

LTP Innovative Projects CFP 2017/2018

Applicants' Meeting

May 30, 2017 – 1:30 – 3:00 PM

The Immigrant Settlement and Language Programs unit (ISLP) currently has two Call-for-Proposals (CFP) out – the LTP Innovative Projects AND the Supports for Newcomer Integration. This applicants' meeting was for the LTP Innovative Projects CFP. The applicants' meeting for the Supports for Newcomer Integration CFP was held May 31, 2017.

Due date for applications is 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2017

The Language Training Program (LTP) provides funding for Innovative Projects under the Ministry of Labour's mandate in order to help prepare newcomers for the labour market.

Our programming is intended to support innovative approaches to language training so that English language learners have the opportunity to develop the language skills they need to participate in Alberta's society and economy.

Each year, we identify specific funding streams that align with current needs and priorities. This year, the Innovative Projects CFP identifies Alberta's commitment to equip Albertans, including immigrants, with the skills they need to access and keep jobs. The funding priority is projects that support **Language for Workforce Attachment**. The intention is that proposals use innovative approaches to language instruction that enhance or create employment pathways for immigrants to overcome barriers to successful labour force attachment, and to bridge the communication gap between immigrants and their employers.

Questions and Answers

Received previously

- 1. On the application guidelines, there is no outline or definition of government funding parameters. Is there a funding cap or range that applicants should be working with when drafting their proposals?*
 - There is no funding cap for proposals. The project cost is evaluated based on whether it is reasonable, realistic and feasible, and meets the call-for-proposal priorities. In past years, project costs have varied. None have been over \$500,000, and most were considerably less.

2. *Where can the budget template be found?*

- All the CFP forms and templates can be found on the [Alberta Labour website](#).
- The budget template is an Excel spreadsheet, so you can use formulas for your calculations right on the template. You can adapt the template to reflect your project's characteristics if necessary.

3. *Are organizations able to submit multiple proposals? If so, would the success of one proposal affect the success of another?*

- Yes, you can submit more than one proposal.
- No, the success of one will not affect the other. Each will be assessed on its own merit.
- Keep in mind your organizational capacity when putting together your proposals.

4. *In terms of evaluation, is more value placed on the degree of innovation or cost?*

- We don't weigh innovation and cost against each another.
- Cost: we will look at whether it is feasible and realistic for the project.
- Innovation: we look at your explanation of how innovative your idea is.

5. *Do all projects need to include a training component or can it be a resource, for example?*

- With the funding source this year, all projects need to include a training component, but it may be training instructors, not just newcomers.

6. *Are registered small businesses eligible?*

- Yes, if they also meet the other eligibility requirements.

7. *In terms of innovation, does it need to be a brand new program or can it be an innovative change to an existing program?*

- The purpose of this CFP is to test new models and innovative approaches to language training. If an existing program is the basis for exploring a new model or approach, then it would qualify.
- If the proposal doesn't include an innovation and is about attachment to the labour market, consider the *Supports for Newcomer Integration* CFP.

8. *Are municipalities eligible?*

- No, not for LTP Innovative Projects, but they are eligible under the *Supports for Newcomer Integration* CFP.

9. *On Page 6, it says projects can be up to 2 years in length. Is this funding for one time only or is it possible to have funding extended into the future if the project is successful?*

- It is time-limited. The purpose is to test new models and new ideas.
- The expectation is that applicants would have a plan for sustainability moving forward, and look at other funding sources to move it into programming.

10. *We currently have a program that we offer to industry. Can we use this grant to open it up as a free offering to bridge the gap between LINC and Bridging programs?*

- This depends on how you approach it. If you are adapting the programming to deliver language training in an innovative way, we would welcome the application.
- If it is just a different way to offer mainstream ESL – that would be Advanced Education. If it is an Integrated Program, that is another area of our ministry. It might also fit under the *Supports for Newcomer Integration* CFP if there is no innovation but it addresses workplace integration.

11. *Partnerships – should not seek financial gain. Can you explain?*

- We wouldn't want to see a company participating whose prime objective is to make money off of something you are developing. This is not seed money for a for-profit company to make money.
- Expenses can be covered for anyone who is participating in the project.

12. *Can you confirm the time frame for projects in the two CFPs?*

- LTP Innovative Language Projects – 2 years from project start date.
- Supports for Newcomer Integration – end date before Dec 31, 2018.

13. *When will decisions be made once proposals have been submitted?*

- It usually takes several months as proposals are reviewed by committees. How long that takes depends on how many proposals we receive.
- We anticipate that we are looking into the fall to notify most people.