



Starter Company+

- **Grant** funding opportunities up to **\$5,000**
- **Workshops** to build your skills
- Guidance to develop your **business plan**
- Build your **network** with other businesses

PROGRAM FACILITATED BY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Starter Company Plus is a comprehensive entrepreneurship development program designed for adults launching a new business or expanding an existing business. The program is made possible to participants free of charge and is funded through the Province of Ontario.

Through the program, participants will:

- Participate in a **series of mandatory workshops** presented by field experts.
- Receive one-on-one guidance in the development of your **Business Plan**.
- Earn the **potential** to pitch for up to **\$5,000** in grant funding.
- Be connected and referred to business partners, funders and mentors.
- Participate in **networking** opportunities, business **events** and professional **development**.
- Be better positioned to obtain **future financing** with a completed Business Plan.

Are you eligible?

To participate in the Starter Company Plus Program, you must meet the following criteria:

- 1 Be starting, expanding or purchasing a small business. Expansions must be **within 5 years** of the business's original start date.
- 2 Operate or plan to operate a **full-time, year-round** business.
- 3 Must **not** currently be enrolled in full-time education or returning to school
- 4 Be an Ontario resident and a Canadian citizen (or a **permanent resident**) and be at least 18 years of age.
- 5 Be a **resident** of the Nipissing or Parry Sound regions.
- 6 The **business** must be located in the Nipissing or Parry Sound regions.

While the Starter Company Plus Initiative is open to all eligible individuals, it is a training and mentoring initiative **geared towards assisting those in need of business knowledge and support**.

Approval into the Starter Company Plus Initiative is a **competitive process** and eligible applicants may not all be accepted.

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For more information and to apply, visit tbcnps.ca/starter-company-plus