

Racialized and Indigenous Supports for Entrepreneurs (RAISE) Grant Program

A grant program that provides access to business development training, culturally responsive and tailored business coaching, networking opportunities, and a one-time grant of \$10,000 to support Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs.

Who is eligible?

- The business owner must be an Indigenous, Black or other racialized individual who lives and operates their business in Ontario.
- The business must be registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.
- The business must employ 1 to 5 full-time equivalent employees or up to 10 full-time equivalent employees for businesses in the Accommodation and Food Services sector, including the business owner.

How does it work?

- The program is self-paced and runs for approximately 8 weeks. Participants may continue to operate their business while participating in the program.
- Once admitted into the program, participants must complete the following activities within the program timelines to receive a \$10,000 grant:
 1. Online business development training – minimum of 5 hours
 2. Business coaching including networking – 5 to 10 hours
 3. Develop a Business Action Plan

How do I apply?

- Visit the [RAISE grant program web portal](#) for a full list of program requirements, eligible expenses and what you need to apply.
- Applications must be submitted on or before **October 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. ET.**
- **Complete applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis until the program budget is reached.**

If you need help, email us at raise@ontario.ca. Video Relay Service (VRS) for Deaf and hard of hearing persons is available at 437-538-4850, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, excluding government and statutory holidays.