



# ECALA

## Indigenous Learning Opportunities Funding

### 2022-2024 Oral Presentation

ECALA funds agencies to provide foundational learning opportunities to adults in Edmonton who face social or financial barriers to learning. Foundational learning focuses on basic literacy and the knowledge, skills, and abilities that help individuals take part as neighbours and citizens, pursue further learning, and have satisfying employment.

ECALA funding supports Indigenous literacy and learning opportunities that meet the unique needs of Indigenous learners. Eligible categories and requirements can be found in the [2022-2024 ECALA Indigenous Learning Opportunities Funding Guidelines](#).

The Oral Presentation will be up to one-hour in length. Agencies should review the information provided in the [2022-2024 ECALA Indigenous Learning Opportunities Funding Guidelines](#) prior to the Oral Presentation and ensure that the presentation includes how the learning:

- Involves co-creation of content with Elders and/or Indigenous Community Knowledge Keepers
- Includes time with Elders and/or Knowledge keepers in the classroom
- Implements culturally grounded learning methods (i.e., storytelling, art, music, and language)
- Acknowledges the vast cultural diversity among Indigenous Peoples: First Nations, Metis, Inuit
- Includes the application of daily cultural practice (i.e., smudging, sharing circles, spirituality)
- Incorporates [First People's Principles of Learning](#)
- Is Trauma-Informed and acknowledges the impacts of Intergenerational trauma
- Includes aspects of [The Truth and Reconciliation Commissions \(TRC\) Calls to Action](#) in relation to Education and Adult Literacy

Agencies are also required to demonstrate that all staff members have knowledge of Indigenous history, and the current impacts on education. Staff members should incorporate a trauma-informed approach to topics related to Indigenous history.



Agencies that receive Indigenous Program Funding are required to develop a plan to support adult literacy training for instructors and facilitators supporting urban Indigenous people.

Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) Grant recipient agencies must also complete required staff training. Refer to the [CALP Guidelines](#) for additional information.

## B. Timeline of Indigenous Learning Opportunity Funding

**January 28, 2022** - Submit an Oral or Written Indigenous Stream Expression of Interest

**February 15 and 16, 2022** - Oral Presentation to Indigenous Application Review Committee

**Mid-June 2022** - Notification of funding decisions