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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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<p>BUSINESS Manitoba Bridge Grant – STREAM A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Manitoba Bridge Grant (Stream A) provides one-time financial assistance of \$5,000 to eligible Manitoba businesses and organizations that are required to fully close their premises to the public as a result of Manitoba COVID-19 public health orders.• Grant program has been expanded to include home-based businesses “Stream B” (see next page)• Application deadline extended to July 16, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 22, 2021 update: The provincial government is reopening the Manitoba Bridge Grant program with an estimated \$5 million in support for seasonal businesses and new applicants affected by the current public health orders.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Businesses that did not previously apply to the Bridge Grant Program before the March 31 program deadline can now apply. Eligible storefront businesses will receive \$5,000○ If you previously applied to the Manitoba Bridge Grant program, regardless of whether your application was approved or not, you are not eligible to reapply at this time.• The Manitoba Bridge Grant will be paid to qualifying businesses as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ be a permanent, Manitoba-based business or organization physically operating in the Province of Manitoba;○ have been actively operating or conducting business on or prior to June 22, 2021;○ 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 <u>will not</u> qualify.• 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
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		administration office at mbg@gov.mb.ca or mbghome@gov.mb.ca to make repayment arrangements.

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<p>BUSINESS Manitoba Bridge Grant – STREAM B Home-Based Businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Manitoba Bridge Grant - Stream B Home-Based Business Support provides a provides one-time financial assistance of \$5,000 to eligible home-based Manitoba businesses and organizations that are required to fully close their premises to the public as a result of Manitoba COVID-19 public health orders. Application deadline extended to July 16, 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 22, 2021 update: home-based businesses will receive up to \$5,000 based on 10 per cent of their gross revenue, depending on when they started operating. To qualify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a permanent, home-based business located and physically operating in the Province of Manitoba; have been actively operating or conducting business on or prior to June 22, 2021; 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 <u>will not</u> 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 If you require assistance with the application, call 204-945-3744 or 1-866-626-4862

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INDIVIDUAL Manitoba Hydro and Central Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manitoba Hydro will make payment arrangements for commercial and residential customers experiencing financial difficulty as a result of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Online through MyBillSend a request via email: credit@hydro.mb.caPhone 204-480-5900 or toll-free at 1-888-624-9376More information