NEW SUBSIDIES TRACKER

Since August 2025, Canada and its provincial governments have announced an estimated:

- **C$2.57 billion in forestry-specific subsidies**
- **C$9.9 billion in total aid**

*Note: unspecified or estimated amounts are not added to total sum.

<u>Federal</u>: <u>C$2.23 billion for the forestry industry; C$9.68 billion in total aid</u>

- **Softwood Lumber Guarantee Program** (C$1.2 billion for forestry sector):
  - In August 2025, the GOC announced a plan to deliver $700 million in loan guarantees through the Business Development Bank of Canada to "help companies confront immediate pressures facing the softwood lumber sector, which will give the sector needed liquidity to maintain and restructure, if necessary, their operations." (https://natural-resources.canada.ca/forest-forestry/forest-industry-trade/measures-transform-canada-softwood-lumber-industry)
  - In November 2025, the GOC announced an additional $500 million in funding for this program, resulting in a total of $1.2 billion in loan guarantees available to Canadian softwood lumber producers. (https://globalnews.ca/news/11543966/liberals-loans-lumber-producers-foreign-steel/)
    - In January 2026, GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. announced that it received a $30 million loan under this program "to support liquidity and ongoing operations amid continued market volatility in the North American lumber sector." The loan will give the company "financial flexibility and provide{} additional runway as the Company continues to navigate challenging lumber market conditions while executing on its operational and strategic priorities." (https://greenfirst.ca/2026/01/greenfirst-secures-30-million-term-loan-under-federal-softwood-lumber-program/)
    - In March 2026, Conifex Timber Inc. announced that one of its subsidiaries received a $19 million loan under this program "to repay a bridge advance from Conifex's existing senior secured timber lender." (https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2026/03/05/3249802/0/en/Conifex-Announces-Secured-Term-Loan-with-BDC-under-the-Softwood-Lumber-Guarantee-Program.html)

- **NRCan Forest Industry Transformation Programs** (C$500 million for forestry sector):
  - In August 2025, the GOC announced that it would commit $500 million beginning in FY26 to "supercharge product and market diversification and make the industry more competitive globally." This funding will be provided through programs including the Forest Innovation Program ("FIP"), Investments in Forest Industry Transformation ("IFIT"), Green Construction Through Wood, the Indigenous Forestry Initiation, Expanding Market Opportunities program, and Forest Systems Information and Technology Enhancement program. (https://natural-resources.canada.ca/forest-forestry/forest-industry-trade/measures-transform-canada…)
    - In April 2026, the GOC updated its IFIT program, stating: "As part of its 2026 renewal, the IFIT program will fund projects that advance the development and adoption of forest bioproducts, which support" pulp and paper product diversification, fibre usage, mass timber scaling, among

others. Funding for a project under this new IFIT program – Capital Investment Project Stream – provides up to $10 million in non-repayable contributions "to de-risk innovative, first-in-kind technologies in Canada's forest sector." (https://natural-resources.canada.ca/forests-forestry/forest-programs/investments-forest-industry-transformation-ifit) (https://natural-resources.canada.ca/forests-forestry/forest-programs/capital-investment-project-stream)

