

# RED RIVER MÉTIS ECONOMIC INSIGHT

## RED RIVER MÉTIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

*Calling all Red River  
Métis Entrepreneurs*

## CELEBRATING RED RIVER MÉTIS BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

*A look back at the Red  
River Métis Business  
Excellence Awards*

## EMPOWERING GROWTH

*Expanding  
opportunities for  
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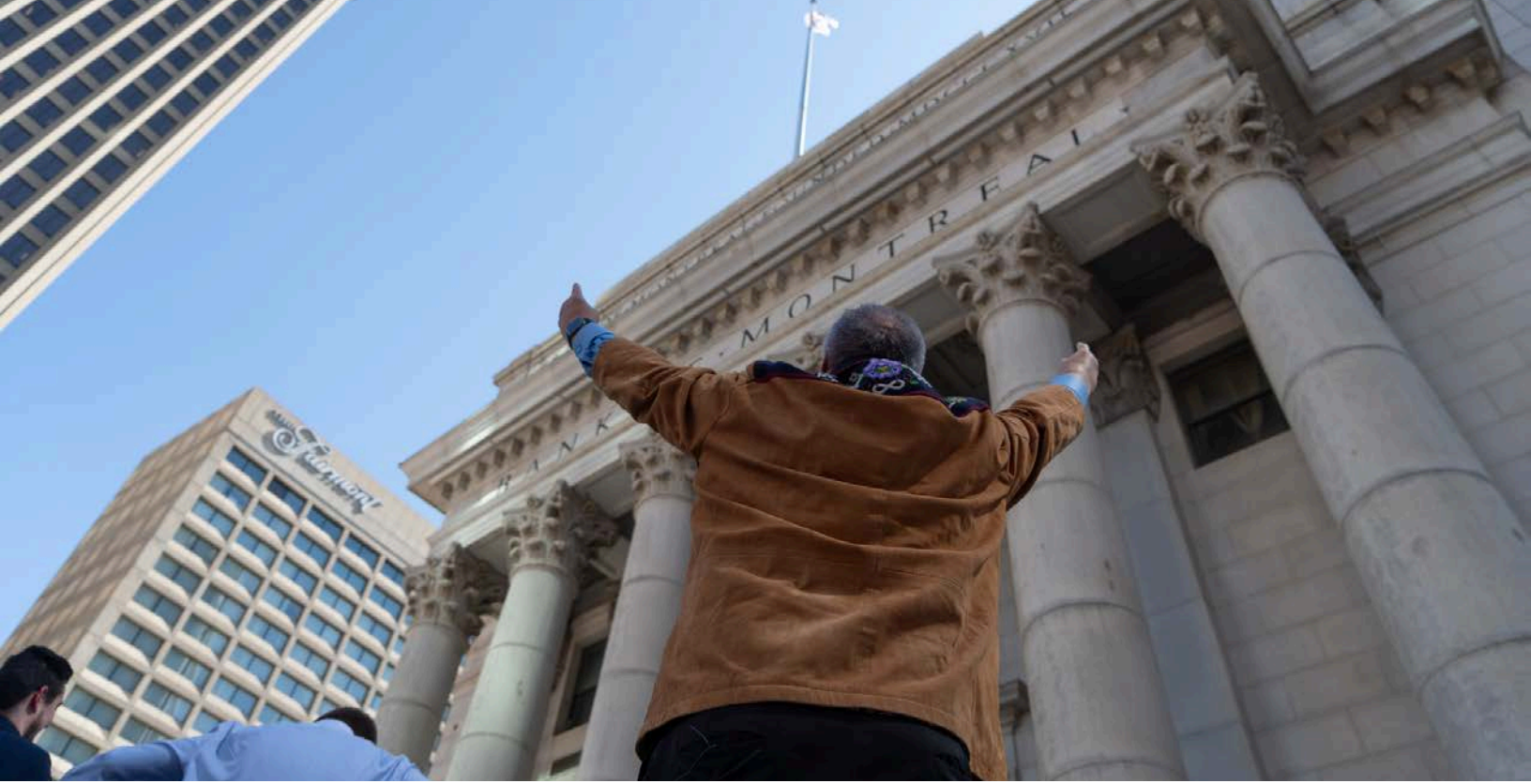
## BUILDING MOMENTUM IN CLEAN ENERGY

