

Alberta's Settlement & Integration Program

Guidelines for 2018-19 and beyond

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Background Information

- **In 2016, the Government of Alberta withdrew from the Integrated Service Program (ISP) to develop a new approach to better support Alberta newcomers' settlement needs.**
- **Stakeholders were engaged in February/March 2017.**
 - Feedback was used to help develop interim guidelines and the new Settlement and Integration Program.

Background Information

- **Provincial reviews, program evaluation and stakeholder consultations conducted from 2014 to 2017 revealed key systemic issues that create barriers and gaps:**
 - Awareness on accessing settlement information.
 - Small organizations and those in rural, northern and isolated communities need capacity building support.
 - Newcomer needs differ for each immigrant class (economic, family, refugee), demographic and region.
 - Expanded or unique support not covered by IRCC is needed.
 - Canadian work experience and inability to use existing qualifications to access the labour market.

Program Approach and Objectives

- **The new Settlement and Integration Program will:**
 - Allow Labour to set provincial settlement priorities and direct funding to areas that would result in the greatest benefit for Alberta newcomers;
 - Address major barriers identified through program evaluation and stakeholder dialogue that will have the most impact on Alberta's settlement system; and
 - Fund services that do not duplicate existing resources provided by federal or other provincial programming.

Program Principles

- **Expand and develop services, practices and collaborative partnerships.**
- **Be flexible and responsive to changing needs and emerging issues.**
- **Address gaps and complement existing services rather than duplicating services.**
- **Promote innovation.**
- **Promote effective distribution of services across the province.**
- **Use evaluation to build evidence.**

Areas of Focus

- **Grant funding will be directed to one or more of the following areas of focus because they directly address the identified key settlement issues and barriers in Alberta:**
 - Improving settlement access.
 - Building communities' capacity to better serve newcomer's needs.
 - Responding to emerging needs and under-served clients.
 - Supporting initiatives to improve labour market integration.

Program Eligibility

- **Eligible beneficiaries:**
 - Permanent Residents (refugees and immigrants)
 - Naturalized Canadian citizens
 - Temporary foreign workers on a path to permanent residence
 - International students on a path to permanent residence

- **Eligible applicants:**
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Post-secondary institutions
 - Community organizations
 - Municipalities
 - Registered companies (e.g. consultants)

Program Parameters & Outcomes

- **Parameters**

- Projects will be funded for up to two years.

- **Outcomes**

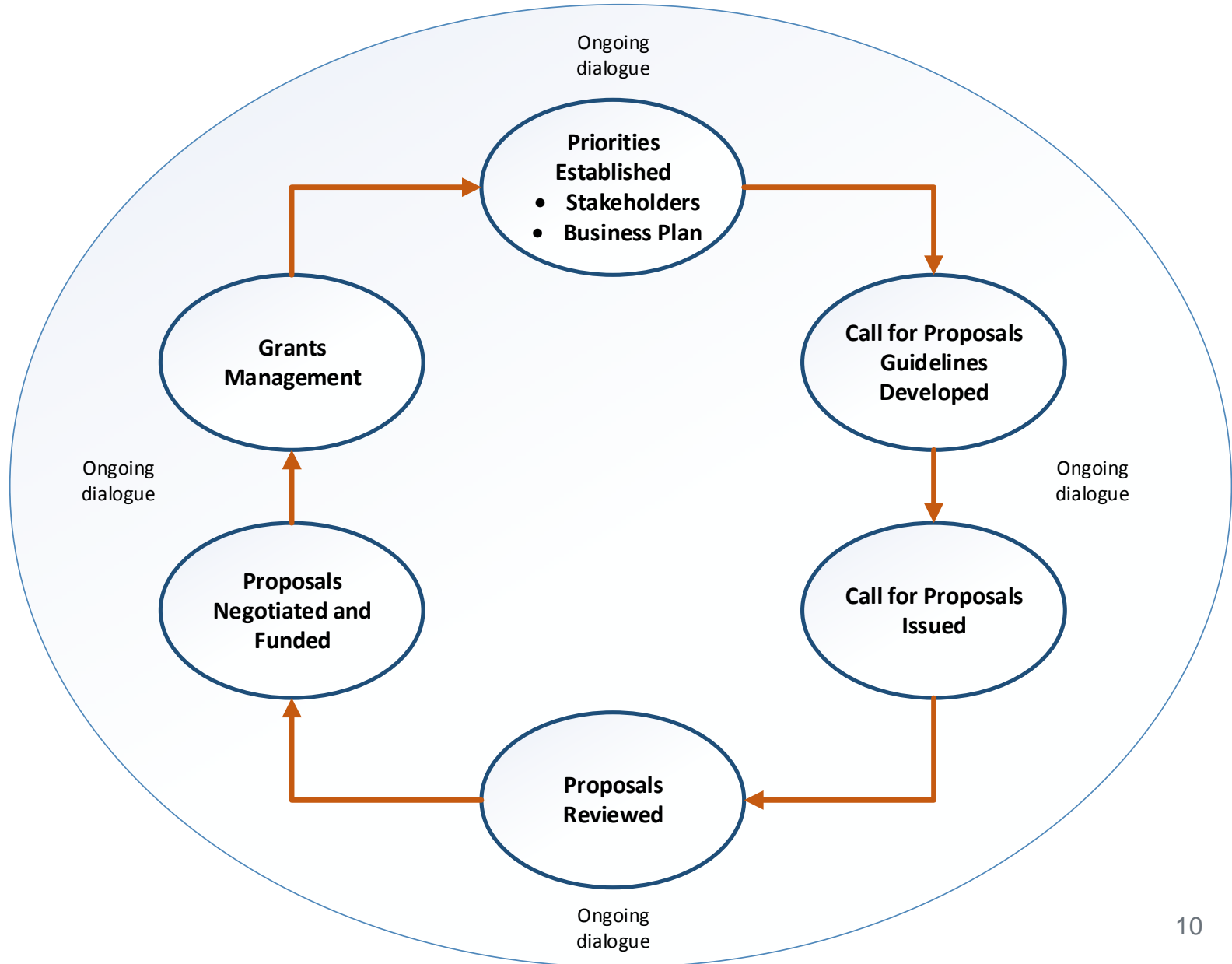
- Newcomers have:

- Greater awareness about services and programs available.
- More ability access services and connect with communities sooner.
- Current information about labour market integration.
- Increased access to sensitive, inclusive, respectful and diverse services and programs.

- Service providers, third-party organizations and communities have:

- Greater awareness about services and programs available.
- More knowledge of newcomer needs and skills for effective services.
- Increased services for unique needs (e.g. seniors, women, LGBTQ, etc.).
- Current information about labour market integration.
- Essential skills for unique needs in communities, especially rural.
- Increased workplace awareness and responsiveness to needs.

Grant Cycle



Thank You!

- **We look forward to connecting with you in person soon!**