- **Reskilling Package** (C$450 million for all industries affected by tariffs):
  - In September 2025, the GOC announced a new reskilling package created to train 50,000 workers to invest in Canadians through the federal government's Labour Market Development Agreements with provinces and territories. The GOC pledged an additional $450 million over the next three years to train employees, including "mid-career, long-tenured workers affected by U.S. tariffs and global market shifts." (https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2025/09/05/prime-minister-carney-launches-new-measures-protect-build-and)
- **Workforce Alliances and Sectoral Workforce Innovation Fund** (C$382 million for all industries):
  - In September 2025, the government announced it would invest $382 million over the next five years to "invest in projects tailored to local job markets to help businesses recruit and retain the workforce they need." (https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2025/09/05/prime-minister-carney-launches-new-measures-protect-build-and)
- **Workforce Innovation Fund** (C$50 million for all industries):
  - In September 2025, the government announced it would provide $50 million to fund "projects that help businesses in key sectors and regions recruit and retain the workforce they need." (https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2025/09/05/prime-minister-carney-launches-new-measures-protect-build-and)
- **Strategic Response Fund** (C$5 billion for all industries affected by tariffs):
  - In September 2025, the GOC launched this new program to support "economic resilience" for "strategic sectors disproportionately exposed to U.S. tariffs and global trade risks." "Now, the federal government is introducing and revamping SIF {Strategic Innovation Fund} into a new $5 billion fund, the Strategic Response Fund (SRF)." (https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en/programs-and-initiatives/strategic-response-fund) (https://funding.ryan.com/blog/government-funding/from-sif-to-srf-understanding-canadas-new-5b-strategic-response-fund/)
- **Immediate Liquidity Relief** (unspecified amount, C$2-5 million loans for SMEs impacted by tariffs, preferential loans for large enterprises):
  - In September 2025, the Business Development Bank of Canada announced that it would offer loans of $2-$5 million for SMEs impacted by tariffs. Under this

program, the Bank will also offer "{f}lexibilities to the Large Enterprise Tariff Loan Facility, including lower interest rates and longer maturities." (https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2025/09/05/prime-minister-carney-launches-new-measures-protect-build-and)

  - In July 2026, the Canadian Minister of Finance and National Revenue, Francois-Philippe Champage announced a $60 million loan to Arbec Bois d'oeuvre Inc. through the Large Enterprise Tariff Loan facility to "help the company maintain operations." (https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2026/07/government-of-canada-acts-to-protect-canadian-softwood-lumber-jobs-announces-support-to-lumber-company.html)
  - In July 2026, the Canadian Minister of Finance and National Revenue, Francois-Philippe Champage, announced that the federal government would be loaning $100 million to Millar Western Forest Products through the Large Enterprise Tariff Loan facility as part of the government's efforts to "support and protect Canadian businesses." (https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2026/07/government-of-canada-announces-loan-support-to-millar-western-forest-products-ltd.html)

- **Regional Tariff Response Initiative** (C$1 billion for all industries affected by tariffs, $400 million for forestry industry):
  - This program was created in March 2025, and in September 2025, the GOC announced that it would significantly increase allocated funds from $450 million to $1 billion over the next three years to support businesses (particularly SMEs) directly or indirectly impacted by U.S. tariffs. (https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2025/09/05/prime-minister-carney-launches-new-measures-protect-build-and)
  - As a part of its June 3, 2026 Forest Sector Transformation announcement (below), the GOC stated that it will be providing an additional $400 million "to Canada's Regional Development Agencies to support the transformation of the forest sector, including $300 million under the Regional Tariff Response Initiative, and standing up a new $100-million Regional Development Fund." (https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2026/06/canada-advances-forest-sector-transformation-to-protect-jobs-and-strengthen-communities-nationwide0.html)

- **New Buy Canadian Policy** (unspecified amount, general procurement policy):
  - By November 2025, the GOC pledged to prioritize Canadian suppliers in federal spending and have amended its procurement requirements to require all federal agencies and Crown corporations to follow the Buy Canada Policy. The Policy includes Canadian softwood lumber. (https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2025/09/05/prime-minister-carney-launches-new-measures-protect-build-and; https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2025/11/26/prime-minister-carney-announces-new-measures-protect-and-transform?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