*Red River Métis Power Corp*

**RED RIVER MÉTIS ECONOMIC  
RESURGENCE, BUILDING UPON OUR LEGACY**

**PRESIDENT  
DAVID  
CHARTRAND**





# RED RIVER MÉTIS ECONOMIC RESURGENCE, BUILDING UPON OUR LEGACY

MMF PRESIDENT DAVID CHARTRAND  
MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**“The strength of our entrepreneurs, paired with our collective vision, is driving the resurgence that is reshaping the future of Red River Métis economic development”**

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## OUR HISTORY AS ENTREPRENEURS

The largest buffalo hunts ever carried out were organized by our People, the Red River Métis. Through the early to mid 1800's, and before our leaders of the time negotiated Manitoba's entrance into Canada's Confederation, our buffalo hunts were our means of sustenance, trade, transportation, and income.

Our buffalo hunts stand as the roots of our governance, the heart of our work ethic, as well as our entrepreneurial spirit and our innovative approach to opportunities. The hunts, highly organized and militaristic in nature, birthed our Laws of the Hunt, and were foundational to our long-standing resolve to defend our Homeland and Rights.

Our traditional way of life, typically comprised of multiple activities and sources of income, reflected our connection with the land, water, and seasons. Through trapping, forestry, fisheries, and guiding, our traditional economies were historically strong, but have since been overrun by large corporations and market shifts. In rural areas, this evolution has moved us to the sidelines of the economy over the past century.

## REBUILDING TRADITIONAL ECONOMIES

Through initiatives over the past five years, the MMF has been re-building our traditional practices of trapping and artisanship. Our Red River Métis Fur Company has been buying furs from Red River Métis trappers since we launched the company in 2022. Many of the furs purchased at 20% over market value are provided to our artisans at no-cost, but with the obligation to sell finished products to our Red River Métis Marketplace, who in turn sells them locally and to the world.

The Red River Métis Marketplace is now buying products from over three-hundred Red River Métis artists and artisans who create a variety of incredible products. This includes fur and leatherworks, but also includes beadwork, paintings, birchbark designs, and other cultural items. Be sure to visit the Red River Métis Marketplace in store, online, or at many of our government and community events.

Our MMF Economic Development team recently delivered a Red River Métis Artist and Artisan Entrepreneurship initiative with 39 participants. The program offered business development, market readiness, and budget training to the group through virtual and in-person sessions. A second offering of the initiative will be available in the coming months.

Following the program's final in-person session, the MMF was able to nominate and support Red River Métis artisan Shannon Kalic in her participation at the International Pavillion of the Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 in New Delhi, India, held March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. I know that she represented herself and all Red River Métis extremely well on the international stage.

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***“This work connects culture and commerce—supporting our artisans while sharing Red River Métis craftsmanship with the world.”***

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## THE HEAD START WE NEVER GOT

Canada neglected to implement the land grant provisions of s. 31 of the Manitoba Act, 1870 in accordance with the honour of the Crown. This led to many Red River Métis families not getting the head start promised to the next generation. Since 2019, the MMF through the Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC) has been delivering the First Time Home Purchase Program to support Red River Métis with their down payment and closing costs to purchase their first home.

Over the past seven years, 1488 applications have been funded for a total of over \$21.5M resulting in 3,028 people in now in their own homes. The total value of all homes purchased is over \$383M and the program is making a significant contribution to the economy. The real impact is at the individual and family level with new homeowners now having a tangible asset to help advance their financial circumstances and to assist in the transfer of wealth to the next generation of Red River Métis. This new home ownership is bringing increased stability and pride among owners and their families.

## BUILDING STRENGTH OF TODAY'S ENTREPRENEURS

Our Economic Development portfolio continues to support Red River Métis entrepreneurs and business owners in a number of ways. Our financial institution, the Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC), continues to provide commercial grants and loan financing, as well as a number of small business focused programs to support the start up, acquisition, and expansion of Red River Métis-owned businesses.

Along with grants and financing, LRCC also holds the responsibility for our Red River Métis Business Directory. The directory includes Red River Métis businesses that have been verified for majority Red River Métis ownership, which is always validated with the MMF's citizenship registry. This ensures that those looking for a Red River Métis business can be confident in who they are working with when using the directory. The directory has seen exponential growth over the past five years, now featuring over 940 Red River Métis businesses. Our gold standard business directory is now formally recognized by Canada for use in its procurement, setting the bar for what Indigenous procurement can be in Canada.

