



Helping Businesses and Communities Succeed

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Entrepreneurs: Ignition Start-up Fund

Applications are now open to this competitive-based fund for entrepreneurs seeking start-up capital to launch their innovative business venture. Successful applicants will be awarded \$25,000 to turn their ideas into a tangible and viable business. Application deadline is **October, 25th 1:00 pm**. Register today for an in-person or virtual information session. Learn more [HERE](#)

ACOA – Jobs & Growth Fund

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is investing \$70 million to help small businesses, non-profits, co-ops and other local organizations, build resiliency and prepare for growth by transitioning to a green economy, fostering an inclusive recovery, and enhancing competitiveness. For more information check out the [Jobs and Growth Fund website](#). Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. An [applicant guide](#) is available.

E-Force, Small Business Week & More

Every October, during **Small Business Week** Rural Action Centres Staff and Partners celebrate our local businesses, entrepreneurs, and the many organizations that support our local economy. We have many activities planned for October 18 to 22nd. We invite you to **Check out our [Calendar of Events](#)** and keep an eye out for us in your communities where we will be hosting events and business visits. Our training schedule continues to offer workshops to help business and employers succeed. Be sure to mark your calendar and contact your Client Information Officer to register for the course or information session nearest you.

Client Success Stories

Lisa Reid, Briarwood Coastal Cottages & Lodge, Alberton

A new feature on ruralactioncentres.ca is a section introducing our clients. We invite you to check out these inspiring stories to learn about their journeys as entrepreneurs and community development champions. You will also learn how the Rural Action Centre partners and staff helped them along the way.

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