- **Lumber Freight Subsidies** (unspecified amount, funding costs for forestry industry):
    - In November 2025, the GOC announced that it would begin subsidizing the cost to move Canadian lumber domestically by paying half the cost of transporting lumber within Canada directly to freight companies. (https://globalnews.ca/news/11543966/liberals-loans-lumber-producers-foreign-steel/)
- **Workforce Tariff Response** (C$570 million for all workers affected by tariffs):
    - In February 2026, the federal government invested $570 million over the next three years in the Workforce Tariff Response program. This funding was provided with the goal of "help{ing} up to 66,000 workers in vulnerable industries," including softwood lumber workers. $50 million will be allocated to support softwood lumber workers, while $450 million is intended to support workers affected by "tariffs and global market shifts." (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/training-agreements/workforce-tariff-response.html#h2.3)
- **Investments in Forest Industry Transformation** (C$4.4 million for forestry industry):
    - In March 2026, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, announced a federal investment of over $4.4 million for ten projects that will strengthen the forest sector in Alberta and Manitoba. (https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2026/03/government-of-canada-invests-in-strengthening-the-prairies-forest-sector0.html)
        - Among the projects funded, Western Archrib Enterprises is receiving $2.3 million through the IFIT program to fund a 160,000 square foot timber plant in Surgeon, Alberta. (https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2026/03/government-of-canada-invests-in-strengthening-the-prairies-forest-sector0.html)
- **Forest Sector Transformation** (C$130 million for forestry industry):
    - On June 3, 2026, the GOC announced close to $130 million in federal funding for 56 projects across Canada that will help advance the forest sector's transformation. These projects will support the development of new low-carbon wood technologies, expand the use of mass timber in construction, support Indigenous participation and forest-sector businesses, increase manufacturers' capacity to add value to wood products, and help diversify export markets. (https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2026/06/canada-advances-forest-sector-transformation-to-protect-jobs-and-strengthen-communities-nationwide.html).
        - The 56 projects across the country are distributed as follows: 26 in Ontario, 13 in Quebec, 11 in BC, two of national scope, and one each in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Northwest Territories. (https://islandsocialtrends.ca/natural-resources-minister-hodgson-announces-significant-forest-sector-funding-supports/)

<u>Alberta: C$125,000 for the forestry industry (plus amounts already allocated at the Federal level)</u>

- **Regional Tariff Response Initiative for the Prairie Provinces (AB, MB, SK)** (amount allocated above):
    - In September 2025, the Prairies Economic Development Canada initiated a program in response to the Regional Tariff Response Initiative strategy announced by the GOC earlier that month. This program is being administered to "protect Canadian businesses and workers from the impacts of tariffs." (https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/services/funding/regional-tariff-response-initiative.html)
- **Government of Alberta Forestry and Parks** (C$125,000 for forestry industry):
    - In May 2026, the Alberta government announced a program aimed at "reduc{ing} financial pressures{,} remov{ing} barriers that may delay decision-making and improv{ing} wildfire outcomes through faster coordinated response." The program offers up to $125,000 in wildlife response support to municipalities within the province. (https://globalnews.ca/news/11829043/alberta-2026-wildfire-season-preparation/#:~:text=The%20program%20offers%20municipalities%20up,explained%20at%20a%20press%20conference.)
- **Canada-Alberta Workforce Tariff Response** (amount allocated above):
    - In May 2026, the GOC and GOA announced $68.5 million over three years "will be invested through the new Canada-Alberta Workforce Tariff Response to support workers and employers in the steel and softwood lumber sectors." The funding is intended to help more than 7,800 workers in Alberta to "build new skills and transition into the in-demand jobs being created by Alberta's strong economic growth and significant major project demand." (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2026/05/governments-of-canada-and-alberta-partner-to-support-tariff-impacted-workers-and-strengthen-the-workforce.html)

<u>British Columbia: C$71.6 million for the forestry industry (plus an estimated C$170 million for stumpage deferral) (plus amounts already allocated at the Federal level)</u>

- **BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund** (C$2.5 million for forestry industry):
    - In September 2025, the GBC announced $2.5 million in funding for nine wood-product manufacturing businesses to plan or complete capital projects. (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025FOR0039-000907)
- **Regional Tariff Response Initiative** (amount allocated above):

- In October 2025, as part of the GOC's strategy announced in September, the GBC launched this program to "defend Canadian jobs, industries, and supply chains" and to "protect Canadian businesses and workers from the impact of tariffs." Approved projects may receive $200,000 to $10 million in funding. Proposals from businesses in certain sectors, including forestry, will be prioritized. (https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/regional-tariff-response-initiative.html)
  - In March 2026, Pacific Economic Development Canada (PEDC) announced more than $13 million for 10 Regional Tariff Response Initiative projects across B.C.'s Southern Interior. Most of the funds are tied to BC's forestry sector to "help businesses impacted by tariffs by helping them boost productivity, cut costs, build more resilient supply chains, reach new markets and protect jobs." (After deducting the non-forestry funds, the total subsidy is worth $9,123,015.) (https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/news/canadian-news/bc-forestry-related-concerns-receive-tariff-relief-funding)