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***“From \$21.5 million in funding to over \$383 million in home value, this program is transforming lives and strengthening our economy”***

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## ONGOING SUPPORT FOR RED RIVER MÉTIS BUSINESSES

Our Red River Métis Business Development Corporation (RRMBDC) also works to support our business community through equity and loan financing, as well as through comprehensive business services such as bookkeeping, digital marketing, and group benefits.

The RRMBDC also coordinates the Red River Métis Business Association. With a current membership of over 200 members, the business association provides valuable programs and services to Red River Métis businesses. If you are a Red River Métis entrepreneur or business owner, be sure to register with the business association for great benefits and to network with others.

Our Red River Métis business community remains engaged and optimistic, beyond non-Red River Métis businesses, secure in the support of the Nation and your Red River Métis Government. With the strength of our entrepreneurs and our business leaders, we continually evolve to be better positioned to grow Red River Métis participation in the supply chains of many buyers, including the Government of Canada, Government of Manitoba, large cities and municipalities, major corporations, and large non-governmental agencies. Without a doubt, the individual and collective strength of our business community is contributing to our overall resurgence.

## EXPANDING OUR RED RIVER MÉTIS FOOTPRINT

A key aspect of our economic growth and investment approach is to continue to grow the MMF's lands and properties portfolio. Currently there are 128 titles held by 13 entities within the portfolio which has an asset value of over \$140 million. The portfolio is comprised of various types of properties including: commercial office for our government, MMF Regions and Affiliates, and third-party use; lands for harvesting, youth camps, and environmental education; residential for affordable housing, and child and family services; early learning and childcare centres; resorts; and warehousing.

These investments in lands and properties, along with our financial investments in the market and direct investments in emerging companies are positioning us with economic and financial strength for today and for future generations.

As well, the MMF is providing its share of opportunities for our business community. Through lands and properties acquisitions, we are creating business for contractors and employment for tradespeople and other service providers. This includes major capital projects such as the redevelopment of 335 Main Street in Winnipeg and the establishment of our Red River Métis National Heritage Centre, the building of our Red River Métis Tree Nursery, the mixed-use



and mixed-income development in downtown Selkirk, the development and redevelopment of many of our government offices, and the establishment of our Early Learning and Child Care Centres

As Red River Métis Citizens expect, many of our developments are being done with a priority on sustainable development, never losing sight of our shared responsibilities as stewards of the land. Whether doing deep energy retrofits, protecting endangered species or species-at-risk, developing renewable energy, or creating a carbon-offset program, the MMF strives to use leading practices in its economic development initiatives.

## **FOCUSING ON GROWTH THROUGH MEDO**

We are balancing sustainable development with an emphasis on job creation, quality of life benefits, and long-term self-sufficiency for Red River Métis, through our group of MMF Affiliate for-profit companies under the Métis Economic Development Organization (MEDO).

MEDOCare Pharmacy, now with two locations and a third location opening soon in Selkirk, continues to deliver high level pharmacy care as well as health and wellness programs and services to our citizens and others. Through profit generation we are able to provide no cost medicine to eligible MMF citizens 55+ with an annual individual net income of \$35,000 or less.

Lake Manitoba Resort in St Laurent will be opening its 75 site RV Park this summer building on the existing golf, pro shop, and clubhouse offerings. The MMF has made significant investments in the resort to bring campers, golfers, and visitors a top-quality recreational experience. Be sure to check out the Lake Manitoba Resort website at [www.lakembresort.com](http://www.lakembresort.com).

Rapid City Memorial designs and delivers beautiful memorial stones in the Southwest, Northwest, Interlake Regions, and beyond borders in Saskatchewan. They have an extensive library of images available or can use high quality photographs to be laser etched in high quality stone. A Red River Métis artist is on staff who can create a truly personalized memorial.

Today, our People are as strong as ever. Our resurgence economically, paired with our self-determination and collective mindset, will ensure that as we advance together, we will leave no one behind.

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# BUILDING BUSINESSES, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

**>>> INSIDE THE RED RIVER MÉTIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

The Red River Métis Business Association (RRMBA) is a driving force behind the growth and success of Red River Métis entrepreneurs. Through strategic programming, meaningful connections, and community-focused initiatives, the RRMBA equips members with the tools and opportunities needed to thrive in today's evolving economic landscape.

