Research & Innovation

- Research and Innovation (R&I) is a component of the Employment Program of BC’s 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 as quickly as possible.

- 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 as quickly as possible, 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 aligned with the CEP Social Innovation stream 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 productive participants in the labour force. 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 and Educational Institutions

- Organizations may receive contributions 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.

- Projects may last up to three years. However, a large research project may require several three-year agreements in order to fully realize its objective(s) and an extension of funding will be based through ongoing assessment of the project.

More information on Research and Innovation is available on the WorkBC website.
www.WorkBC.ca/CEP

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