

## **Ontario Helping Immigrants and Refugees Settle and Succeed**

*Province Accepting Applications for Four Programs to Support Newcomers*

June 14, 2017 1:00 P.M.

Ontario is helping immigrants and refugees succeed with four programs to help newcomers find jobs, learn English or French and settle into their new communities.

The province is inviting community organizations, municipalities and the broader public sector to submit proposals for four programs that enhance services to immigrants and refugees:

- The Municipal Immigration Information Online Program and Municipal Innovation Fund supports municipalities in building online resources to help immigrants make decisions about where to settle and find information to help them prepare for their arrival. The fund also supports unique municipal projects to attract newcomers to a community or provide settlement supports, such as finding employment or health care information.
- The Ontario Bridge Training Program helps skilled immigrants find jobs in Ontario that match their skills and experience, by helping them get their license or certificate in their profession or trade.
- The Newcomer Settlement Program helps immigrants and refugees to settle, learn about life in Ontario and develop social connections.
- The Adult Non-Credit Language Training Program helps eligible adult immigrants and refugees learn the English or French skills that they need to live and work in Ontario. As part of this program, language training projects are available to complement and improve language assessment and training services currently delivered across Ontario.

Helping immigrants succeed is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

### **QUOTES**

" Our community partners are vital to ensuring refugees, newcomers and immigrants get the services they need to settle, integrate and succeed in Ontario. These calls for proposals allow us to work with our community partners to ensure that services continue and gaps in service are filled."

- Laura Albanese

Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

### **QUICK FACTS**

- Ontario is investing more than \$117 million over four years, through these four programs, to help immigrants and refugees succeed.

- Every year the Ontario Bridge Training Program helps more than 6,000 internationally trained professionals get the help they need to get licenced or secure employment in their profession.
- The Adult Non-Credit English as a Second Language (ESL)/ French as a Second Language (FSL) Program helps approximately 70,000 learners each year get the language skills they need to live in Ontario and succeed in the labour market.
- There are currently 32 municipal immigration websites in Ontario, which give an online profile to over 160 communities to attract, settle and integrate refugees, newcomers and immigrants.
- 21 municipal partners collaborate with Francophone organizations and other groups to promote French-speaking communities as destinations for immigrants through the Francophone Immigration portal.
- Immigrants make up 30 per cent of Ontario's labour force

## LEARN MORE

- Apply through [Grants Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Immigration Strategy Progress Report](#)
- [Ontario Bridge Training Program](#)
- [Adult Non-Credit Language Training Program](#)
- [Newcomer Settlement Program](#)

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## **Four Programs to Help Immigrants and Refugees Settle and Succeed**

June 14, 2017 1:00 P.M.

The province is inviting community organizations, municipalities and the broader public sector to submit proposals for four programs that enhance services to immigrants and refugees.

Through these four programs, Ontario is investing over \$117 million over four years to support ongoing and new, innovative programs to meet the needs of newcomers.

### **Municipal Immigration Information Online Program and Municipal Innovation Fund**

The Municipal Immigration Information Online Program and Municipal Innovation Fund helps municipalities to build online resources to help immigrants make decisions about where to settle and find information to help them prepare for their arrival. The fund also supports unique municipal projects to attract newcomers to a community or provide settlement supports, such as finding employment or health care information.

Applications opened on May 25 and will close on June 22. The fund will provide up to \$1 million each year, for up to three years, beginning on October 1, 2017 and concluding no later than March 1, 2020.

### **Ontario Bridge Training Program**

The Ontario Bridge Training Program helps skilled immigrants find jobs in Ontario that match their skills and experience, by helping them get their license or certificate in their profession or trade.

Applications opened on June 8 and will close on August 3rd. The fund will provide up to \$69 million over four years.

### **Newcomer Settlement Program**

The Newcomer Settlement Program helps immigrants and refugees to settle, learn about life in Ontario and develop social connections.

Applications opened on June 13 and will close on July 18th. The fund will provide up to \$30.75 million over three years.

## Adult Non-Credit Language Training Program: Language Training Projects

The Adult Non-Credit Language Training Program helps eligible adult immigrants and refugees to learn the English or French skills they need to live and work in Ontario. As part of this program, Language Training Projects are available to complement and improve language assessment and training services currently delivered across Ontario.

Applications will open on June 22 and will close on July 27th. The fund will provide up to \$15 million over three years.

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