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**From:** Little, Christine JERI:EX  
**Sent:** January 27, 2021 2:15 PM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX; Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX; Toth Nacey, Sandra G TRAN:EX; Pilkington, Ian TRAN:EX; Zoeller, Sonja TAC:EX; Crump, Brittney TRAN:EX  
**Cc:** White, Joanna JERI:EX; Nankivell, Nathan JERI:EX  
**Subject:** COVID Supports

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/small-business/resources/covid-19-supports>

This is the link to SME support programs – federal and provincial. We update it frequently.

Christine Little  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and  
Innovation  
Small Business, Economic Development and Innovation  
Exec Assistant: [Olivia.Young@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Olivia.Young@gov.bc.ca)  
Phone: (778) 698-1708

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**From:** kathy@bearviewing.ca  
**Sent:** January 13, 2021 1:06 PM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CBVA - Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant Eligibility

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**From:** Vickery, Elizabeth M JEDC:EX  
**Sent:** 13-Jan-21 9:09 AM  
**To:** 'kathy@bearviewing.ca'  
**Cc:** Cruz, Jon JEDC:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CBVA - Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant Eligibility

Good morning Kathy, as per our conversation seasonal businesses are welcome to apply. Please let your operators know to simply upload their documents for the year over year timeframes that best work for them and our adjudication team will reach out with any questions. The application form will not prevent this as all mandatory fields have been removed.

I’m happy to chat again anytime so please reach out. Many thanks.

**Elizabeth Vickery**  
Executive Director  
Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant Program  
Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness  
Telephone number 250-217-5055



**From:** kathy@bearviewing.ca <kathy@bearviewing.ca>  
**Sent:** January 12, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** Minister, TAC TAC:EX <TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, JERI JERI:EX <JEDC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, FIN FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** TAC Deputy Minister TAC:EX <TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TAC:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>; Plecas, Bobbi JEDC:EX <Bobbi.Plecas@gov.bc.ca>; Wood, Heather FIN:EX <Heather.Wood@gov.bc.ca>  
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Dear Ministers Mark, Robinson and Kahlon,

Please find attached letters<sup>13</sup> for seasonal operator's eligibility for the *Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant*.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Warmly,  
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**From:** Mayhew, Neilane TAC:EX  
**Sent:** January 15, 2021 5:09 PM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX; Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX  
**Subject:** FW: SBG - Daily Report - Thurs Jan 14

FYI

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**From:** Cameron, Tara D JEDC:EX  
**Sent:** January 14, 2021 5:35 PM  
**To:** Mayhew, Neilane TAC:EX  
**Subject:** SBG - Daily Report - Thurs Jan 14

Good evening Neilane, attached please find today’s SBGP daily report. The next report will be sent on Monday.

Thank you, Tara

**From:** Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX  
**Sent:** January 18, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX  
**Subject:** FW: For review: letters responses<sup>s.13</sup>

Salman - for discussion at 11. <sup>s.13</sup>  
drafted a response letter. <sup>s.13</sup> . JERI has

Thx

**From:** Vickery, Elizabeth M JEDC:EX  
**Sent:** January 18, 2021 8:44 AM  
**To:** Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX  
**Subject:** For review: letters responses <sup>s.13</sup>

Happy Monday! Or at least as happy as a Monday in January during a pandemic can be 😊

When you have a moment, do you mind scanning the 2 letters attached in response to the letter we all received and you will see an email back and forth from me to Kathy and Brad as well.

Please let me know if the letters look good or if there is anything else you wish to add. Thank you!

**From:** [kathy@bearviewing.ca](mailto:kathy@bearviewing.ca) <[kathy@bearviewing.ca](mailto:kathy@bearviewing.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 12, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** Minister, TAC TAC:EX <[TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>; Minister, JERI JERI:EX <[JEDC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:JEDC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>; Minister, FIN FIN:EX <[FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** TAC Deputy Minister TAC:EX <[TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca)>; Azam, Salman TAC:EX <[Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca)>; Plecas, Bobbi JEDC:EX <[Bobbi.Plecas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bobbi.Plecas@gov.bc.ca)>; Wood, Heather FIN:EX <[Heather.Wood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heather.Wood@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**From:** Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** January 18, 2021 1:37 PM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX  
**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Media Request: Tourism Sector/Interprovincial Travel/Small Businesses - ROB SHAW

Hi Salman,

We received a media request about tourism supports.

Minister Kahlon will be speaking to the reporter tomorrow more broadly about business supports but wr wanted to provide the attached for this evening.

All previously approved messaging, just wanted to ensure it works for you.

Thx  
Carla

Request:  
*we have a tourism/business/gov aid story running, can we get a statement from ministry on whether it's considering new aid packages for tourism sector in light of potential interprovincial travel restrictions, as well as the extension of the current social gathering restrictions to Feb 5?*

*Thanks*  
*Carla*

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**From:** Mayhew, Neilane TAC:EX  
**Sent:** January 18, 2021 6:34 PM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX; Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: SBG - Daily Report - Mon Jan 18

FYI

Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

----- Forwarded message -----  
From: "Cameron, Tara D JEDC:EX"  
Date: Jan. 18, 2021 5:56 p.m.  
Subject: SBG - Daily Report - Mon Jan 18  
To: "Mayhew, Neilane TAC:EX"  
Cc:  
Good evening Neilane, attached pls find today’s SBG report.