- **Canada-British Columbia Workforce Tariff Response** (amount allocated above):
  - In January 2026, the GBC amended its Labor Market Development Agreement (LMDA) with the federal government, in which the GOC will "provide a time-limited, targeted funding increased under the Canada–British Columbia LMDA through the Canada–British Columbia Workforce Tariff Response for fiscal years 2025-2026 to 2027-2028, with reporting requirements extending to 2029-2030, to support workers and employers in steel, softwood lumber, and other directly and indirectly tariff-affected sectors." (https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/oic/oic_cur/0002_2026).
  - In March 2026, it was announced that the GOC and GBC are investing $70.4 million in this program over the next three years. The program will "support more than 8,000 workers in industries affected by global tariffs." (https://www.hcamag.com/ca/specialization/leadership/704million-plan-bc-employers-get-funding-to-retrain-tariffhit-workers/567710)

- **Stumpage Payment Deferral Program** (unspecified amount, estimated C$170 million):
  - In February 2026, as part of the Budget 2026 announcement, the GBC announced that "{t}o provide immediate cash flow relief to tenure holders, the Province is introducing a temporary Stumpage Payment Deferral Program, effective from Jan. 1, 2026, until Nov. 30, 2026." (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026FIN0003-000158; https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2026/pdf/2026_Budget_and_Fiscal_Plan.pdf)

- **Northern Development Initiative Trust** (C$20 million for forestry and steel industries):
  - In February 2026, as part of the Budget 2026 announcement, the GBC allocated $20 million in funding to the Trust "to help employers and workers in both the forestry and steel industries." (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026FIN0003-

000158;
https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2026/pdf/2026_Budget_and_Fiscal_Plan.pdf)

        - In July 2026, the Northern Development Initiative Trust ("NDIT") announced a $6.9 million Forestry Training Fund to "help forestry workers, employers and communities adapt to economic challenges and changing labour market conditions across British Columbia." (https://ckpgtoday.ca/2026/07/07/new-multi-million-dollar-forestry-training-fund-launched-to-support-b-c-workers/)

- **Forestry Service Providers Compensation Fund** (C$5 million for forestry industry):
    - In February 2026, as part of the Budget 2026 announcement, the GBC provided $5 million in funding to this program "to provide relief to contractors left unpaid for their services in the event of a tenure holder's insolvency." (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026FIN0003-000158; https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2026/pdf/2026_Budget_and_Fiscal_Plan.pdf)

- **BC Manufacturing and Processing Investment Tax Credit** (unspecified amount):
    - In February 2026, as part of the Budget 2026 announcement, "a new temporary manufacturing and processing investment tax credit for the manufacturing sector" will be introduced and will "provide a 15 per cent refundable tax credit for qualifying corporations." (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026FIN0003-000158; https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2026/pdf/2026_Budget_and_Fiscal_Plan.pdf)

- **BC Strategic Investment Fund** (funding not yet allocated):
    - In February 2026, the GBC announced that it is working on passing legislation that will provide $400 million in funding to incentivize large private-sector projects, including in the forestry industry. (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026JEG0013-000188; https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2026/pdf/2026_Budget_and_Fiscal_Plan.pdf)

- **FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program** (C$15 million for forestry industry):
    - In February 2026, as part of the Budget 2026 announcement, the GBC announced that it will be investing an additional $15 million in the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program to "reduce{} wildfire risk by funding planning, education, co-ordination and fuel-management activities on publicly owned and Crown land." (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026FOR0004-000228)

- **Forestry Innovation Investment** (C$16.7 million for forestry industry):
    - On May 11, 2026, Minister of Forests Ravi Parmar announced a $16.7 million investment into the forestry industry to "fund diversification and support the use of B.C. wood locally and abroad." The $16.7 million investment breaks down into approximately $12 million to expand global demand for B.C. wood and $4 million to bolster its use throughout B.C. To increase market demand, funds will

be used for research, building code development, trade missions, and targeting new sectors for growth. (https://vancouver.citynews.ca/2026/05/11/forests-minister-shares-16m-plan-to-boost-bc-wood-industry/)

