



## Expression of Interest 2019/2020 Indigenous Literacy and Foundational Learning Programs



Calgary Learns funds non-profit organizations to provide foundational learning opportunities for adult Calgarians who face financial barriers to learning. Foundational learning focuses on basic literacy and the knowledge, skills and abilities that enable individuals to participate as neighbours and citizens, pursue further learning and have satisfying employment.

This funding stream supports Indigenous literacy and foundational learning programs or community capacity programs that meet the unique needs of Indigenous learners with components of both an Indigenous framework and adult learning principles. Eligible programming areas and requirements can be found on the [2019/2020 Request for Proposals](#).

According to the Elders Consultation ([Treaty 7 and Urban Elders Consultation](#) document), Indigenous literacy is “a lifelong process; it is not simply book learning. Indigenous literacy is being able to walk comfortably within the mainstream world and the Indigenous world.” Indigenous literacy is:

- Descriptive systems
- Critical thinking
- Oral systems
- Values and morals
- Family and community
- Worldviews prior to colonization

### Timeline of Indigenous Program Funding

November 20—Submit a written Expression of Interest Application or request time for oral Expression of Interest if you are applying for a new program or making significant changes to a currently funded program\*

January 15—Application deadline

Mid-February—Oral Interviews and Review Meeting between applicants, Calgary Learns and an Indigenous Review Team

May 15—Notification of funding decisions

\*If you have a potential project that meets [Calgary Learns' funding requirements](#), please contact Calgary Learns through one of the following methods:

- Oral Expression of Interest—Request a conversation with Monique Fry by November 20<sup>th</sup> by emailing [grants@calgarylearns.com](mailto:grants@calgarylearns.com). Skype meetings will be scheduled between November 27-30.
- Written Expression of Interest—Send a one page document using the prompting questions below to [grants@calgarylearns.com](mailto:grants@calgarylearns.com) by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Note, if you submit electronically, there will also be time for a one-on-one conversation to assist you in building your proposal prior to the final application deadline.

1. Please tell us about your organization- mission, mandate and your role in addressing Indigenous literacy.
2. Briefly describe your project idea, include the unique need your project will attempt to address, and how you plan to attract adult Indigenous learners who may have multiple barriers to accessing programs.
3. Describe your level of Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous perspectives to learning. Non-Indigenous allies should be prepared to describe your role as you understand it, and how you will continue your learning to best support Indigenous learners.
4. To the best of your ability, at this stage, please provide a draft budget for your project idea using our [Budget Template](#).