



# Wage subsidies help employers

It is critical during this health crisis for the federal government not only to financially assist workers who have lost employment due to COVID-19, but also to protect jobs and help employers keep their businesses afloat.

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program (CEWS), helps businesses cover up to 75% of workers' wages to a max of \$58,700 annually. This means a subsidy of up to \$847 per week for each eligible worker and there is no limit on the total subsidy that each employer can claim.

CEWS is for corporations of all sizes, non-profits and charities that have lost at least 15% in gross revenue in March, and/or 30% in April or May.

There will be two ways to

show this drop: by comparing March, April or May 2020 to the same month(s) in 2019, or by comparing the drop to an average of revenue earned in January and February 2020.

Employers can apply for CEWS through their CRA My Business Account portal, which is expected to be open sometime in May.

The wage subsidy is retroactive to March 15 and will cover up to 12 weeks.

Employers must apply each month they need the subsidy for, and are urged to try their best to pay the other 25% their workers would normally earn.

CEWS is meant to encourage employers to re-hire workers who have been previously laid off due to reasons related to COVID-19.



## More Summer Jobs placements available

In an effort to help employers and get more students into the workforce, the Canada Summer Jobs program has been adjusted temporarily.

Businesses that can adapt their projects to support essential services are being included and wage subsidies are being increased to 100% for all funded employers.

Hiring part-time staff will also be

allowed and cover job placements of 6-16 weeks between May 11 to Feb. 28, 2021.

I am being asked to identify organizations and/or businesses in the riding that can provide critical services but have not yet applied for Canada Summer Jobs.

Please call my office **by Friday at 4 p.m.** with ideas: 250-851-4991 or email: [cathy.mcleod@parl.gc.ca](mailto:cathy.mcleod@parl.gc.ca)

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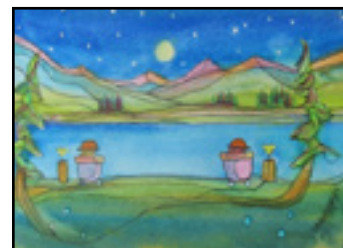
## Artist donates paintings to cheer spirits

Working Together is a regular feature in my newsletter, highlighting people doing good works amid COVID-19.

Kathy Crawshay, a retired Cariboo teacher, paints a mini-watercolour each day, some with a coronavirus inspiration,

and gives them away via her Kathy Crawshay Art Facebook page.

She's donated 27 of these cheery pieces so far!



A duo enjoying the full moon, with proper distancing.