- **Natural Resources Canada Funding for Forestry Diversification** (C$12.4 million for forestry industry):
    - In May 2026, the Canadian government rolled out financial support for British Columbia's forestry industry as part of a broader funding initiative to help diversify the sector. Tim Hodgson, Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, said Thursday that $12.4 million will be provided for 14 B.C. projects. "These projects will advance new low-carbon wood technologies; expand the use of mass timber in construction; support Indigenous groups and forest sector businesses; increase the capacity of manufacturers to add more value to wood products; and diversify Canada's export markets for forest products." (https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-bc-forestry-sector-lumber-wood-ottawa-support/) (https://www.moosejawtoday.com/national-business/federal-government-invests-12-million-in-bc-forestry-sector-12284917)

Manitoba: Total amount allocated at the Federal level

- **Canada-Manitoba Workforce Tariff Response** (amount allocated above):
    - In March 2026, the GOM announced that through the Workforce Tariff Response program, it would be receiving $18.2 million over the next three years to "retrain displaced workers for high demand sectors, provide upskilling opportunities for current employees and support businesses as they adapt to new products and markets." The fund will benefit workers in industries affected by tariffs, such as steel and lumber. (https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/budget2026/budget2026.pdf)
- **Tax Deferrals for Businesses Impacted by Tariffs and Wildfires** (unspecified amount):
    - In its Budget 2026 announcement in March, the GOM stated that would be providing "targeted tax deferrals for businesses impacted by tariffs and wildfires" to "give{} businesses flexibility to manage shot-term financial pressures." (https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/budget2026/budget2026.pdf)

New Brunswick: C$2.8 million for the forestry industry (plus amounts already allocated at the Federal level)

- **Investment in Atlantic Canada's Forestry Sector** (C$2.8 million for forestry industry):
    - In February 2026, Natural Resource Canada announced $2.8 million in funding for seven forestry projects in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Nearly $1 million in funding will support four projects across New Brunswick. These investments aim to "transform the forestry industry . . . in the face of global trade pressures" in conjunction with the broader national effort. (https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-

resources-canada/news/2026/02/government-of-canada-invests-in-atlantic-canadas-forest-sector.html) (https://springboardatlantic.ca/canada-invests-2-8m-in-atlantic-canadas-forest-sector-to-drive-innovation-and-sustainability/)

- **Canada-New Brunswick Workforce Tariff Response** (amount allocated above):
  - In May 2026, the GOC and GNB announced an agreement to provide New Brunswick with $13.8 million in funding over the next three years through the Workforce Tariff Response program "to support workers in the softwood lumber, mining, construction and transportation sectors, as well as other directly and indirectly tariff-affected industries." The funding will "help over 1,500 workers in New Brunswick build new skills and seize emerging opportunities." (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2026/05/governments-of-canada-and-new-brunswick-partner-to-support-tariff-impacted-workers-and-strengthen-the-workforce0.html)
    - In June 2026, the GOB announced an investment of $483,971 for the Northern Hardwood Research Institute to "develop three courses, more than 300 video lectures, an online platform to deliver training, a working group to identify challenges and requirements in the sector, and an employer outreach initiative to identify workforce gaps and inform training opportunities." This investment is part of the GOB's initiative to support tariff affected industries within the province. (https://www.gnb.ca/en/news/n-b.2026.06.government-supports-creation-training-content-for-workers-and-employers.html)

Ontario: C$197 million for the forestry industry specifically (plus amounts already allocated at the Federal level); C$212 million in total aid

