces to increase training capacity and increase or retain the number of trainees for emerging and in-demand jobs in growth sectors of Ontario's economy and sectors experiencing recruitment challenges.
- **Aligns with SDF Capital Stream target sectors or occupations:** the capital project/asset will support a skills development activity in emerging and in-demand growth sectors of Ontario's economy and sectors experiencing recruitment challenges.
- **Serves intended SDF Capital Stream participant groups** including people looking for work, workers at risk of job displacement, workers needed to fill unmet demand and talent gaps or people looking for work who face higher barriers to employment.
- **Delivers SDF Capital Stream key performance indicators** by increasing training capacity and/or training volume and/or training for SDF Capital Participant groups.

## Apply for project funding

SDF Capital Stream Round 2 SEED and GROW application intake will open on **November 29, 2024**.

You can submit your application to Transfer Payment Ontario (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government>) starting November 29, 2024. Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis.

To access the SDF Capital Stream application:

1. Create a My Ontario Account with Transfer Payment Ontario
2. Register your organization with Transfer Payment Ontario (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government#section-1>)
3. Transfer Payment Ontario will email you when it reviews and approves your registration request.

Note, if your organization has an existing My Ontario Account, you will need to proceed by selecting "Join an Existing Organization" on the Transfer Payment Ontario website.

### Application form and program guidelines

Program guidelines and a preview of the application form will be available on this page in the coming days, prior to the November 29 opening date.

## After you apply

Applications will be assessed based on transparent, consistent, and measurable evaluation criteria set out in the SDF Capital Stream program guidelines for the SEED and GROW Pathway.

All applicants will be notified whether their application is successful or unsuccessful.

### Related

Skills Development Fund (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/skills-development-fund>)

Employment Ontario (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario>)

Ontario Job Bank (<https://www.on.jobbank.gc.ca/home>)

Open for Business (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/open-business>)

Get funding from the Ontario government (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government>)

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