

2012 CIC Call for Proposals – Western Region Specific Settlement Priorities

In addition to CIC's national priorities, it also sought proposals for the Settlement Program that addressed one or more specific settlement priorities for projects that are regional/local in scope but complement and align with the national ones.

Western Region funding priorities:

All projects where the proposed activities will take place in one or more of the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and/or Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

British Columbia:

Under Information and Orientation Stream: provision of newcomer reception services at Vancouver International Airport.

Alberta:

- Programs related to supporting newcomer youth at risk;
- LIPs (in Edmonton, Calgary and elsewhere in Alberta);
- Employment related services: targeting immigrants in low to mid-skill occupations; developing basic skills for entry-level positions; support for newcomers entering the skilled trades; language and workplace culture training for professionals;
- Expansion of programs under the Community Connections stream establishing links between mainstream entities and the newcomer populations;
- Establishment of Information and Referral Welcome Centre (at Edmonton International Airport and in Southern Alberta) to provide assistance to newly-arrived immigrants;
- Expansion of child care services.

Saskatchewan:

- Employment related services targeting immigrants in the low to mid-skill occupations;
- Labour Market programming focusing on employers engaging in meeting the language requirements of employed newcomers;
- Expansion of Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) or SWIS-like programming to rural centres;
- LIPs;
- Coordination of language assessment in support of clients referred to language training.

Manitoba/Northwest Territories/Nunavut:

- No regional priorities at this time.

Yukon:

- LIPs;
- Information and orientation settlement services for Francophone immigrants;
- Projects that foster community connections, including Settlement Workers in Schools.