- **Ontario Forest Access Roads Program** (C$20 million for forestry industry):
  - In September 2025, the GOO announced a $20 million increase in funding for Provincial Forest Access Roads program (already countervailed). (https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/forestry/ottawa-must-turn-talk-into-action-to-save-forestry-says-ontario-associate-minister-11270907)
    - In April 2026, the GOO announced an updated "forest sector roadmap" which included updated investment figures for Ontario's Forest Access Roads Funding Program. It announced that the GOO has invested $458 million (since 2018) "to maintain and develop essential forest roads," "which are essential infrastructure in forestry-dependent communities." (https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-forest-sector-roadmap#section-3)
- **Ontario Sawmill Chip Support Program** (C$10 for forestry industry):
  - In September 2025, the GOO announced a $10 million increase in funding in 2025-2026 for Ontario Sawmill Chip Support program to help sawmills find "new, innovative markets for their wood chips." (https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/forestry/ottawa-must-

turn-talk-into-action-to-save-forestry-says-ontario-associate-minister-11270907) (https://www.ontario.ca/page/roadmap-protecting-ontarios-forest-sector)

- **Investments in Steel and Softwood Lumber Industries** (unspecified amount):
  - In September 2025, through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario, the government announced "a series of investments to strengthen the economy across Northern Ontario." These initiatives will support "workers and businesses most affected by tariffs and trade disruptions." (https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/news/canadian-news/ontario-economic-agency-announces-investments-steel-and-softwood-industries)
- **Regional Tariff Response Initiative in Southern Ontario** (amount allocated above):
  - In October 2025, as part of the GOC's strategy announced in September, the GOO launched the RTRI to help businesses across all sectors "overcome trade disruptions" caused by tariffs. Businesses can request funding ranging from $125,000 to $10 million. (https://feddev-ontario.canada.ca/en/funding-southern-ontario/regional-tariff-response-initiative-southern-ontario)
- **Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Funding** (C$1 million for forestry industry):
  - In February 2026, the GOO announced that it was investing $1 million through the NOHFC "to help Kirkland Lake Forest Products install advanced manufacturing equipment at its mill in Kenogami." This funding aims to "increase {the mill's} competitiveness, boost productivity and protect the forestry sector," and further explains that this funding comes "{a}t a time when U.S. tariffs are putting a strain on norther industries." (https://nohfc.ca/ontario-investing-1-million-to-upgrade-lumber-mill-in-kenogami/)
- **Canada-Ontario Workforce Tariff Response** (amount allocated above):
  - In March 2026, the GOO announced that it would be investing $228.8 million over the next three years, with support from the federal government, to help "up to 27,000 workers across the province retrain, upgrade their skills and stay competitive in key sectors of the economy, including softwood lumber, steel and automotive manufacturing." (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007136/ontario-and-canada-investing-more-than-228-million-to-protect-workers-and-key-industries)
    - In July 2026, the GOO announced that it would be investing $7.2 million through the Canada-Ontario Workforce Tariff Response to help workers in northern Ontario "upgrade their skills, transition into in-demand careers and ensure local employers have the skilled workforce they need to grow and succeed." The GOO reported that "{t}his initiative will help up to 27,000 workers across the province retrain, upgrade their skills and stay competitive in key sectors of the economy, including softwood lumber, steel and automotive manufacturing." Under this announcement, Skills Advance Ontario provided funding to four companies that aim to train

workers for careers in forestry, welding, and other critical industries, including: Algoma Steel Inc., Canadian Skills Training and Employment Coalition, Confederation College of Applied Arts & Technology, and Washagamis Bay Investment Corporation. (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007801/ontario-and-canada-invest-more-than-72-million-to-protect-workers-in-the-north)

