

# 2025 / 2026

## IMPACT REPORT



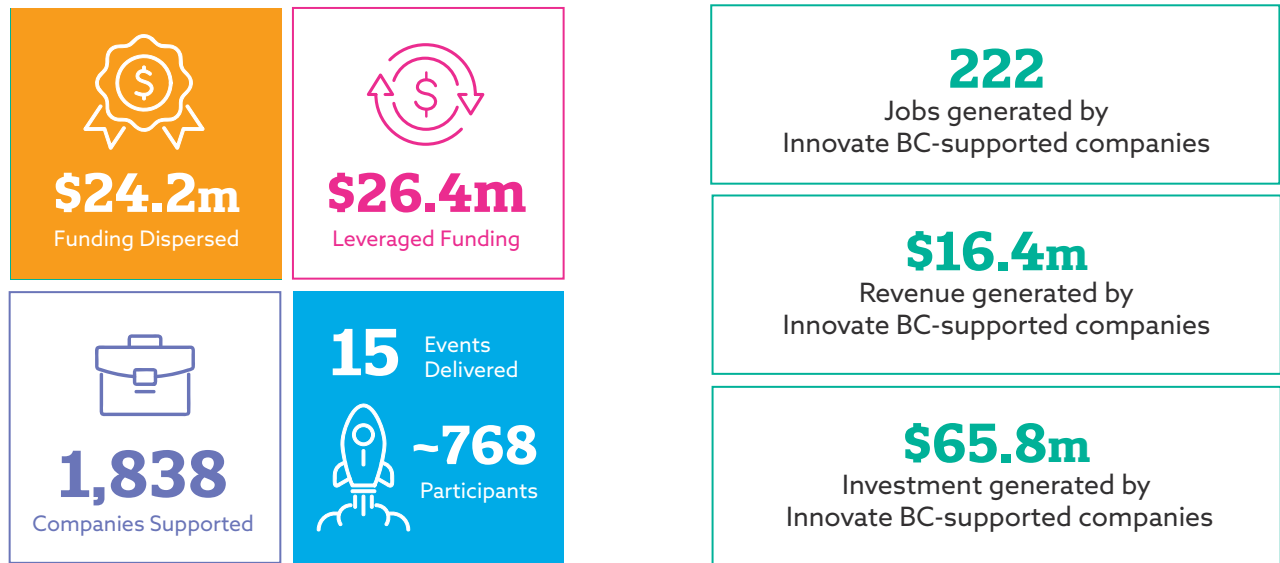
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Innovate BC joined government and industry partners at Western Canada Marine Response Corporation's Vancouver base to launch the Integrated Marketplace's Marine and Coastal Testbed.

## Fuelling B.C.'s Innovation Economy

Innovation thrives when ideas are connected to the right people, resources and opportunities. And at Innovate BC, we help innovators across the province make those connections and turn their bold ideas into real-world impact – here and beyond.

This report highlights the impact of those efforts: a continuum of support programming for all stages of the innovation journey, helping businesses advance and scale, finding real-world application for new technologies, and growing our ecosystem to create economic opportunity for British Columbians.



The Work

The Result

## Supporting Innovation Province-wide

We're proud to support a diverse and expansive collective of companies, projects, and ideas that reflect the vibrancy of British Columbia's innovation identity. From Vancouver Island to Prince Rupert, and everywhere in-between, our programs and partnerships are helping innovators province-wide reach new levels of success.



# Providing a Pathway to Growth

Innovate BC provides a continuum of support across the growth trajectory, giving B.C. innovators access to funding, expertise, strategic connections and real-world opportunities as their needs evolve. By leveraging this programming over time, companies can advance their technologies, strengthen their businesses and pursue new opportunities for success.

Through the Integrated Marketplace Platform, South Slokan-based Drop Marine is deploying smart-control technology designed to support safer, cleaner and more efficient vessel operations.



## Viridis Research Inc.

Viridis Research Inc. leverages electro-oxidation to eliminate pollutants from water. Early support through our Ignite program and the New Ventures BC Competition, Presented by Innovate BC helped them advance their technology, strengthen their commercialization strategy, and build momentum for growth.

