Office of the Commissioner of
INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

INNOVATION STREAM: ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA OVERVIEW

Innovation Projects that Support Indigenous Languages

The Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages (the Commission) is mandated through the *Indigenous Languages Act* to:

> *support innovative projects and the use of new technologies in Indigenous language education and revitalization, in cooperation with Indigenous governments and other Indigenous governing bodies, Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments.*

Each fiscal year, the Commission will invest in a limited number of innovation projects under Innovation Stream, subject to available budget. These projects will create something new in the Indigenous languages space, and/or significantly improve upon initiatives that already exist, in order to effect real change. As stated in the Commission's mandate, these innovative projects must be specific to Indigenous languages education and revitalization.

There are no deadlines for submission, and the Commission invites project submissions on an ongoing basis. Project proponents must submit a business case, and any other information which could be helpful in assessing the project according to the following criteria:

a) Alignment with the mandate of the Commission;
b) Indigenous leadership and participation (65% Indigenous-led, where possible);
c) A description of the parties involved in the project and how they are involved;
d) Identification of the language challenge or gap being addressed by the innovation;
e) Level of innovation displayed;
f) Potential impact on Indigenous language revitalization;
g) Feasibility of the project, including organizational capacity and readiness;
h) Reasonableness of the budget, use of resources and other sources of funding;
i) Impact of the innovation's breadth (across Indigenous languages) and depth (level of change to existing approaches and models);
j) The extent to which the project is scalable, adaptable and replicable;
k) Quality of proposed performance measures, evaluation framework, and methods for assessing outcomes, success, and lessons learned;
l) Risks identified and mitigation measures proposed;
m) How the project proponent intends to share the innovation and provide access to others;
n) Strength of the proposed approach and implementation plan (methodology);
o) Project's potential to generate sustainable, long-term benefits beyond the funding period.

Project proponents are encouraged to send their completed submissions for consideration by the Commission, or any questions to: Innovation@ocil-ila.ca