- **Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program ("FSIIP")** (C$98 million for forestry industry):
  - In March 2026, the GOO announced that it will invest over $72 million in the FSIIP program "to help Ontario forestry companies adopt innovative technologies to stay competitive in global markets." The significant boost in funding is part of the government's plan to "protect workers and businesses from tariffs and economic uncertainty." (https://budget.ontario.ca/2026/chapter-1a.html#:~:text=Investing%20in%20Ontario's%20Forest%20Biomass%20Program&text=Across%20its%20four%20streams%2C%20this,the%20program's%20launch%20in%202023)
  - In April 2026, the GOO announced an updated "forest sector roadmap" which included updated investment figures for the FSIIP. The GOO now expects to invest $98 million for 27 projects "to enhance forest sector productivity and efficiency." (https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-forest-sector-roadmap#section-3) (https://www.ontario.ca/page/roadmap-protecting-ontarios-forest-sector)
    - In June 2026, the GOO announced that it is investing $1.6 million "to protect forestry workers by more than doubling {Bernie McGlynn Lumber Ltd.'s} production space, increasing output by 47 percent, creating five new jobs and supporting 13 existing positions." This investment is a part of the FSIIP, the GOO's plan "to protect Ontario forestry workers and businesses, by making strategic investments to help the forest sector adapt, compete and grow in the face of U.S. tariffs." (https://www.bayshorebroadcasting.ca/2026/06/10/mildmay-lumber-company-gets-expansion-support-from-province/) (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007575/ontario-investing-16-million-to-protect-forestry-workers-in-mildmay)
    - In July 2026, the GOO announced its investment of $3.3 million into Ontario Truss & Wall "to expand its production of made-in-Ontario wood building materials and help meet growing demand in the province's construction sector." The investment into Ontario Truss & Wall is a part of the FSIIP in order to increase "the company's production of wood construction materials by nearly 70 per cent." (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007703/ontario-investing-over-3-million-to-expand-made-in-ontario-wood-manufacturing)

- **Funding Announced for New Engineered Wood Products Plant** (C$4 million for forestry industry):
    - In April 2026, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources announced it will invest $4 million in the construction of a new wood products plant in Ontario. The Secretary emphasized the "need for predictable fibre access" as well as the government's goal to provide certainty to Canada's forest products sector amidst increased U.S. duties adding that "the federal government is actively working to combat these tariffs and to continue to seek fair market access to the U.S. for Canadian producers." (https://www.canadianbiomassmagazine.ca/funding-announced-for-new-engineered-wood-products-plant-during-cofi-convention/)
- **Forest Biomass Program** (C$50 million for forestry industry):
    - In April 2026, the GOO announced an updated "forest sector roadmap" which included updated investment figures for Ontario's Forest Biomass Program. The GOO announced that it has committed $50 million to over 55 research, innovation, and modernization initiatives to "increase long-term wood use, promote forest sector innovation, and support sustainable forest management by maximizing the value for wood." (https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-forest-sector-roadmap#section-3) The application website includes new application deadlines for April and October 2026. (https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-biomass-program)
        - In July 2026, the GOO announced that it is investing $425,000 to aid Daiken North America in the production of "a first-of-its-kind wood panel product to market faster, boosting productivity and protecting good-paying local jobs." The additional funds will help Daiken to increase production efficiency and to support continuous growth of the company. The investment was made through the Forest Biomass Program which was created to "help forest sector businesses adapt, compete and grow to stay resilient in the face of U.S. tariffs." (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007708/ontario-investing-425000-to-protect-forestry-workers-in-huntsville)
- **Northern Ontario Resource Development Support ("NORDS") Funding** (C$15 million for all industries):
    - In April 2026, the Ontario government announced an additional investment of $15 million "in ongoing annual funding" through the NORDS fund "to help northern municipalities continue to improve local infrastructure and support responsible economic growth in the North." The program has invested $75 million since 2021, and in 2025-2026, 144 municipalities received funding, which included funding for the forestry industry. (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007358/ontario-investing-15-million-to-protect-and-support-northern-communities)

- **A Roadmap to Protecting Ontario's Forest Sector** (unspecified amount):
    - In April 2026, the Ontario government announced a new provincial "road map" which encompasses a ten-year plan intended to "give the sector a competitive edge," specifically by modernizing mills, cutting red tape, and attracting investment to the industry. While the announcement did not include any specific investment at this time, the Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products stated that the province can "[e]xpect to see more 'exciting' funding opportunities in the months ahead." (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007371/ontario-launches-roadmap-to-protect-forest-sector-workers-and-businesses) (https://www.ontario.ca/files/2026-04/mnr-forestry-roadmap-en-2026-04-24.pdf?utm_campaign=%2Fen%2Frelease%2F1007371%2Fontario-launches-roadmap-to-protect-forest-sector-workers-and-businesses&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsroom) (https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/forestry/ford-government-pitches-new-strategy-to-protect-diversify-ontario-forest-sector-12206003)
- **Funding for New Digital Tools for Forestry Database** (C$14 million for forestry industry):
    - On May 26, 2026, the GOO announced $14 million in funding to "strengthen forest sector competitiveness" by building a "modern, digital system," in partnership with Microsoft and Databricks technology, "to inventory the province's forest resources, giving industry access to better information to invest, grow and create jobs." This system "will modernize the Forest Resources Inventory (FRI) Information Management System, the essential database of Ontario's managed forests, by replacing outdated systems with cutting-edge technology to make critical forest data more accurate, accessible and easier to use." This investment is a part of the "Roadmap to Protecting Ontario's Forest Sector" announced in April 2026. (https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1007504/ontario-investing-14-million-to-strengthen-forest-sector-competitiveness)

