

Business Programs and Services

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Overview

The Regional Development Program takes a **coordinated approach** to supporting **business growth in eastern and southwestern Ontario**.

The program supports

- **eligible businesses**, particularly small and medium sized businesses, investing in new equipment and training to expand operations in these regions, and
- **municipalities and non-for-profit organizations** investing in economic development projects.

Eligible applicants may receive **financial support** and **advisory services to help navigate other government programs**, such as guidance on compliance and approvals, assistance with skills and talent, and information regarding Ontario's corporate tax credits.

Applications are through the **Eastern Ontario Development Fund** and **Southwestern Ontario Development Fund**

Overview:

Business Advisory Services Branch

The Business Advisory Services Branch (BASB) supports the growth of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Southern Ontario:

- BASB regional Senior Business Advisors (SBAs) live in the communities in which we work.
- We work directly with established SMEs that produce tradable goods and services and typically have between 10 to 500 employees.
- Our work with businesses and regional partners supports job creation and retention in the province, and the overall growth of SMEs.
- We provide objective and professional advice on unique business challenges for each of our client businesses.
- BASB does not have a specific sector focus but instead support SMEs that operate in each region working with sector experts within the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade and partner Ministries.

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