• Provides funding for client-focused skills training and employment support services to participants who are unemployed, non-EI eligible and allowed to work in Canada.

• Training is provided through third-party service providers under contract with the provincial government who undertake advertising and recruitment activities to alert eligible participants to their program.

• Service providers deliver services under six core service areas:
  1. Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships
  2. Entrepreneurial Skills Training
  3. Essential Skills Training - Workplace Literacy and Workplace Communication
  4. Job Readiness Training
  5. Industry and Trades Training
  6. Skills Training for Youth
What is the Canada-B.C. Job Grant?

• The Canada-B.C. Job Grant (CJG) is an employer-driven, cost-sharing program that helps employers invest in training for their current or future employees.

• The goal of the CJG is to increase participation of British Columbians in the labour force by helping them develop the skills they need to find and keep a job.
Eligible employers or organizations acting on behalf of employers can apply to four streams of funding:

- Priority Sectors
- Unemployed Stream
- Underrepresented Groups in the Workforce
- Refugee Fund
What is the Refugee Fund?

- **Up to $2M** allocated under the CJG
- Open to applications from organizations working with employers to:
  - Orient and train refugees for employment in their particular sector
  - Match refugees to employers and jobs
  - Deliver job-specific training in partnership with employers
Funding Available

• Each participant can receive up to $10,000 in training:
  ➢ Up to $5,000 for Job Readiness training
  ➢ Up to $5,000 to Job Specific training
  ➢ Employer must contribute 1/3 of Job Specific training costs
Job Readiness Training can include:

- Industry/sector specific workplace orientation
- Accelerated and specialized English language training
- Industry/sector specific skills assessments
- Work-related supports and resources
- Job entry skills
- Childcare
- Transportation
Job Specific Training can include:

- Training in soft skills, essential skills, specialized or technical skills, or management or business skills
- Certifications and examinations
- Textbooks, training software, and other required materials
Application Process

1. Submit Application
2. Deliver Job Readiness Training
3. Submit Reimbursement Claim for Job Readiness Training
4. Deliver Job Specific Training
5. Submit Reimbursement Claim for Job Specific Training
Results to Date

$879,206 in Government Contributions

89 Participants

Trained in: Industrial Sewing, Welding, Machining, Wood Working, Specialized Manufacturing and Software Development
REFUGEE FUND

The Refugee Fund allows employers to meet their labour market needs while helping refugees gain skills and employment in British Columbia. Industry/sector associations, employer associations, and union and non-profit organizations working with refugees are eligible to apply.

This Refugee Fund, providing up to $1 million, will support these organizations to prepare refugees for employment in their particular sector, match refugees to employers and jobs, and deliver job-specific skills training in partnership with employers. The Refugee Fund supports two types of training: job readiness and job-specific skills training.

Job readiness can include:

- Industry/sector specific skills assessments,
- Accelerated and specialized English language training, or
- Industry/sector specific workplace orientation, work experience and other work-related supports.

The intent is not to duplicate existing resources available in the community, such as settlement services, but to complement these resources with a focus on employment.

Job-specific training must be delivered in partnership with employers and must start on or before March 31, 2017. Employers must contribute one-third of the cost of the job-specific skills training, with two-thirds of the cost covered by the CJG. The employer must provide a job to the participant at the end of training.

Out of the $10,000 maximum amount available for CJG training, a maximum of $5,000 is available for the job readiness portion of the training. Training must be completed within 52 weeks.

Organizations and their partner employers must meet Refugee Fund eligibility criteria.