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UPDATE



## CRITICAL MINERALS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The CMIF is providing funding of up to \$1.5 billion until 2030 for clean energy and transportation infrastructure projects, enabling sustainable development and expansion of critical minerals. Calls for proposals will be launched over the program's lifespan - the current call will provide up to \$500 million in funding under two streams - **Preconstruction** (apply by June 25, 2025) and **Shovel Ready** (apply by March 4, 2026).

CMIF funding addresses key infrastructure gaps in the upstream (mining) segment of critical minerals value chains to: unlock new critical minerals resources, support improved environmental performance at mine sites, strengthen supply chains. The CMIF will offer non-repayable contributions, conditionally repayable contributions and grants with funding limits up to **\$50 million per project**.

## AI COMPUTE ACCESS FUND

The AI Compute Access Fund was announced December 2024 as part of the

Canadian AI Sovereign Compute Strategy. The AI Compute Access Fund offers



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financial support to help small and medium-sized businesses access cutting-edge

AI compute infrastructure. Save money, stay competitive and scale your business right here at home. If your application is approved, the AI Compute Access Fund will cover **two-thirds of your costs** (up to **\$3.35 million**) for Canadian, cloud-based AI compute services or cover **half of your costs** (up to **\$2.5 million**) for non-Canadian, cloud-based AI compute services

DID YOU  
KNOW ...

..... Mexico is Canada's sixth-largest trading partner. In 2021 bilateral trade reached an impressive \$32.5B (MEX to CAN) & \$7.8B (CAN to MEX) and Canadian direct investment in Mexico reached C\$25B, making it Canada's ninth-largest direct investment destination.

Explore the Trade Commissioner Service as well as Export Development Canada. EDC's Doing Business in Mexico guide provides valuable insights.

### GOVERNMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NON-REPAYABLE: GRANTS & COST CONTRIBUTIONS

REPAYABLE: LOANS

REFUNDABLE: TAX CREDITS

### WHY GO GOVERNMENT?

Understanding and applying for programs is time-consuming and the direction provided is not always straightforward. GO Government Funding will help you navigate the funding process.

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- **FREE 30 minute call** to find out more about your company and see if GO can help
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