

## Skills Council of Canada receives \$3,824,699 funding from Ontario Government

To support Apprenticeship Skills-To-Employment Collaborative Support Ecosystem (CSE)



**Ottawa, Ontario Apr 28, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - **Skills Council of Canada Inc.** (the “**Company**”) would like to announce that it has executed a funding agreement with the Ontario Government, under the program “Skills Development Fund Round 2”. The Government of Ontario has approved funding of \$3,824,699 to support the Company’s Apprenticeship Skills-to-Employment CSE program, which started on March 30th, 2022, and will be completed by March 31st, 2023.

This project will work to solve a fragmented skills ecosystem that will support 500 youth, women, and Indigenous Peoples in developing a range of skills, aiding with personal and professional barriers, while building pathways to employment opportunities in apprenticeships across Ontario. There is no one company that can support all individuals’ requirements due to the significant personal, and professional variables/barriers that exist. That is why the need for a Skills-to-Employment Collaborative Support Ecosystem is necessary providing the resources to tackle individual variables in a manner that is

seamless to their career development journey. With an integrated collaboration of partners and employers contributing to the student's needs, we will see an increase in apprenticeship to employment opportunities in Ontario. As individuals have different career ambitions, educational backgrounds, personality types, skill levels, work behaviors, life experiences, work/life balance barriers, and the need for ongoing skills development for sustained employment, the CSE will require many different levels of support and multitude of partners.

*"Our government is committed to spreading opportunity more fairly and widely to every corner of our province," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "That's why we're investing in this Skills Council of Canada initiative, which will knock down barriers and help 500 youth, women, and Indigenous people take the next step in their careers."*

*"This is an exciting opportunity for the skills industry as it will transform a typically siloed process into one of provincial collaboration. With the support of Minister McNaughton, the partners we have brought together for this project are all very experienced leaders and business owners, currently supporting students not only across Canada but globally. Working together through our innovative CSE platform, will we help achieve better outcomes for the students, and for Ontario employers", said Brad Loiselle, Skills Council of Canada.*

The Company has already engaged with its core partnership team who will support the AI-powered foundation of the CSE and provide access to thousands of resources to guide the student to a successful apprenticeship, while also simplifying an employer's recruitment process.

The Company will continue to seek out partners (student support, trade unions, employers) that add value to the student's journey and help ensure employers' and industry requirements are being met.

### **About Skills Council of Canada Inc.**

Skills Council of Canada Inc. (SCC) is based in Ottawa, Ontario, and is a social impact organization building holistic integrated solutions that support Canada's Sustainable Development Goals with a prime focus on education-to-employment. Operating in collaboration with Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations, SCC promotes the development of good health/well-being, access to quality education and equal employment, gender equality, access to clean drinking water, affordable clean energy, decent work for economic growth, innovative technology ecosystems, infrastructure, reducing inequality, sustainable communities, and developing partnerships required to support these efforts.

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