

Funding Opportunities for Canadian Businesses



Canadian businesses investing in **Direct Color Systems** UV printing technology may qualify for programs that support advanced manufacturing, productivity improvements, technology adoption, research and development, or employee training.

Funding is not guaranteed, and eligibility depends on factors such as location, company size, project scope, anticipated job creation, and the expenses involved. Customers should review current program requirements and consult a qualified financial or tax advisor before applying.

The **Government of Canada Grants and Funding portal** is a useful starting point for identifying federal programs related to business development, innovation, research, and workforce training.



Federal Innovation and Manufacturing Programs

Scientific Research and Experimental Development—SR&ED

Businesses conducting eligible research or experimental development in Canada may qualify for federal investment tax credits. This could be relevant when a company is developing or testing a genuinely new printing process, material, software integration, or production method, not simply purchasing and installing equipment.

The basic SR&ED investment tax credit rate is 15%. Certain qualifying corporations may be eligible for an enhanced 35% rate on qualified expenditures, subject to applicable limits and requirements.

[Review SR&ED eligibility and tax-credit information.](#)

NRC Industrial Research Assistance Program—NRC IRAP

NRC IRAP provides advice, connections, and potential financial support to eligible Canadian small and medium-sized businesses developing innovative, technology-driven products, services, or processes. Funding is project-specific and is not guaranteed. **[Explore NRC IRAP support.](#)**

Next Generation Manufacturing Canada—NGen

NGen administers funding opportunities for collaborative, business-led advanced manufacturing projects. Programs and application periods change, so businesses should review the currently available funding calls to determine whether a planned technology-adoption or process development project may qualify. **[View current NGen funding opportunities.](#)**

Ontario Programs

Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness—AMIC

Ontario's AMIC stream supports eligible advanced manufacturing projects involving technology adoption, productivity improvements, investment, and job creation. Qualifying projects may receive support of up to 15% of eligible project costs, subject to program conditions. [**Review the AMIC program.**](#)

Eastern and Southwestern Ontario Development Funds

These regional programs support eligible businesses investing in new equipment, training, expansion, and job creation in Eastern or Southwestern Ontario. Company size, operating history, investment level, and employment commitments are considered. [**Explore Ontario's Regional Development Program.**](#)

Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit

Qualifying Ontario corporations may be eligible for a 15% tax credit on certain investments in buildings, machinery, and equipment used for manufacturing or processing in the province. The credit can provide up to \$3 million in annual support, subject to corporate status and other eligibility requirements. [**Review the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit.**](#)

Ontario Job Grant

The Ontario Job Grant can help eligible employers offset the cost of third-party training for new or existing employees. This may include training associated with new production equipment, digital workflow software, or specialized manufacturing processes. Support may be available for eligible training costs up to \$10,000 per trainee. [**Learn about the Ontario Job Grant.**](#)

Businesses outside Ontario should investigate comparable training and technology-adoption programs offered by their provincial or territorial governments.

Preparing to Apply

Before contacting a funding organization, businesses should prepare:

A clear description of the proposed equipment and production workflow

The expected improvements in capacity, productivity, quality, or accessibility

Project costs, implementation schedule, and training requirements

Anticipated job creation or employee upskilling

Any research, testing, or process-development activities

A formal equipment quotation and technical specifications

Direct Color Systems can provide the equipment information, quotations, application details, and technical documentation needed to support discussions with funding advisors.

Program availability, funding levels, tax treatment, and eligibility requirements are subject to change. Direct Color Systems does not provide tax, legal, or grant-application advice and cannot guarantee approval or reimbursement.

