



### CYBERSECURITY FINTECH INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM (CFIPP)

**Eligible Use of Funds:**

Eligible expenses include costs and activities directly related to achieving the objectives for which the OCE funding was granted. All procurement activities must conform to [Broader Public Sector Accountability Act](#) (BPSAA).

**Eligible Expenses:**

Actual costs directly attributable to and necessary for the completion of the project and are not wholly or partially for another purpose. One-time costs, directly attributable to implementation of the project; actual cash outlays that must be documented through invoices, receipts, or records - and are subject to verification by an independent auditor. Evidence of payment must be maintained for audit purposes. Costs incurred outside Ontario are ineligible unless otherwise approved by OCE.

**Retroactive Expenses:**

OCE will acknowledge expenses after the approval date. In cases where an application is not approved and activated, expenses are incurred at the risk of the applicant.

**Institutional Overhead:**

This is an ineligible expense unless otherwise stated.

**Founder's Salary:**

For a Start-up company, the maximum allowable compensation for a founder is \$5,000 per month (terms and conditions apply), please consult with your OCE Business Development Manager for details.

**Capital Costs:**

Capital items (fixed assets) include equipment, testing tools, and instruments that have residual values as determined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) at the end of the funding period. The eligible expense items allowed by OCE are the cost of utilization/depreciation of capital item (fixed assets) specifically required for the delivery of the eligible project. The prorated cost should be entered under "Operating Expenses" along with the justification.

**Notes:**

**GAAP** is a collection of commonly-followed accounting rules and standards for financial reporting. The purpose of GAAP is to ensure that financial reporting is transparent and consistent from one organization to another.

**Residual Value** of an asset, the estimated amount that it will be worth at the end of funding period.

**Depreciation** is the systematic reduction in the recorded cost of a fixed asset.

**Travel outside of the province of Ontario requires a request for pre-approval from OCE which will include justification.**



### STREAM 1 – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION

#### TRAVEL AND LIVING:

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Travel expenses are explicitly project-related, represent the most economical option (economy fare, and standard hotel room), and must occur in Ontario</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Meals and incidentals</li> <li>✗ Reimbursement for airfare purchased with personal frequent flyer points programs</li> <li>✗ Commuting costs between residence and place of employment</li> <li>✗ Passport and immigration fees</li> </ul>

#### SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Incremental salary and/or benefits for employees of the company working on the project activities, to a maximum specified in the funding agreement with OCE (specify position and employment status)</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Limits &amp; Conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Salaries and benefits must only be claimed in proportion to the amount of time spent working directly on project activities</li> <li>✓ The company shall be required to maintain timesheets or appropriate records for all employees working directly on the project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Costs related to proposal development (including staff)</li> </ul>



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**OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sub-contractor and consultant fees if approved by OCE management prior to the start of the project and if procured in accordance with the <a href="#">BPSAA Procurement Directive</a></li> <li>✓ Research and Development cost directly related to the project</li> <li>✓ Project related computer hardware and software, including specialized hardware and software</li> <li>✓ Cost of usage of equipment (up to maximum 20% of the project cost)</li> <li>✓ Cost of direct materials, necessary for specifically identified activities and measured as having being used for the completion of the project</li> <li>✓ Materials used for prototypes; configuring, testing production processes, systems, and training employees</li> <li>✓ Cost involved in providing personnel with training and/or development in novel techniques required for the project for their role(s)</li> <li>✓ Capital lease of equipment (interest cost are not eligible)</li> <li>✓ Sales and Marketing cost attributed to the project</li> <li>✓ Cost of regulatory compliance (up to maximum specified by OCE)</li> <li>✓ Cost of professional services (legal, accounting, audit and insurance)</li> <li>✓ Cost related to the use of premises including rent, lease, and utilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Costs not directly associated with meeting the deliverables and milestones as specified in the funding agreement with OCE</li> <li>✗ Expenses of a personal nature</li> <li>✗ Ongoing cost of production</li> <li>✗ Interest cost on capital lease</li> <li>✗ General working capital requirement</li> <li>✗ Costs related to staff awards and recognition</li> <li>✗ Bonuses, dividends and cash incentives</li> <li>✗ Cost of merger and acquisition</li> <li>✗ Monthly parking fees</li> <li>✗ Meals and entertainment expenses, gifts and alcoholic beverages</li> <li>✗ Expenses associated with lobbying or government relations activities</li> <li>✗ Tax expenses (including but not limited to sales taxes, tax filing, income taxes)</li> <li>✗ Allowance for interest on invested capital, bonds, debentures, bank or other loans together with related bond discounts and finance charges</li> <li>✗ Infrastructure costs</li> <li>✗ Tangible capital costs such as, but not limited to, land, buildings, vehicles, equipment</li> </ul>



### STREAM 2 – TALENT DEVELOPMENT

#### TRAVEL AND LIVING:

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Intern and/or fellow travel costs undertaken exclusively for the project and reimbursable in accordance with the <a href="#">Government of Ontario's Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Meals and incidentals expenses</li> <li>✗ Reimbursement for airfare purchased with personal frequent flyer points programs</li> <li>✗ Commuting costs between residence and place of employment</li> <li>✗ Passport and immigration fees</li> </ul>

#### SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Intern and/or fellow salaries, benefits and stipends</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Limits &amp; Conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Salaries and benefits must only be claimed in proportion to the amount of time spent working directly on project activities</li> <li>✓ The company shall be required to maintain timesheets or appropriate records for all employees working directly on the project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Costs related to proposal development (including staff)</li> <li>✗ Any form of compensation to applicant other than to intern and or fellow</li> </ul>



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**OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<p>✓ Cost of direct materials necessary for the intern and fellow to complete the project development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Costs not directly associated with meeting the deliverables and milestones as specified in the funding agreement with OCE</li> <li>✗ Expenses of a personal nature</li> <li>✗ Ongoing cost of production</li> <li>✗ Interest cost on capital leases</li> <li>✗ General working capital requirement</li> <li>✗ Costs related to staff awards and recognition</li> <li>✗ Bonuses, dividends and cash incentives</li> <li>✗ Cost of merger and acquisition</li> <li>✗ Monthly parking fees</li> <li>✗ Meals and entertainment expenses, gifts and alcoholic beverages</li> <li>✗ Expenses associated with lobbying or government relations activities</li> <li>✗ Tax expenses (including but not limited to sales taxes, tax filing, income taxes)</li> <li>✗ Allowance for interest on invested capital, bonds, debentures, bank or other loans together with related bond discounts and finance charges</li> <li>✗ Infrastructure costs</li> <li>✗ Tangible capital costs such as, but not limited to, land, buildings, vehicles, equipment</li> </ul>