 **Vancouver, British Columbia**

That momentum helped bring new market opportunities, supported by funding through the Early-Stage Demonstration Call and participation in the BC Pavilion at Web Summit Vancouver in 2025/26. That February, Viridis announced the completion of a major pilot program in Bangladesh with fashion leader H&M Group.

### Programs Leveraged in 2025/26:

- Early-Stage Demonstration Call
- Venture Spotlight at Web Summit Vancouver



## Saltworks Technologies

Saltworks Technologies develops advanced water treatment and resource recovery technologies that help industries reduce waste and recover valuable materials. In 2008, they competed in and won the New Ventures BC Competition, a milestone that marks a strong foundation and high potential for growth.

 **Richmond, British Columbia**

Now, Saltworks is a global cleantech leader with 200+ employees and in 2025 were ranked 112th on the Technology Fast 500™ in North America. And in 2025/26 Saltworks partnered with EMP Metals through the Integrated Marketplace to continue developing its next-generation lithium refining technology.

### Programs Leveraged in 2025/26:

- Integrated Marketplace

## 2025/2026 Programs

### Integrated Marketplace Platform

#### Growth

- Early-Stage Demonstration Call

#### Adoption

- Integrated Marketplace
- Heavy-Duty Zero Emissions Vehicle Project (HDZEV)
- BC On-Farm Technology Adoption Program (BCOFTA)

Accelerate IP

IP Hub

Go-To-Market Microgrant

BizAP

IP Assist

Road to Web Summit Vancouver

New Ventures BC Competition



For a small manufacturer building purpose-built technology in rural B.C., early-stage support like the Integrated Marketplace is the difference between a promising idea and a proven one.

**Chelsea Bannister, VP Operations,  
Drop Marine**

Innovate BC President + CEO, Peter Cowan, hosted the Startup Showcase on Web Summit Vancouver's main stage, putting five B.C. companies in the global spotlight.

# Thriving on the Global Stage

Web Summit — one of the world's largest innovation conferences — returned to Vancouver for its second year, and once again our innovators showed the world what makes our province a global technology powerhouse.



## Web Summit Vancouver 2026: At a Glance

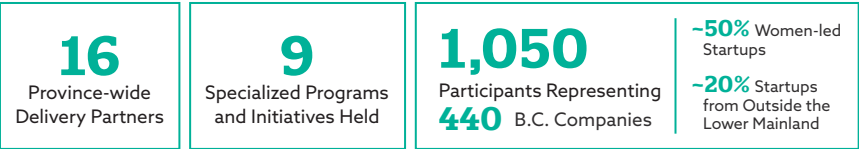


The Road to Web Summit Vancouver initiative helped us become better prepared founders, more effective communicators, and more strategic participants at Web Summit Vancouver.

Elena Endter, Founder  
Ilixir Intelligence

## Back on the Road to Web Summit Vancouver

Innovate BC's Road to Web Summit Vancouver (R2WSV) initiative also returned, partnering with ecosystem drivers across the province to equip founders with the skills needed to capitalize on the conference as a significant growth platform.



## Putting our Province at the Heart of the Conference

Innovate BC partnered with government, industry and the ecosystem to once again deliver the BC Pavilion, the central hub for British Columbia's innovation ecosystem at the conference. Across all three days it showcased our region and the incredible talent and technologies emerging out of it to Web Summit's global audience.



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to unlock the power  
of technology

# Working Together to Unlock the Power of B.C. Technology

Innovate BC brings together government, industry, investors, and ecosystem partners to create opportunities for innovators to grow and succeed. The impact of our programs is strengthened through these outcome-driven, collaborative relationships, which help align expertise, resources, funding, and strategic priorities. Together, we are accelerating the development and adoption of made-in-B.C. solutions while supporting companies at every stage of their growth journey.

The Investor Showcase brought 25 of B.C.'s most investible companies into a room to pitch directly to a group of global and local investors ahead of Web Summit Vancouver 2026.

## R2WSV Year Two Delivery Partners

Province-wide delivery partners supporting Innovate BC's Road to Web Summit Vancouver initiative.



## Ecosystem Partners

Partners we work with across sectors and regions to strengthen British Columbia's innovation ecosystem through programs, events, and capacity building.



## Funding Partners



## Integrated Marketplace + Testbed Partners



## Web Summit Vancouver Funding Partners

