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Although we strive to provide accurate, relevant and timely information, there is no guarantee that the information will continue to be accurate in the future. Government programs, and other programs available to small businesses, can change daily. The information we provide you through this website is for educational and informational purposes only. For advice that pertains to your unique business situation, please get in touch with us at 1.800.265.1002 or email at fbcc@fbc.ca

Read more on government programs, tools, calculators and advice on how to navigate your business through COVID-19 on FBC's resource centre www.fbc.ca/covid19-updates

SUBJECT	SUMMARY	PROGRAM DETAILS
BUSINESS Restart MB Pandemic Response System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Government of Manitoba has issued and updated Public Health Acts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Please refer to the Government's website for the most up-to-date information on "restart" stages for your business type.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Current list of business permitted to open or operate with restrictions in place

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BUSINESS
Manitoba Bridge Grant –
STREAM A

- The Manitoba Bridge Grant (Stream A) provides financial assistance of \$15,000 to eligible Manitoba businesses and organizations that were required to fully close their premises to the public as a result of Manitoba COVID-19 Prevention Orders in effect as of November 12, 2020 or any revisions to those Orders.
- Grant program has been expanded to include home-based businesses “Stream B” (see next page)
- **Application deadline extended to March 31, 2021**

- The Manitoba Bridge Grant of \$15,000 will be paid to qualifying businesses as follows:
 - be a permanent, Manitoba-based business or organization physically operating in the Province of Manitoba;
 - have been actively operating or conducting business on November 9, 2020;
 - operate as a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, co-operative, non-share corporation, not-for-profit organization, or registered charity;
 - possess an active and valid Business Number;
 - be in good standing with the Manitoba Companies Office (not required for sole proprietors and registered charities);
 - have been required by Manitoba COVID-19 Prevention Orders in effect as of November 12, 2020, or any revisions to those Orders, to fully close their premises to the public;
 - **Please review complete [eligibility criteria](#) before you apply. This list includes organizations that will not qualify.**
- **March 5, 2021 update:** Previous eligible Bridge Grant Stream A recipients (those that applied between November 16 – March 2, 2021) will receive an additional payment in the amount of \$5,000.
 - Payments will be issued without any action on the part of the applicant.
 - Applicants that apply after March 2, 2021 will receive the full \$15,000 grant.
- The grant is a taxable benefit and must be declared as income on your annual tax returns.
- **Apply online [Manitoba Bridge Grant Application](#)**
- **Application deadline is March 31, 2021**
- If you would like to opt out of the program, repay the funds, or if a payment has been made to you in error, please contact the program administration office at mbg@gov.mb.ca or mbghome@gov.mb.ca to make repayment arrangements.

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BUSINESS
Manitoba Bridge Grant –
STREAM B
Home-Based Businesses

- The Manitoba Bridge Grant - Stream B Home-Based Business Support provides a maximum grant equal of up to \$15,000 to eligible full-time Manitoba home-based businesses that have been impacted by Manitoba COVID-19 Prevention Orders in effect as of November 12, 2020 or any revisions to those Orders
- **Application deadline extended to March 31, 2021**

- Qualifying applicants will receive a grant equal to 10 per cent of their 2019 gross income multiplied x three, to a maximum contribution of \$15,000.
- Grants for businesses that have completed a partial year in 2019 or launched in 2020 will be based on annualized income and will be annualized. The benefit will be equal to 10 per cent of annualized income multiplied x three, to a maximum contribution of \$15,000.
- To qualify:
 - be a permanent, home-based business located and physically operating in the Province of Manitoba;
 - have been actively operating or conducting business on November 9, 2020;
 - operate as a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation;
 - possess an active and valid Business Number;
 - be in good standing with the Manitoba Companies Office (not required for sole proprietors operating under their personal names who are not registered with the Companies Office);
 - businesses started before January 1, 2020 must have filed a 2019 income tax return;
 - businesses started after January 1, 2020 must provide a record of gross income generated in 2020;
 - have an e-mail address and a valid business bank account with a Canadian financial institution;
 - must operate on a full-time basis.
- **Please review complete [eligibility criteria](#) before you apply. This list includes organizations that will not qualify.**
- The grant is a taxable benefit and must be declared as income on your annual tax returns.
- **Apply online [Manitoba Bridge Grant Application - Stream B](#)**
- **Application deadline is March 31, 2021**
- If you require assistance with the application, call 204-945-3744 or 1-866-626-4862

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INDIVIDUAL
Manitoba Hydro and
Centra Gas

- Manitoba Hydro will make payment arrangements for commercial and residential customers experiencing financial difficulty as a result of COVID-19

- Manitoba Hydro can arrange a flexible payment plan and will suspend late-payment charges for up to six months.
 - If you are unable to pay your bill by your due date, contact Manitoba Hydro to make payment arrangements:
 - [Online through MyBill](#)
 - Send a request via email: credit@hydro.mb.ca
 - Phone 204-480-5900 or toll-free at 1-888-624-9376
 - [More information](#)
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