THE WAY WE LIVE

LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS (LIPs)

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- Local Immigration Partnerships are the mechanism through which Citizenship and Immigration Canada supports the development of local coalitions and community-based planning around the needs of newcomers.
- Local Immigration Partnerships exist in several municipalities throughout Canada and are created to engage various stakeholders in a locally-driven strategic planning process to identify assets and gaps within the immigration and settlement experience.



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 LIPs focus on what is currently available to newcomers and make recommendations on how to strengthen the system to promote settlement and inclusion for all newcomers.



VISION OF LIPs

- Integrate newcomer needs into the community planning process;
- Identify community specific strategic priorities;
- Implement a settlement strategy and action plan to improve newcomer outcomes



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- Encourage dialogue and information sharing between sectors;
- Identify gaps and align services;
- LIPs do not provide direct service delivery, nor do they make funding decisions.



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WHAT DO LIPS LOOK LIKE



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- LIPs are directed by broad-based coordinating councils.
- The main goal of the partnership council is to oversee the development of a LIP strategy and develop an action plan to create a more welcoming and inclusive community.



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- STEERING COUNCIL
- WORKING GROUPS
- ADVISORY GROUPS

LIP COORDINATOR



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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA

City of Edmonton

Multicultural Relations Office citizenship and immigration canada: LIP program funder. Oversees and administers national LIP program.

CITY OF EDMONTON: Holder of the CIC Contribution Agreement. Provides support for LIP through City Council and administration.

MULTICULTURAL RELATIONS OFFICE: Organizes, develops, and supports all LIP related activities. Responsible for the delivery of all projects as outlined in the CIC contribution agreement; Responsible for reporting program and financial activities to CIC (as required by the CIC contribution agreement).



Bow Valley Immigration Partnership (BVIP) Governance Structure

DECISION MAKING

BVIP COUNCIL

Permanent council representing stakeholder organizations & advisory groups. Responsible for strategic direction, major financial decisions, coordination & information sharing with member organizations.

- · Town of Banff
- · Town of Canmore
- Bow Valley College
- BLLHMA*
- · IAG CHAIR
- Canadian Rockies Public Schools
- SSBV**
- · Citizenship &
- Immigration Canada
- · Alberta Health Services
- · Banff Ministerial Association
- Job Resource Centre
- Alberta Parks
- · Parks Canada Canmore Hotel &
- Lodging Association



IMMIGRANT

ADVISORY GROUP

(IAG)

Permanent advisory group.

Provides guidance grounded

in the lived experience of Bow

Valley immigrants, outreach &

information sharing with ethno-cultural groups & the

community.

IAG CHAIR

▲ BVIP COORDINATOR COUNCIL LIAISONS

AD HOC WORKING GROUPS

Temporary advisory groups. Guide the development and implementation of thematic 2015-2018 strategies, liaise between community groups & BVIP.

Education & Language Learning

Employment

Social Integration

Civic & Political Participation

GUIDANCE

COMMUNITY INPUT

FOCUS GROUPS

RESEARCH

COMMUNITY **EVENTS**

CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION CANADA (CIC)

Program funder. Oversees & administers national Local Immigration Partnership program.



TOWN OF BANFF & **PROJECT** SUPERVISOR

CIC contract holder. Provides supervision and support for BVIP coordinator, oversees reporting to CIC & day-to-day financial decisions.



BVIP COORDINATOR

ADMINISTRATION

Organizes & supports all BVIP groups and activities, including consultation & research. communications, outreach, event management, meeting organization, & coordination between groups.

