# Starter Company Plus Program



#### **Program Description:**

A comprehensive entrepreneurship development program, designed for adults launching a new business or expanding an existing business. Program participants will receive information on a variety of business related topics, complete a full business plan, will participate in a coaching and mentorship opportunities, and may earn the potential to pitch for \$5,000 in grant funding. This program is made possible to participants free of charge and is funded through the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

#### Through this program, you will:

- Participate in a series of workshops, delivered by presenters who are experts in their field.
- 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 entrepreneurs.
- Receive mentorship from experienced professionals.
- Have the opportunity to network and participate in business events.
- Be better positioned to obtain future financing with your completed Business Plan.

### Eligibility:

- Ontario residents who are Canadian citizens (or are permanent residents) and are at least 18 years of age.
- Not attending school full time or employed full time.
- Able to contribute at least 25% (cash or in kind) of potential grant value.
- Operating or planning to operate a full time, year round business.
- Expanding businesses must be within 5 years of the initial start-up date.
- Not enrolled in other provincial employment or self-employment programs that include or do not include financial assistance.
- Not currently enrolled concurrently in any self-employment or entrepreneurship training/financing programs offered by government funded organizations.

While 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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