

Our Role in the SEB Program

- Provide training workshops
- Evaluate business concepts and plans
- Provide support and coaching
- Help identify and assist with challenges
- Coordinate services

Self-Employment Benefits Program Overview



Eligible Clients

Self – Employment services may be available to the following Client types:

- EI Clients;
- General Clients with a Disability; and
- BCEA PWD and PPMB Clients.

BCEA Clients must also qualify or be eligible for the Ministry's Self-Employment Program of business deductions and exemptions. Prior to being approved for Self-Employment Services, BCEA Clients are required to discuss any potential impacts on their BCEA assistance with an Employment and Assistance Worker and the requirements related to self-employment income reporting to the Ministry's Service Delivery Division, as well as income and assets limits. Your WorkBC Case Manager will help you navigate this.

FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

■ Possible financial benefits for up to 48 weeks

10 weeks for Business Plan Development (BPD)

38 weeks for Business Launch and Implementation

■ EI benefit protection or program living supports

EI Active - EI continues until it runs out then living supports kick in

EI Reachback - living supports of \$650 per week for up to 48 weeks

■ Additional potential supports

Daycare and transportation during BPD phase

*****Please note that non-compliance with your financial agreement with WorkBC will lead to immediate termination of financial support and may put you in a position of overpayment”**



Self-Employment Services Overview



CLIENT ASSESSMENT

WorkBC Employment Coach

Eligibility and suitability
Referral to Community Futures



ORIENTATION

CF Training Department

Program Orientation
Entrepreneurial Assessment



CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

CF Training Department

Business Model Canvas Workshops
Business Concept Development

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CONCEPT APPROVAL

Application package
SE Committee approval
Support negotiation



BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Key business planning topics covered
in 10 workshops
One-on-one coaching
Up to 10 weeks



BUSINESS PLAN APPROVAL

Business plan completion
SE Committee approval

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BUSINESS LAUNCH

Support negotiation with WorkBC
Up to 38 weeks of continued financial support



BUSINESS IMPLEMENTATION

Additional workshops
One-on-one coaching
Site visit
Monthly reporting



Personal Investment Requirements

Clients must demonstrate that they have access to 100% of the start-up and implementation costs by way of any combination of their own funds, a loan or outside investment and in-kind assets by the end of the Business Plan Development phase of the program.



Personal Investment Requirements

ACCEPTED VERIFICATION

- Current bank statement
- Evidence of a loan or line of credit
- In-kind contributions need proof of ownership
 - Vehicle - ICBC registration
 - Tools, equipment, furniture can provide photos

Participant Commitment



During the 48 weeks of the program

- Clients must work a minimum of 35 hours per week in their business
- No interruptions are allowed except for compassionate leave, leave to attend a funeral, medical leave, jury duty
- No vacation is allowed
- Clients may not leave the province except if it is for business and they have received prior written approval
- In the case of a partnership, client must own at least 51% of the business for the duration of the program

Business Criteria - Support



■ NEW BUSINESS CREATION

New business must be viable and sustainable
Must not saturate current markets

■ PURCHASE OF EXISTING BUSINESS

Clients must not take over the business until approved for the SE Program (following Business Concept Development)

■ FRANCHISES

Evaluated on a case-by-case basis
Decision on franchise support is determined by WorkBC and Community Futures

Business
Criteria -
No Support



■ COMMISSION BASED REVENUE

Real Estate, Mortgage Brokers, etc.

■ MULTI-LEVEL MARKETING VENTURES

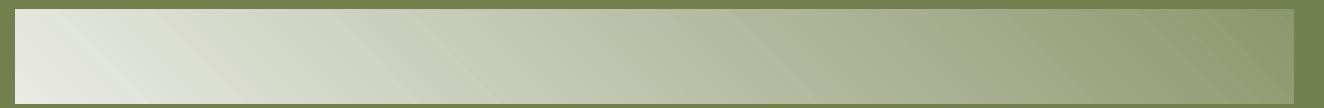
Tupperware, Mary Kay, Amway, etc.

■ SEASONAL OR PART-TIME VENTURES

Business plan must show year-round plan for generating revenues

■ BUSINESSES PROMOTING SEX, RELIGION OR POLITICS

Any Questions?



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