*“Empowering Red River Métis entrepreneurs through connection, opportunity, and growth.”*

Membership provides access to in-house business services including Marketing, Bookkeeping, and Group Health Benefits. Members also benefit from exclusive learning opportunities such as the Lunch & Learn Series, regional mixers, and hands-on workshops designed to support business growth at every stage.

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Red River Métis Business Association

**CALLING ALL RED RIVER MÉTIS ENTREPRENEURS**

**Built on four key pillars—networking, programs, events, and connectivity—the RRMBA creates a strong foundation for collaboration, resource access, and engagement with business supports through the Manitoba Métis Federation and its affiliates.**

## ***“FROM LEARNING TO NETWORKING, RRMBA CREATES OPPORTUNITIES THAT TURN CONNECTIONS INTO GROWTH”***

Signature events like the Red River Métis Business Expo, Business Excellence Awards Gala, and procurement-focused networking events bring the community together while creating new opportunities for growth and partnership.

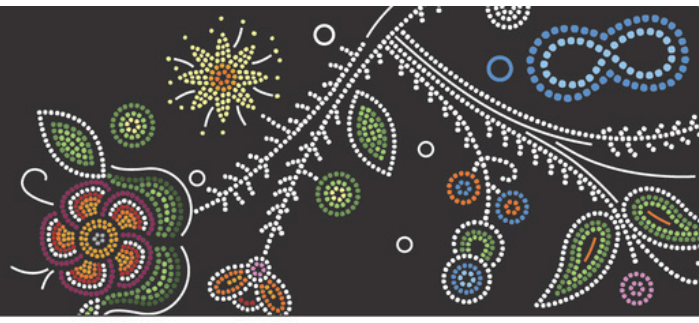
Beyond events, the RRMBA continues to amplify member voices through initiatives like Métis Hour on NCI Radio and monthly Member Spotlights, celebrating the strength and diversity of Métis entrepreneurship.

***“The RRMBA is not just supporting businesses—it’s shaping the future of Red River Métis economic development.”***

As the business landscape evolves, the RRMBA remains committed to driving success through connection, visibility, and opportunity.

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### ECONOMIC GROWTH

Creating jobs, training the next generation, and investing in Métis-owned businesses and trades.



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## ➤➤➤ A LOOK BACK AT THE 2025 RED RIVER MÉTIS BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Last November, the Red River Métis business community came together for an evening of celebration, connection, and recognition at the Red River Métis Business Excellence Awards, held at the Fort Garry Hotel. The event brought together entrepreneurs, leaders, and partners to honour the achievements of Métis-owned businesses across the Province.

From emerging entrepreneurs to established leaders, the evening showcased the innovation, resilience, and leadership driving a strong and growing Métis business community—reflecting both individual success and collective momentum.

*“The Red River Métis Business Excellence Awards are more than a celebration—they are a reflection of the strength, resilience, and future of Red River Métis entrepreneurship.”*

Beyond the awards, the event highlighted the power of connection—fostering partnerships and creating opportunities for continued growth. A full recap video is available at [rmbdc.ca](http://rmbdc.ca) for those who wish to relive the evening.

As we reflect on the success of the 2025 Awards, we look ahead with excitement to this year’s celebration, returning in 2026. **Date to be announced.**



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If you're a business owner, you probably didn't start your business because you love paperwork. You started it because you had an idea, a passion, or a goal. Somewhere along the way, keeping track of money became part of the job — and for many owners, it's the part that causes the most stress.

At Red River Métis Business Development Corporation (RRMBDC), we see this all the time. Business owners try to do everything themselves, including the books, until it starts to feel overwhelming.

Putting things off is one of the biggest challenges. You plan to update your records later, but later keeps getting pushed back. Before you know it, months have gone by and everything feels harder to untangle.

Did you know? Most bookkeeping problems don't start with mistakes — they start with being too busy.

When your records aren't up to date, it's easy to start guessing instead of knowing. Can you afford to grow? Are certain jobs actually profitable? Why does your bank balance feel lower than expected? Without clear information, every decision feels uncertain.

Did you know? Many business owners are surprised by what they learn once everything is organized and clearly laid out.

