



R&D Vouchers

Description:

The R&D Vouchers program provides small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with research and development (R&D) vouchers of up to 75% of eligible project costs to a maximum voucher of \$15,000 per project to improve access to and establish collaborative relationships with academic researchers, research facilities and other R&D performers.

If required, the RDC will work with the SME to identify and access potential R&D facilities and collaborators that can address the technical challenges identified in the project description. In this regard, the RDC will develop and maintain a list of accredited R&D performers.

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| Eligible activities: | Applied R&D, prototyping (physical proof), performance testing against pre-determined criteria, field trials and small-scale demonstration projects involving technical validation of the component, subsystem, and/or system in a laboratory, simulated and/or real-world, operating environment. |
| Key objectives: | <p>To improve access to local, national and international scientific/technical expertise and research facilities.</p> <p>Build collaborative R&D partnerships between SMEs and academic researchers, research facilities, and other R&D performers.</p> |
| Target clients: | Innovative SMEs, located in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, with early-stage R&D needs and high growth potential. |
| Eligible costs: | Facilities, materials, and equipment access fees, related technical support and consulting services in support of SME research and development needs. |
| Ineligible costs: | Software licensing or purchases, training courses, and marketing-related costs. |
| Delivery mechanism: | Annual open call for proposals. |