





# Greater Sudbury Business Ecosystem

## Support Map

### LEGEND

-  Funding and financial incentives
-  Seminars and training
-  Business coaching and mentorship
-  Free workspace
-  French and English support
-  Does not require citizenship or permanent residency to participate



## Post-Secondary Business Support

### Cambrian College R&D

Access to funding, support, training, seminars, and skilled workers to facilitate research & development to help grow your business. [research.cambriancollege.ca](https://research.cambriancollege.ca)

### Laurentian University

The Foundry located in the Jim Fielding Innovation & Commercialization Space offers training, a co-working space, and a development lab. [laurentian.ca](https://laurentian.ca)

### Research & Innovation Boréal (RIB)


Research & Innovation Boréal partners with businesses to provide R&D support. [collegeboreal.ca](https://collegeboreal.ca)

## Supporting Startups and Growing Businesses

### Regional Business Centre

Information on starting, expanding, and operating a business with free consultations. Supporting those interested in entrepreneurship, and existing businesses alike. [regionalbusiness.ca](https://regionalbusiness.ca)

#### Starter Company Plus


Training and a grant offered to selected new businesses. 

#### Summer Company

Training and a grant offered to students 15 to 29.

### Innovation Quarters

A collaborative workspace for independent professionals and teams. [innovationquarters.ca](https://innovationquarters.ca)

**Incubator Program:** Training, mentorship, and free office space offered to innovative startups in Greater Sudbury. 

### NORCAT

Sudbury's designated Regional Innovation Centre. Training, mentorship, and funding for growth-stage innovative tech or mining businesses. [norcat.org](https://norcat.org)

**Innovation Acceleration Program (IAP):** Designed to fund growth-oriented technology startups. 

## Financial and Government Support


### City of Greater Sudbury

The Economic Development Department supports business development, investment attraction, promotion of export opportunities, and workforce development. [greatersudbury.ca](https://greatersudbury.ca)

**Employment Land Community Improvement Plan:** Enhancing business growth through municipal incentives, eligible projects can receive a Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) to offset increased assessments and taxes. 

### Nickel Basin Federal Development Corporation

A not-for-profit organization with a mandate to administer a community loan fund in support of businesses that were denied by banks. [nickelbasin.ca](https://nickelbasin.ca)

**Sudbury Catalyst Fund (SCF):** is a venture capital fund in collaboration with the Greater Sudbury, FedNor, & NORCAT. 

### Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)


Provincially funded programs and funding for growth-phase for-profit and not-for-profit businesses, communities, or projects. [nohfc.ca](https://nohfc.ca)

### Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FEDNOR)


Federally funded programs and funding for growth-phase for-profit and not-for-profit businesses or projects. [fednor.canada.ca](https://fednor.canada.ca)

## Supporting Entrepreneurs From Specific Backgrounds

### Black Entrepreneurs

**NOBEEP:** The Northern Ontario Black Economic Empowerment Program supports Black entrepreneurs and business owners. [nobeep.ca](https://nobeep.ca) 


### Francophone Business Support


**Société Economic de l'Ontario (SÉO):** Entrepreneurship mentoring and training, workshops and networking. [seo-ont.ca](https://seo-ont.ca) 

**Impact ON:** Support and management of impact-driven businesses, such as social enterprises, and cooperatives. [impact-on.com](https://impact-on.com)



### Indigenous Business Services

**Waubetek:** Supporting Indigenous entrepreneurs on and off-reserve in Northeastern Ontario. [waubetek.com](https://waubetek.com) 

**Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund:** Financing and business support services. [nadf.org](https://nadf.org) 

### Women Entrepreneurs

**PARO for Women's Enterprise:** Programs, services, and funding supporting women entrepreneurs. [paro.ca](https://paro.ca) 

**LAMBAC's NOW Program:** financial assistance for Northern Ontario women. [nowplus.ca](https://nowplus.ca) 

## Community

### Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce

Representing the business community through advocacy, community networking, and educational opportunities. [sudburychamber.ca](https://sudburychamber.ca)

### Downtown Sudbury BIA

Business Improvement Area (BIA) for downtown Sudbury collaborates with local businesses to improve their economic environment. [downtownsudbury.com](https://downtownsudbury.com)

### La fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario (FGA)

Resourceful business services and innovative activities focused on the development of Francophone business markets. [fedefranco.ca](https://fedefranco.ca)

## Investments

### Northern Ontario Angels (NOA)

The only Accredited Angel Organization in Northern Ontario. Connecting Angel Investors to entrepreneurs. [northernontarioangels.ca](https://northernontarioangels.ca)



Greater Sudbury is quickly expanding with a thriving population of more than 171,000 residents, and nearly half a million people living within a 160 km (100 mi) radius.

Our strong entrepreneurial culture has led to over 12,000 local businesses as we've become the leading employment sector in the region.

**Our strategic location, strong industrial base and highly-skilled workforce combine to make Sudbury ideally positioned to support your business on both the customer and consumer sides.**

**SEE WHY SUDBURY IS THE BEST PLACE TO START OR GROW YOUR BUSINESS.**

[investsudbury.ca](https://investsudbury.ca)

[movetosudbury.ca](https://movetosudbury.ca)

[discoversudbury.ca](https://discoversudbury.ca)

The entrepreneurial spirit of our community has its foundation in the mining industry; however, today entrepreneurship is also occurring in other sectors and spaces.



## KEY SECTORS

- Business and Professional Services
- Cleantech and Environmental
- Film and Creative Industries
- Health Care and Life Sciences
- Manufacturing and Industry
- Mining Supply and Services
- Research and Innovation
- Tourism

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The following resources are available to Northern Ontario or Greater Sudbury businesses or aspiring entrepreneurs.



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