



Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership

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History & Timeline

- 2008 Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) launch as a pilot program in Ontario
- 2019 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) call for applications
- 2020 Grey and Bruce counties receive notice of approval for funding from IRCC

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What is a Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)?

LIPs are *community-based partnerships* that support planning around the needs of newcomers. Specifically, LIPs are partnerships that:

- Foster a systemic approach to engage settlement programs and other institutions to integrate newcomers;
- Support community-based knowledge-sharing and local strategic planning;
- Improve coordination of effective services that facilitate newcomer settlement and integration.

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This initiative will address the isolation of newcomers in a large geographic area by increasing our capacity for *coordination*, *connection and collaboration* to foster a welcoming community.

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Role of the Partnership Council

LIPs come from a recognition that large-scale social change is the result of better cross-sector coordination rather than the isolated efforts of individual organizations.

The Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership Council is the strategic planning body that will ensure that multiple stakeholders participate in **coordination**, connection and collaboration.

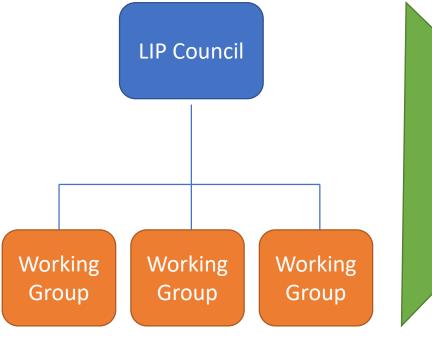
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Partnership Council



A secretariat facilitates the LIP's work by coordinating and providing organizational support.

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Next Steps

- 5. Annual review and assessment of action plan
- 4. Implementation of action plan
- 3. Conduct research and establish a local settlement strategy and action plan to be implemented over the next four years
- 2. Create terms of reference for the partnership council
- 1. Establish a partnership council

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What does success look like?

- 1. Improved outcomes for newcomers.
- 2. Newcomer needs assessed in a coordinated manner and enhanced awareness of needs among a wider array of community partners.
- 3. Expanded number and diversity of cross-sectoral stakeholders.
- 4. Broad-based partnerships developed for planning and setting priorities.
- 5. Services better coordinated at the community level and improved accessibility to (and coordination with) mainstream institutions.
- 6. Funding leveraged from alternate sources.
- 7. Increased awareness of settlement services by newcomers and thereby enhanced uptake.
- 8. Improved "host" community attitudes and receptivity to newcomers.

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Examples of other LIP accomplishments

- The Greater Moncton LIP developed an online survey to gather insight from the region's newcomer entrepreneurs.
- South Okanagan LIP hosted 'CONNECT 2018 Trades Forum' which supported newcomers in discovering career paths in the skilled trades.
- Windsor Essex LIP 'We Speak' project coordinated health service providers access to translation services.
- St. Thoman Elgin LIP created resources and a training module called 'Before you Sign'
- WE LIP Year In Review

