



# Backgrounder: PacifiCan announces \$18.3 million to scale up local businesses, boost B.C. exports, and opens new intake for business growth program

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## Backgrounder

Today, the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada (PacifiCan), announced \$18.3 million in repayable funding for seven British Columbian companies to scale up their operations, create more jobs, accelerate growth, and bring made-in-B.C. products to markets around the world.

The projects announced today are:

### Business Scale-Up and Productivity Program

#### 4AG Robotics

\$2,500,000

Funding will enable 4AG Robotics to scale up its robotic mushroom harvesting technology. The Salmon Arm-based company's robots use artificial intelligence to help farmers pick, trim, and package mushrooms, significantly reducing

production costs and boosting productivity. This investment will allow 4AG to expand manufacturing, hire more employees, and increase sales globally.

### **EggSolutions Vanderpol's**

\$5,000,000

Funding will allow EggSolutions Vanderpol's (ESV), B.C.'s only family-owned and operated egg processor, to expand manufacturing and reach new markets. ESV produces traditional egg products such as albumen, yolk, and whole eggs, as well as specialty products for Asian markets. This investment will allow EggSolutions to move to a larger manufacturing facility and purchase the first and only tamagoyaki machine in North America, making the Abbotsford-based company the exclusive producer of fresh Japanese omelettes for Canadian and Asian markets.

ESV will increase its production capacity, bringing more B.C.-made products to existing markets, and expand to markets outside of North America. PacifiCan's funding will also allow EggSolutions to improve wastewater treatment capability, which will convert waste into fertilizer and reduce the company's environmental footprint.

### **HealthTech Connex**

\$3,767,850

Funding will enable HealthTech Connex, a life sciences company based in Surrey, to expand its operations. The company's advanced brain imaging medical device, NeuroCatch® Platform, evaluates cognitive function within six minutes at the point-of-care. This investment will allow HealthTech Connex to commercialize its device across North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe.

### **MarineLabs**

\$1,800,000

Funding will help MarineLabs, a Victoria-based company, grow its ocean data network. MarineLabs makes sensors that track weather and waves for ports and ship operators in real-time. In addition to creating new jobs, this investment will help the company add more sensors and improve its forecasting tools, making marine travel safer and more efficient.

### **Mustimuhw Information Solutions**

\$3,266,398

Funding will help Mustimuhw Information Solutions, an Indigenous-owned software company in Duncan, expand its digital health platform. The company develops software that helps First Nations and Indigenous health and family-services organizations manage medical records and other personal data in a culturally sensitive way. This investment will help Mustimuhw Information Solutions launch and scale up a new community wellness and housing management application, making it easier for Indigenous communities to manage these services.

### **VitaminLab**

\$921,278

Funding will help VitaminLab, a Victoria-based health and biotech company, expand its operations. VitaminLab creates personalized vitamin supplements using health data. This investment will support the company's move to a larger facility, introduce automation, and meet growing demand for its products.

## **Jobs and Growth Fund**

### **Pledge Resource Managers**

\$1,100,000

Funding will help Pledge Resource Managers, an Indigenous and woman-owned clean technology company in Kelowna, scale up production of its smart shower system. The RainStick Shower is the first in North America to filter and recirculate water in real-time, reducing household water use by 80%. This investment will allow the company to bring manufacturing in-house, hire more employees, and meet growing demand for its product around the world.

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