

Canada Job Fund Support for Refugees

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Employment Services and Supports Program

- 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

CJG Funding Streams

- 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

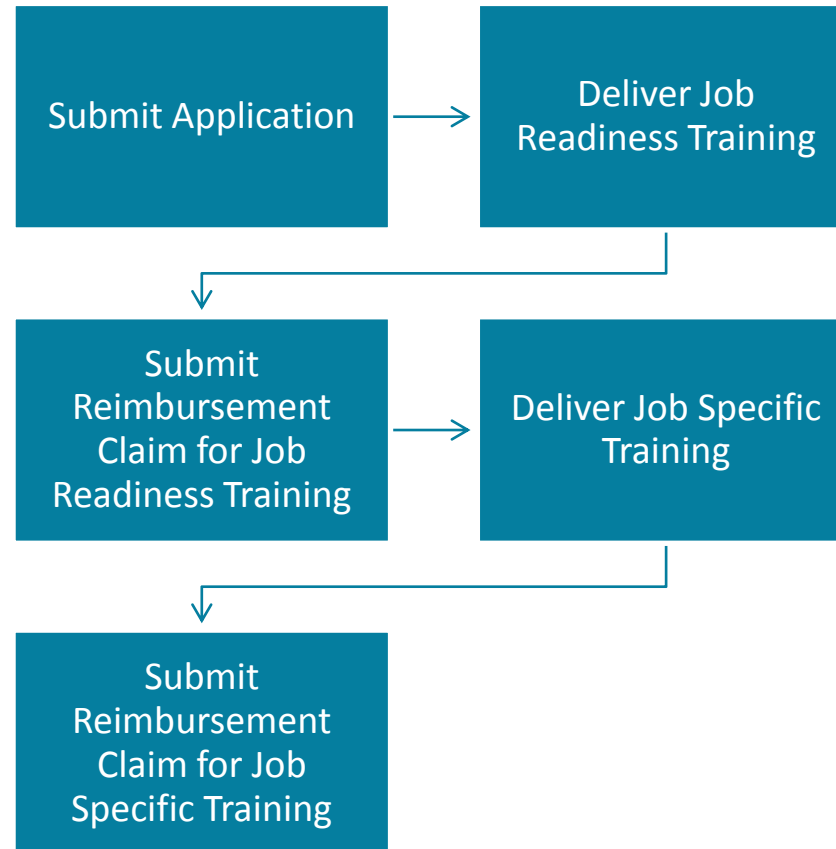
Job Readiness

- 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

- 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



Results to Date



\$879,206 in Government Contributions



89 Participants



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

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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.

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