
FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Social Development and
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Research & Innovation

- Research and Innovation (R&I) is a component of WorkBC Community and Employer Partnerships.
- R&I provides funding for eligible projects to explore and/or find untried and untested methods of delivering programming to help individuals find or return to work.
- The objective of R&I is to use progressive research and leading edge innovation to discover better ways of helping unemployed British Columbians join/rejoin the labour force, by building the employment services of the future. This can be done through research or the development and implementation of innovative projects (e.g. pilots), processes, practices and/or applications that strengthen the understanding of the labour market.
- At this time, priority will be given to pilot projects that are well positioned to enhance participant employment outcomes and/or are socially innovative over projects that are strictly research focused.
- The results gathered from R&I projects will identify better ways of helping unemployed Clients prepare for, return to, or keep employment and to become active participants in the labour market. These results must be disseminated to a wide audience.
- The following organizations are eligible to apply for funding:
 - Businesses
 - Non-Profit Organizations
 - Crown Corporations
 - Municipalities or Agencies
 - Band/Tribal Councils/First Nations Governments
 - Public Health or Educational Institutions
- Organizations may receive funding for project-specific overhead costs incurred (e.g., materials and supplies, rental of equipment and other eligible expenses negotiated with program officials) and staff costs. If a pilot project is undertaken, research subjects may be eligible for a weekly stipend, incremental costs and/or training costs.
- Project duration is typically two years or less.
- More information on Research and Innovation is available on the WorkBC website: www.WorkBC.ca/CEP
- Enquiries can also be sent to CEPTEAM@gov.bc.ca