There's also the stress that lingers in the background. Even when you're not actively working on your books, they stay on your mind. That constant 'I should really deal with this' feeling can be exhausting.



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**“You don't have to love bookkeeping  
—you just need a system you can  
trust”**

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Small slips can add up quickly—missed payments, unrecorded transactions, or mixing personal and business expenses may seem minor at first, but over time they create confusion and stress. In fact, cleaning up months of disorganized records often takes more time than keeping them organized from the start.

This is where the right bookkeeping support makes a difference. At RRMBDC, our services are flexible and tailored to your business—ensuring your records stay clear, up to date, and easy to understand, without unnecessary complexity.

***For information regarding the bookkeeping services offered through RRMBDC, contact [michelle.syntak@mmf.mb.ca](mailto:michelle.syntak@mmf.mb.ca).***

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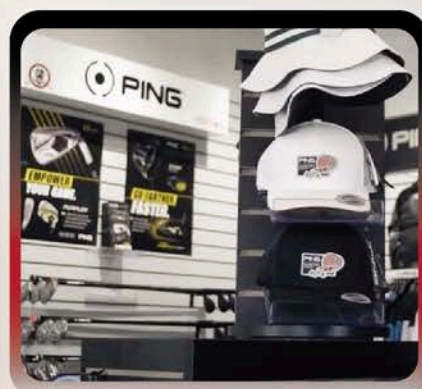
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The clinic is owned and operated by cousins Holly Vezina and Tiffany Burkland, who are proud Red River Métis Citizens. They founded the business with a vision of combining medical-grade technology with personalized, results-driven care. Recognizing the need for a welcoming and trustworthy space where clients could access the latest aesthetic treatments, they set out to create an environment focused on natural-looking results

and helping clients feel confident as the best version of themselves.

Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC) played an important role in supporting the business during its start-up and expansion phase. Through LRCC's Business Grant & Loan Program, the clinic was able to grow its operations and open a new location.

For other Red River Métis entrepreneurs, the owners encourage making use of the supports available through the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), noting that programs, services, and resources can make a meaningful difference when starting or growing a business.

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# NEW PROGRAMS AT LRCC

**P**rofessional Loan Program: designed to help Red River Métis citizens establish their professional and entrepreneurial pathways.

The program provides access to capital for early-career and startup needs, supporting everything from professional licensing and certification fees to office setup and essential business tools. Applicants may receive a combination of competitive-interest loans and non-repayable grants, with flexible repayment terms, grace periods, and interest-only options to ease the transition from education to professional life. Priority is given to those pursuing careers in healthcare, law, business, engineering, and other professional fields. This program empowers Red River Métis citizens to confidently launch their careers, start their own practice, and build sustainable professional futures.



**Smart Money Skills:** LRCC's personal lending team recently launched the Red River Métis Smart Money Skills workshop as part of a broader financial literacy initiative. This program is designed to give Red River Métis citizens practical tools and knowledge to achieve their personal financial goals, including tips on budgeting, saving, managing debt, and planning for the future. By providing hands-on guidance and real-world strategies, the workshops aim to empower participants to make confident financial decisions. Groups interested in having LRCC host a workshop are encouraged to reach out for more information.

# DID YOU KNOW?

The First Time Home Purchase Program helps Red River Métis citizens buy their first home by providing funding towards the down payment and closing costs. The program is about to celebrate its 1,500th home purchased, proving The Manitoba Métis Federation's commitment to improving access to safe, affordable, and sustainable housing for their citizens.

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**“The program is about to celebrate its 1500<sup>th</sup> home purchased!”**

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# INSIDE LRCC: YOUR BUSINESS LOAN & GRANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**>>> INTERVIEW WITH CANDYCE AMOS, MANAGER, COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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## **Q: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LRCC'S BUSINESS LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM?**

**A:** It's a program designed to help Red River Métis entrepreneurs start, expand, or acquire a business through a combination of a business loan and a non-repayable grant.

## **Q: HOW IS LENDING THROUGH LRCC DIFFERENT FROM GOING TO A TRADITIONAL BANK?**

**A:** We typically require less cash equity from the business owner than a traditional bank, and we provide one-on-one support throughout the entire process.

