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## PROVINCIAL UPDATES

**[Ontario Provides Significant Financial Support to the Arts Sector](#)** - Funding will help arts organizations and artists cover losses due to COVID-19 - The Ontario government is supporting the arts sector with a one-time investment of \$25 million to help artists and arts organizations survive the COVID-19 pandemic, remain solvent and prepare for a time when they can fully re-open their facilities, resume full programming and welcome back their visitors and audiences.

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**[Ontario Provides More Than \\$1 Billion In Support for Small Business](#)** - Funding is helping eligible business owners affected by the COVID-19 restrictions - The Ontario government has to-date provided more than \$1 billion through the Ontario Small Business Support Grant to help eligible business owners affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. The grant provides a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 and can be used in whatever way makes the most sense for individual businesses; from paying employee wages, to offsetting the cost of rent, to purchasing inventory.