**From:** Brad Harrison <ed@blbca.com>  
**Sent:** January 19, 2021 7:41 AM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX  
**Cc:** Portal, Vincent TAC:EX; McKierahan, Jessica TAC:EX  
**Subject:** Small Business Grant - Clarification

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Hi, thought I would forward this to you. Any word on planning for the ATAC meeting? Thx.

Good morning, I have received the following question from a few of our operators:  
*“Hey Brad, our business is in BC, we live in Alberta. One of the first eligibility criteria is “majority share owned by BC resident”, should we continue with our application?”*

I was pleased to receive a prompt response from the Executive Director, Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant Program:  
*“This is a good question and one we get often. The Province wants to ensure BC tax payer funds stay within BC hence the need for the majority share owned by a BC resident. But that can even be 50.1% and we are finding many businesses are co-owned by people in both provinces, hopefully that is the case for these operators. Hope that helps a bit.”*

Although it may not be the answer you wanted, at least it is clear. Thx.

Sincerely, Brad Harrison  
Chair, Adventure Tourism Coalition  
Executive Director – Backcountry Lodges of BC Association

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**From:** Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX  
**Sent:** January 19, 2021 12:31 PM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX  
**Cc:** Zoeller, Sonja TAC:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with JERI re lg businesses

Salman,  
Sonja and I were wondering if we should set up a meeting between yourself and Christine (with Sonja, Elizabeth and I as well)<sup>s.13</sup>  
s.13 :c. Thinking we engage them sooner if at all possible. If you agree, I will have Autumn  
set up a call for tomorrow.

Thx



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**From:** Amy Thacker - CCCTA <amy@landwithoutlimits.com>  
**Sent:** January 20, 2021 8:36 AM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX; Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX  
**Subject:** FW: recovery grant

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**To:** [Azam, Salman TAC:EX](#); [Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: recovery grant  
**Date:** January 20, 2021 8:36:12 AM

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**To:** Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX  
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Cell – 250-361-5440*

**From:** Amy Thacker - CCCTA  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 8:36 AM  
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s.12; s.13

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No concerns, thanks for the follow up.

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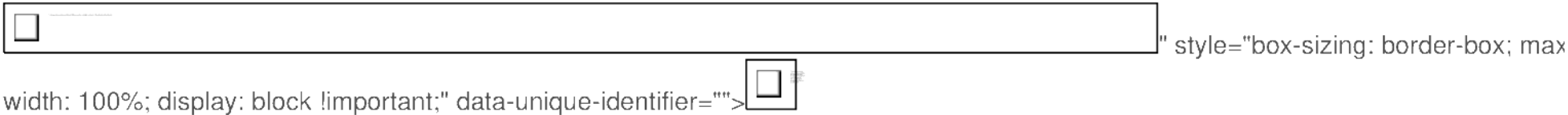
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**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX; Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX; Mayhew, Neilane TAC:EX; Azam, Salman TAC:EX  
**Subject:** Check article- B.C. business grant program less than one-quarter spent

FYI this article is prompting a number of follow up media calls to JERI today.

<https://www.cheknews.ca/b-c-business-grant-program-less-than-one-quarter-spent-735789/>

## B.C. business grant program less than one-quarter spent

January 20, 2021 **UPDATED**



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**B.C.'s small and medium sized business grant program remains largely unspent, even as tourism businesses appeal to governme for more financial help.**

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**Subject:** FW: SBG - Daily Report - Wed Jan 20

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**Sent:** January 21, 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** Mayhew, Neilane TAC:EX  
**Subject:** SBG - Daily Report - Wed Jan 20

Good morning Neilane, attached please find yesterday’s SBG daily report. My apologies for sending this to you sooner.

Thank you, Tara



**From:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** January 25, 2021 6:08 AM  
**To:** Mayhew, Neilane TAC:EX; Azam, Salman TAC:EX; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX; Holding, Marina TAC:EX; Wolfe, Seamus TACS:EX; Cardona, Diego TACS:EX; Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX; Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX; Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** TNO: Time running out to rescue botched business-relief plan - Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail

FYI on this article critical of the small business grant program and its perceived slow pace of distributing funds. I'll share JERIs messaging this morning.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** tno@gov.bc.ca  
**Date:** January 25, 2021 at 5:21:11 AM PST  
**Subject:** TNO: Time running out to rescue botched business-relief plan - Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail

**Time running out to rescue botched business-relief plan**  
Globe and Mail  
25-Jan-2021  
Page A06  
By Justine Hunter

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**From:** Dave Frank <dave.frank@me.com>  
**Sent:** January 22, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** Azam, Salman TAC:EX  
**Subject:** Tourism Fund

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow Up  
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Salman:

Has this been distributed? Were the smaller air carriers included (many are heavily tourism orientated). We’re any successful?

Hope all is going well. s.17

Be well.

Dave

Dave Frank  
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