## **Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PART ABOUT WORKING WITH RED RIVER MÉTIS BUSINESSES?**

**A:** Watching individual entrepreneurs thrive, and seeing the Red River Métis business community grow is so rewarding. It's amazing to see how each person's success helps build a stronger, more vibrant business landscape and even opens doors for others in the community.

## **Q: WHAT DOES LRCC LOOK FOR WHEN CONSIDERING**

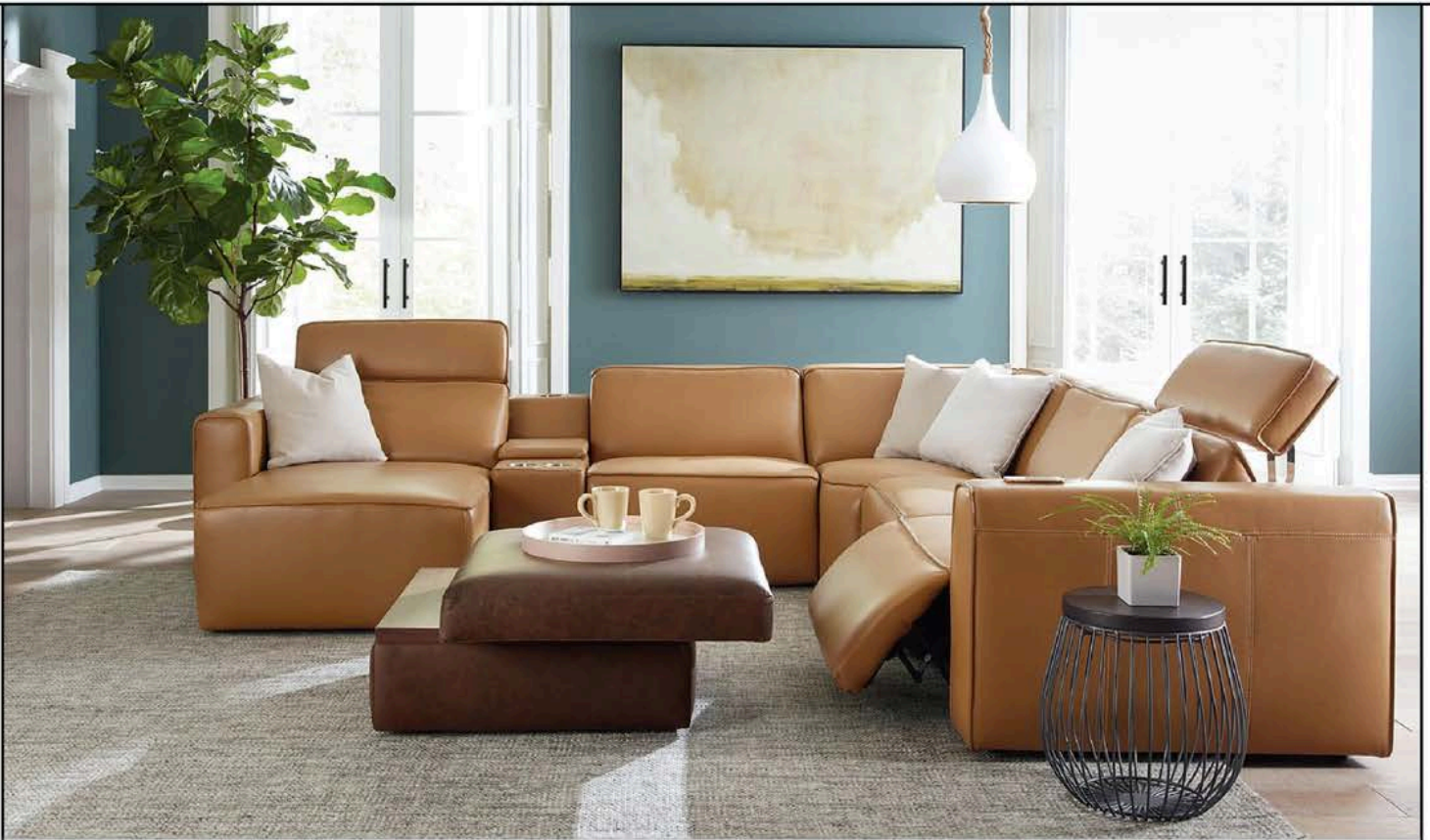
**A:** Like most lenders, we review key information such as the business plan and idea, credit history, net worth, potential collateral, and a clear understanding of what the entrepreneur is hoping to achieve.

