



## **Government of Canada Creates Regional Relief and Recovery Fund**

The COVID-19 pandemic has already had significant impacts on businesses, workers and communities across the country. This includes rural businesses and the communities in which they operate.

Last Friday, the Prime Minister announced nearly \$1 billion in support of these businesses, some of which will be administered through the CFDC networks, including the association of Western Ontario CFDCs.

Details on the CFDC component of the new Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) are currently in development. At an operational level, the new RRRF fund will help businesses and organizations to help mitigate the financial pressure to allow them to continue their operations. It will also support projects by businesses, organizations and communities to prepare for a successful recovery.

You may find more information on the Government of Canada [website](#), or visit the [FedDev Ontario](#) site. FedDev Ontario is the Regional Development Agency responsible for the southern Ontario CFDCs, including those in the association of Western Ontario CFDCs .

Every CFDC in Western Ontario has introduced local measures to provide additional supports beyond what has been announced to date. Going forward, your local CFDC will be the best place to continue to learn about recent funding and new programs being introduced—including what may be made available through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund. You can access their contact coordinates by going to [www.wocfdca.com](http://www.wocfdca.com)