Quebec: C$60 million for the forestry sector (plus an estimated C$129 million in health savings and C$20 million a year for dropped royalty fees) (plus amounts already allocated at the Federal level)

- **Strategic Response Fund** (amount allocated above):
    - In January 2026, the federal government announced that it was providing $7.5 million through the Strategic Response Fund to "help Kap Paper Inc. complete a Front End Engineering Design (FEED) study to support a pivot in its operations toward growth markets." (https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2026/01/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-support-regional-sawmills-and-employment-in-northeast-ontario.html)

- **Annual Royalty Fee for Sawmills Dropped** (unspecified amount, roughly $20 million in returns/year for forestry industry):
    - In February 2026, the GOQ announced that it will "hold a 'mini-reform' of the province's forest regime to provide relief for sawmills and other businesses pressured by cumulative U.S. tariffs." In doing so, the GOQ stated that it would "abolish the annual sawmill royalty – a move {the government} estimates will return roughly $20 million a year to the sector." (https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-forest-regime-mini-reform-9.7104351)
- **Working Capital Assistance Program** (C$60 million for forestry industry):
    - In March 2026, the GOQ announced that its Budget 2026-207 Plan includes providing $60 million "for a working capital assistance program for wood processing businesses that will undertake investment projects to support their growth and adaptation." The GOQ further explains that this "{g}overnment support for wood processing businesses, particularly sawmills, which are an essential link for the forestry sector, will benefit all workers in the sector." (https://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/Budget_and_update/budget/documents/Budget2627_BudgetPlan.pdf#page=44)
- **Temporary Holiday from Contributions to Health Services Fund** (unspecified amount, roughly C$129 million in savings for forestry industry):
    - In March 2026, the GOQ announced that its Budget 2026-207 Plan that, effective January 1, 2026, the agricultural, fishing, and forestry sectors will benefit from a two-year temporary holiday from contributions to the province's Health Services Fund, which "enables them to free up liquidity that is essential for their ongoing operations, and helps keep workers employed." It appears that this exemption will result in $129 million savings for the forestry sector. (https://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/Budget_and_update/budget/documents/Budget2627_BudgetPlan.pdf#page=44)
- **Canada-Quebec Workforce Tariff Response** (amount allocated above):
    - In April 2026, the GOC and GOQ signed an agreement that will provide Quebec with $122.5 million in funding over the next three years through the Workforce Tariff Response program "to support workers and businesses within the softwood lumber steel and other directly and indirectly tariff-affected industries through a period of significant economic adjustment." (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2026/04/governments-of-canada-and-quebec-reach-1225-million-agreement-to-support-tariff-impacted-workers.html)

Saskatchewan: Total amount allocated at the Federal level

- **Canada-Saskatchewan Workforce Tariff Response** (amount allocated above):
    - In March 2026, the federal government and GOS announced that in partnership through the Workforce Tariff Response program, $15.6 million over the next three years would be invested in Saskatchewan to "support workers and employers in the steel and softwood lumber sectors, as well as other directly and indirectly tariff-affected sectors." The fund is expected to "support up to 1,800 workers" in the province to "build new skills and seize emerging opportunities." (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2026/03/governments-of-canada-and-saskatchewan-partner-to-protect-tariff-impacted-workers-and-strengthen-the-workforce0.html)