^{*} Banff Lake Louise Hotel Motel Association

^{**} Settlement Services in the Bow Valley

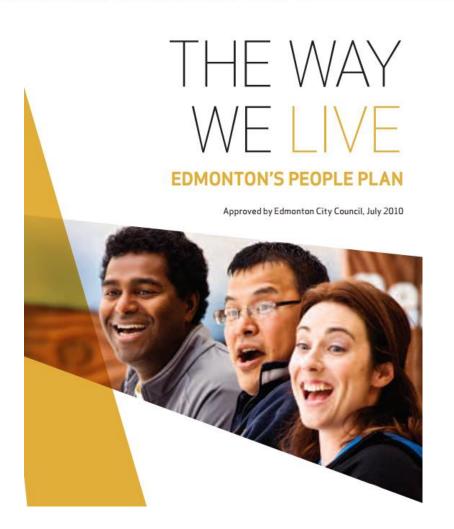
Examples of LIP projects include (but are not limited to):

- Newcomer needs assessment
- Strategic / action planning
- Increase collaboration between stakeholders

- Coordinate services at community level
- Improve accessibility to services
- Increase awareness of settlement services



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ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

The Way We Live | Goal #1 - Edmonton is a vibrant, connected and engaged welcoming city.

Meets objective 1.4 The City of Edmonton connects individuals, families, groups, cultures and communities to the services they need to thrive and realize their potential.

The Way We Live | Goal #2 – Edmonton is a caring, inclusive and affordable city.

Meets objective 3.2 The City of Edmonton increases opportunities to improve the lives of its vulnerable population.



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SIX GAME CHANGERS



Research indicates that there are six key areas of actions that will make a significant difference to individuals and families struggling with poverty:

- 1. ELIMINATE RACISM
- 2. LIVABLE INCOMES
- 3. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- 4. ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE TRANSIT
- 5. AFFORDABLE & QUALITY CHILD CARE
- 6. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

THESE ARE CRITICAL PLACES
TO START AND ALONG WITH
OTHER LONG-TERM ACTIONS
WILL END POVERTY.



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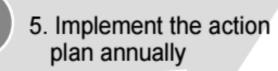


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WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS



Steps in the LIPs process



- Develop an annual action plan to address local priorities
- 3. Conduct research and establish a local settlement strategy to be implemented over three years
- Create terms of reference for the partnership council
- Establish a partnership council



Assess progress and measure outcomes

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EDMONTON LIP PLANNED ACTIVITIES May 2015 – March 2016

Establish an inclusive partnership council

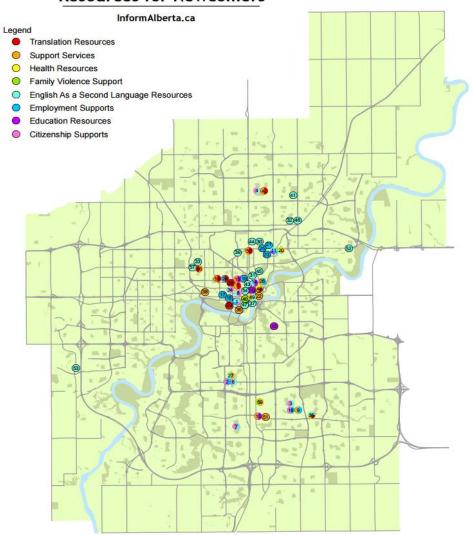
Conduct preliminary research on newcomer's needs and the community's assets and gaps.

Work towards establishing a local settlement strategy identifying key priorities for the community



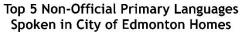
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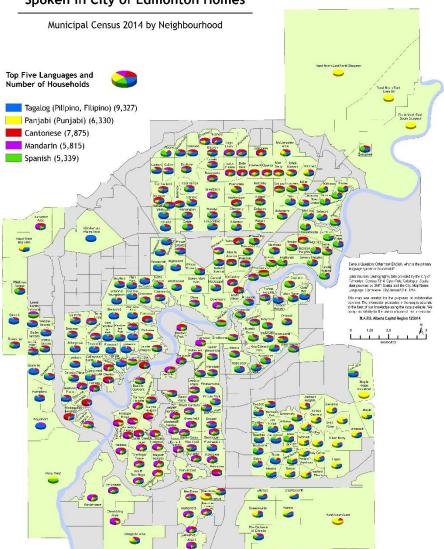
Resources for Newcomers





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 Research focusing on the lived experience of newcomers to help shape the focus of the Edmonton LIP.



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THANK YOU!

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