

BC Economic Development Awards

2025



about

The BC Economic Development Awards honour and celebrate exceptional economic development initiatives, partnerships, efforts towards economic reconciliation, resiliency and marketing campaigns in the Province. These prestigious awards acknowledge the remarkable efforts of both organizations and individuals in driving positive change in urban, suburban, rural, and Indigenous communities.

Each category will bestow three awards, tailored to different population sizes: one for communities under 10,000, another for those with 10,000 to 25,000, and a third for those exceeding 25,000.

This steadfast commitment to recognizing excellence in economic development reflects BCEDA's unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive growth and paying tribute to the accomplishments of all communities across British Columbia.

important dates

Call for Entries Begins: November 25, 2024

Final Deadline: April 4, 2025

Awards Presented: May 14, 2025 at the BC Economic Summit in Penticton

Entry Submission (per entry): BCEDA Members \$50.00 + GST
Non Members \$125.00 + GST

faqs

Why apply

Earn winning provincial exposure for you, your organization, partners, stakeholders, participants, local and Indigenous governments through the BC Economic Summit, Awards Banquet, press release and more.

Who can apply

- Any organization with a qualifying project
- If the program is still active and still showing results – it is eligible!
- Members of BCEDA and Future Members
- You can submit the same project in multiple categories

Time investment

The nomination form should take less than 90 minutes to complete. Here are the questions:

- Project start & finish date
- Brief description
- Goal or purpose
- Impact and examples of effectiveness
- Transferability and lessons
- Innovation and creativeness
- Up to 3 attachments

People's Choice Award

Join us as we celebrate the best of the best. The new Economic Development People's Choice Award is a prestigious recognition that celebrates outstanding contributions to economic development in a given region or community. This audience-voted award will be selected from one of the winners of the Economic Development Awards and presented the day after the Awards Banquet.

categories

NEW - Three awards will be given per category based on population:

- Less than 10,000
- 10,000 to 25,000
- 25,000 and greater

Award Categories

Economic Reconciliation

EG: MOUs, tourism partnerships, cultural centres

Community Project

EG: Neighbourhood development, business retention & expansion, public/private partnerships

Marketing Innovation

EG: Marketing campaign, branding, attraction guides

Community Resiliency

EG: Disaster recovery strategy, economic preparedness standards

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