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Federal support programs for tariff-impacted businesses — Verified October 28, 2026

A concise overview of active federal financing, workforce, relief, and resilience programs available to Canadian businesses navigating tariff and trade disruption.

Program	Launch / status	Funding or relief	Who may benefit	Key support
Regional Tariff Response Initiative **Regional development agencies**	Launched 2025 Expanded May 4, 2026; active	$3.45 billion available	Tariff-impacted small and medium-sized enterprises and organizations that support them	Liquidity support – Funding for businesses experiencing financial pressures. Pivot projects – Investments for businesses undertaking activities to improve productivity or reduce exposure to trade disruptions.
Trade Impact Program **Export Development Canada**	Launched March 2025 Active	$5 billion over two years	Exporters and businesses that support exporters	Trade credit insurance; foreign exchange solutions; financing guarantees; working capital and export growth support.
Pivot to Grow Loan **Business Development Bank of Canada**	Launched March 2025 Active; expanded in 2026	Loans up to $5 million	Canadian businesses affected by U.S. tariffs, related uncertainty, or the economic downturn	Cash flow support; operating costs; equipment purchases; supply chain changes; resiliency planning. Interest-only payments: up to 24 months for business-pivot and equipment options; up to 36 months for the liquidity option.
Trade Disruption Customer	Launched March	$1 billion lending	Farm operations,	Up to $500,000 additional credit; term

Support Program **Farm Credit Canada**	2025 Active to March 5, 2027	envelope	agribusinesses, and food processors	loans; up to 12 months of principal deferrals for existing customers.
Steel and Aluminum Industries Support Program **Business Development Bank of Canada**	Launched May 4, 2026 Active	$1 billion envelope; working capital from $250,000 to $50 million	Canadian steel, aluminum, copper, fabricated-products, and related manufacturers exporting to the U.S.	Temporary liquidity; operating costs; cash flow preservation; job and productive-capacity protection.
Tariff remission process **Department of Finance Canada**	Established March 2025 Active case-by-case process	Relief from tariffs paid or otherwise payable	Canadian importers facing exceptional impacts from Canada's retaliatory tariffs	Exceptional relief where inputs cannot reasonably be sourced domestically or from non-U.S. suppliers, or where other severe adverse impacts exist.
Workforce Retention and Retraining Program **Employment and Social Development Canada**	Launched October 2026 Active to March 31, 2028	Up to $1,000 per eligible participant for training and administration; Employment Insurance benefits and training-related income top-ups	Eligible employers across all sectors facing economic adjustment, including tariff impacts, or transforming, retooling or diversifying their businesses; employees working reduced hours	Flexible Work-Sharing arrangements to retain workers and avoid layoffs; employer-provided training during non-working hours; income top-ups for eligible trainees. Training must be offered for at least 40% of the agreement period.