



Helping Businesses and Communities Succeed

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Funding for Community Halls to install Heat Pumps

Community centres across the province can save fuel costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by adding a heat pump. Community centres can access up to \$20,000 towards the purchase and installation of heat pumps through the [Community Revitalization Program](#). Please contact your local Rural Action Centre to reach the Community Development Officer in your area, who can help you apply to this program.

ACOA support for Communities post Fiona

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) is now accepting applications from communities, the non-profit organizations that provide services to them, and sectors impacted by Hurricane Fiona but not eligible for other sources of financial support. Find more information including the application and guidelines [HERE](#). Eligible applicants include:

- not-for-profit organizations
- municipalities
- economic development associations
- post-secondary institutions
- Indigenous organizations

Extension of COVID Special Leave Fund

The COVID-19 Special Leave Fund has been extended to March 31, 2023. This fund provides assistance to employers to help cover wages for employees who cannot work owing to illness. Find program details [HERE](#).

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

'Tis the Season when many of us are busy shopping for that special gift to offer family and friends. Please consider buying local. We encourage you to check out [Love Local PEI](#) Holiday Gift Guide for inspiring ideas. Rural Action Centre staff and partners wish you and yours a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

Training Schedule January 2023

Rural Action Centres help businesses and communities succeed by providing relevant and timely skills training. Be sure to keep an eye on our [training & events calendar](#) for important offerings in the New Year.

Rural Action Centre 2023 Calendars

For the third year running we have published a customized wall calendar featuring our business and nonprofit clients. If you would like to get a copy, drop into one of our Centres, and pick one up while supplies last!

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