## **Q: IF YOU HAD 10 SECONDS TO GIVE FINANCING ADVICE TO ENTREPRENEURS, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

**A:** Have a plan, think it through, keep some cash savings available to support your business, and don't be afraid to ask for help.

## **Q: WHAT'S THE FIRST STEP FOR SOMEONE INTERESTED IN THE BUSINESS LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM?**

**A:** Give us a call! Our team will walk you through the process and answer any questions you have.



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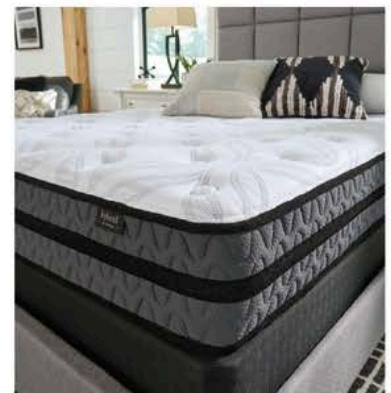
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# Economic Development



## EMPOWERING GROWTH: ADVANCING RED RIVER MÉTIS ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

### EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RED RIVER MÉTIS ENTREPRENEURS

#### MÉTIS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Métis Economic and Community Development (MECD) team continues to expand supports that help Red River Métis entrepreneurs and businesses grow, access new opportunities, and strengthen their participation in Manitoba's economy, and beyond borders.

This quarter, the team enhanced its capacity to support Red River Métis businesses pursuing procurement opportunities by introducing a dedicated officer focused on identifying and sharing contract opportunities across public and private sectors. This work strengthens the ability of Red River Métis businesses to connect with emerging procurement opportunities and participate more fully in major projects and supply chains.

The Red River Métis Artist and Artisan Entrepreneurship Initiative continues to gain strong momentum.

The initiative provides tailored business development support to artists and artisans working across a range of cultural mediums, helping participants build sustainable businesses while showcasing the rich artistic traditions of the Red River Métis. Participants have continued to expand their markets, strengthen their business practices, and connect with new opportunities to showcase their work.

The team's business navigation sessions remain a valued service for Red River Métis entrepreneurs. Through one-on-one guidance, these sessions help business owners access funding programs, explore procurement and partnership opportunities, and navigate the broader business ecosystem. Demand for these sessions continues to grow as more entrepreneurs seek practical, personalized support to move their ventures forward.

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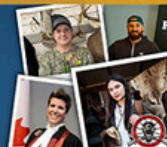
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This spring, the Red River Métis Power Corporation (RRMPC) is moving forward with significant momentum as we advance Red River Métis-led wind energy in the heart of our Homeland. Since our last update, our project team has actively engaged with local municipalities, landowners, and community partners to ensure that every step of this development remains rooted in Red River Métis values and secures long-term benefits for our Citizens.

Building on this collaborative foundation, the RRMPC has reached a major milestone by formally submitting its proposal to Manitoba Hydro's Request for Qualified Suppliers (RFQS). This submission represents a critical step toward our goal of bringing 200 MW of clean wind generation online. Furthermore, we are proud to announce a strategic partnership with RES Renewable Energy Systems), a global leader in renewable energy.

This collaboration strengthens our ability to deliver a world-class project centered on Red River Métis ownership, environmental stewardship, and community economic development.

You can read the full partnership announcement at <https://www.mmf.mb.ca/news/rrmpc-establishes-partnership-with-res-to-deliver-renewable-energy-for-manitobans>.

Together, these achievements reflect the determination of the Red River Métis Government to lead Manitoba's clean energy transition, ensuring that the environmental, economic, and entrepreneurial opportunities generated through this work directly benefit Red River Métis Citizens for generations to come.

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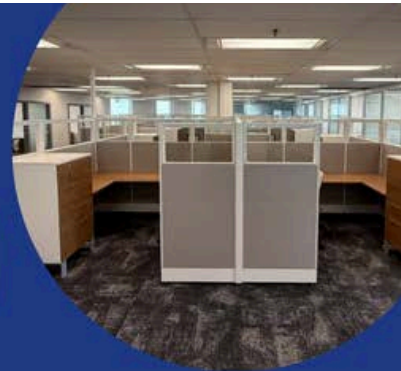
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