

#RestartMB ECONOMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The **Back to Work Manitoba Initiative** is a key component of Manitoba's economic restart. The program is open to all private-sector and non-profit employers and covers 50 per cent of wage costs between July 15 and Oct. 31. Employers can be supported to hire up to 10 workers to a maximum of \$5,000 per worker and \$50,000 per employer. This program is open to applicants of the Summer Student Recovery Jobs program and Back to Work this Summer Program. The application deadline is Oct. 1.

The **Summer Student Recovery Jobs Program** offers a wage subsidy to Manitoba employers to support the hiring of high school and post-secondary students. Eligible employers can apply for an hourly \$7 wage subsidy, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per student to hire up to five students, ages 15 to 29. The maximum amount of funding an employer can receive is \$25,000. Employers have until Sept. 4 to apply.

The **Non-Profit Summer Student Incentive Grant** is available to eligible charities and non-profit organizations that apply for the Summer Student Recovery Jobs Program. The grant provides an additional \$6,000 to approved non-profits/charities that hire at least one full-time equivalent student under the jobs program for at least eight weeks, with \$3,000 paid upfront and the remainder paid at the end of summer employment. Organizations that have already applied under the Summer Student Recovery Jobs Program do not need to re-apply.

The **Manitoba Gap Protection Program** for businesses provides a one-time, \$6,000 non-interest bearing forgivable loan to Manitoba small and medium-sized businesses that have experienced hardships in Manitoba as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and related public health orders. The loan is forgiven on Dec. 31 if recipients declare at that time that they have not received any non-repayable COVID-19 federal supports greater than \$6,000. Application deadline is Aug. 31.

The **Manitoba Job Restart Program** is an incentive program designed to encourage thousands of Manitobans to return to work safely and voluntarily stop collecting the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB). The program will provide direct payments to workers to a maximum of \$2,000 over a six-week period. The application deadline is currently July 31.

Student Jobs MB (www.studentjobsmb.ca) is a new online tool that matches students to employers across Manitoba. Employers looking to hire a summer student can create a profile, get matched with students interested in their industry, view student resumes and contact prospective candidates for an interview.