

# Ontario's Regional Development Program

## Attracting private sector investment and fostering business growth

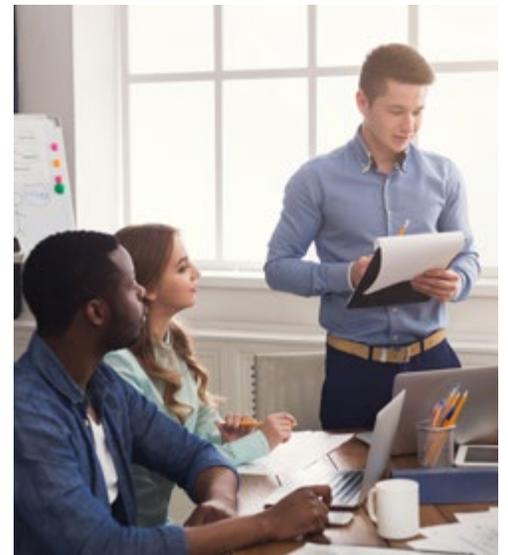
Attracting private sector investment and fostering business growth in today's fast-changing marketplace requires regular investments in key infrastructure and implementation of economic development strategies. That's why Ontario is introducing a program designed to help your municipality or economic development organization make improvements to become even more attractive to local and international investors and will help you navigate the government services you'll need to bring projects to life.

### Making it easier to attract investments

The **Regional Development Program (RDP)**'s **Eastern Ontario Development Fund** and **Southwestern Ontario Development Fund** can help your municipality or organization invest, grow and become more globally competitive.

In addition to potential financial support, the RDP is using an updated streamlined approach to help you navigate services across government to support and expedite your project.

These **complementary services** will be tailored to each project's specific needs and will include advisory services to support land-use planning decisions and talent needs. Every municipality or organization that applies with an eligible project will be offered complementary services.



### TYPES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- A minimum investment of \$100,000;
- Collaboration between municipalities to work together on strategies that tackle joint priorities (e.g. implementing regional plans);
- Municipalities in Eastern and Southwestern Ontario investing in infrastructure in order to secure new private sector investment;
- Collaboration between industry associations and businesses to address limitations to competitiveness (e.g. technology adoption).

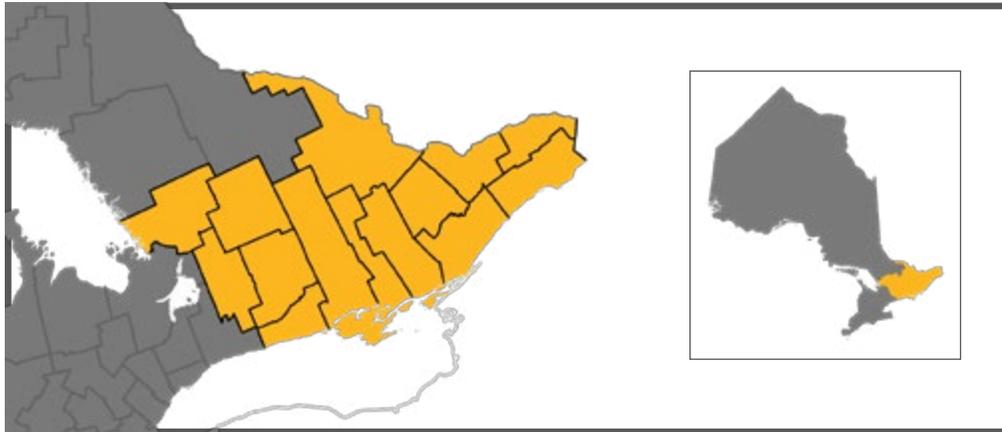
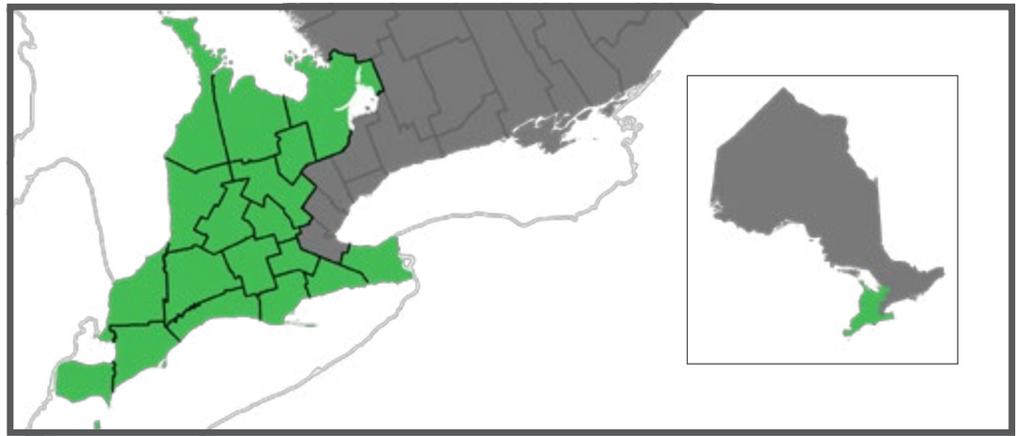
**Note:** There is also support for businesses in your communities that are investing in growth and creating jobs.

Please refer to the website for more information on support for businesses:

[ontario.ca/regionaldevelopment](https://ontario.ca/regionaldevelopment)

## Southwestern Ontario

Southwestern Ontario is defined as the following 18 geographic areas: Brant, Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Dufferin, Elgin, Essex, Grey, Haldimand, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth, Simcoe, Waterloo, and Wellington.



## Eastern Ontario

Eastern Ontario is defined as the following 15 geographic areas: Frontenac, Haliburton, Hastings, Kawartha Lakes, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Muskoka, Northumberland, Ottawa, Peterborough, Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward, Renfrew and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted four times a year and applicants will know within 60 business days after the application deadline if their application has been successful.

Visit [ontario.ca/regionaldevelopment](https://ontario.ca/regionaldevelopment) to learn more, including information on application details, eligibility and important deadlines.

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

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