

Report to the community

2021-2022



GREETINGS

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Grant Year Annual Report

I would like to take a moment to reflect on the success that LLCRD and our funded agencies have made during the 2021-2022 grant year.

During this past year, we have continued to adapt how we deliver programs. Not only were the funded organizations able to address issues that were impacting our learners, but they were able to take the online technology and make it work in their favour. We have found that some learners prefer the online platform, that it works better for their lives, and learning style. Whereas other learners still prefer the face-to-face model. These past two years have given us the technology and know-how to be able to offer both of these styles of programs.

Our funded organizations have used these experiences to build better programs and to support different learner needs. Including, recognizing and finding resources for different barriers that students face, such as; transportation, childcare, and conflicting work schedules. All learners have different learning styles and different learning needs. The ability to offer different learning environments and resources to alleviate barriers will only increase the learner's ability to find success.

There has been significant changes within Alberta Advanced Educations, Adult Foundational Learning. The CALP system has a completely new team of Grant Managers. We have high hopes for a great supportive relationship with this new grant team and look forward to the upcoming year. This past year we were awarded a new Expanded Services Grant to increase programs over the next two years. This will be a great opportunity to show the Alberta Government how this increase can impact our community and the benefits of sustaining this increase.

This past year, we have seen mental health concerns rise, resources stretched, a lack of housing and far too many learners struggling without technology and a lack of digital knowledge. With all of these obstacles, our funded agencies still found a way to impact the daily lives of foundational learners. This past spring, when we usually see a decline in registrations and learners accessing programming, we saw an increase in learners reaching out for classes and programs. We funded two additional English language learning classes to meet the increasing needs of the community. Ukrainian, Afgan and many other cultures have made our community home this past year and LLCRD was able to fund additional language classes to meet the needs of these newcomers.

Mental Health needs have increased and LLCRD was able to fund programs that were able to meet and adapt to the needs of this vulnerable sector. CMHA offered adapted programs and COSMOS was able to change its delivery to meet this increasing need.

“The pandemic created a lot of stress and we encountered numerous clients that were struggling with mental health and were unable to participate in group workshops, for these clients we started to offer one-hour sessions so they were able to access the program.” -COSMOS

LLCRD is grateful to the many funded agencies that continue to provide such essential programs and resources to the adult learners of Red Deer. LLCRD is proud to fund these programs that learners depend on. These funded organizations and their staff provide many services that go beyond the boundaries of these programs.

LLCRD would like to say thank you for all the hard work that goes into these funded programs.

LLCRD also gained two new board members during this past grant year. We are excited to have them join our amazing Board of Directors. I would like to thank the LLCRD's Board of Directors for their continued hard work and dedication to Adult Education.

Thank you.



\$172,186

Funding to organizations within the City of Red Deer

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Special Projects

- one additional ELL program to meet the increased needs of Newcomers to Red Deer
 - two programs were funded to offer Bus passes to students who were facing transportation barriers
- 38 students were supported with bus passes, action bus tickets and a gas card.

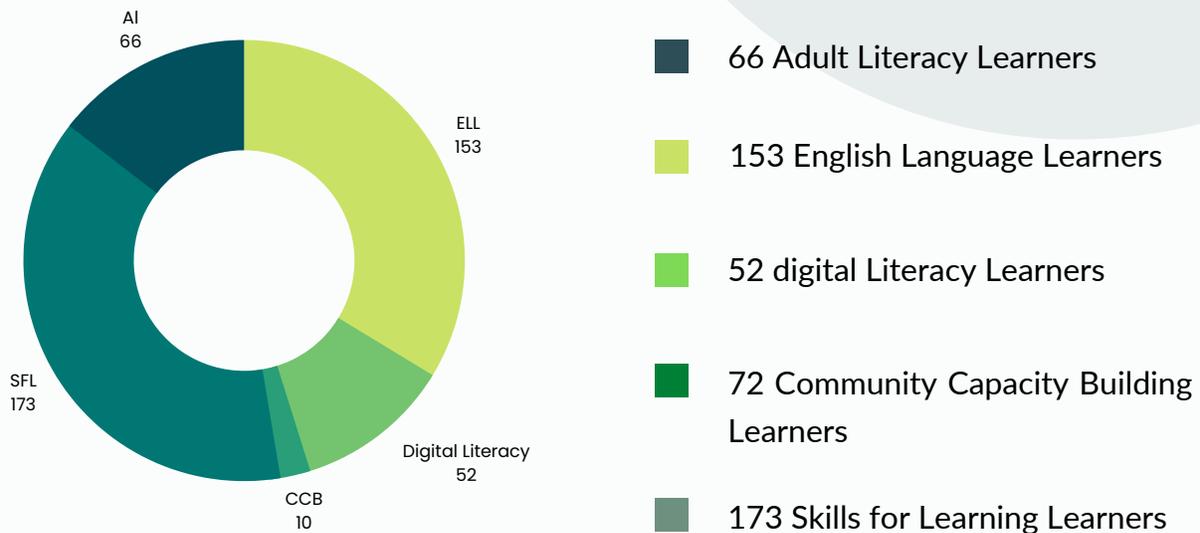
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Two Professional Development Training Opportunities were offered

- Plain language training
- Psychological First Aid

Unique learners that were supported during the 2020-2021 grant year funded programs.

516 Learners were supported



- 8 organizations were funded
- 22 programs were funded
- **72** training opportunities were funded that provided training to **68** volunteers
- **3265** hours of instructed programs were offered during the 2021 and 2022 grant year.
- **64** unique referrals to funded programs were reported

the best thing is teamwork and healthy socializing.

-CMHA

I wish someone would have taught me this a long time ago, it could have saved me a lot of pain and would have impacted my past decisions.

-Boss program

I feel more at peace with myself and more accepting. I am kinder to myself and recognize my needs and limitations better. It confirmed my need for better boundaries, I felt accepted in the group without judgement. Loved the non-comparative environment. As an autistic person, that was something that I had never felt before in a group. In short, it helped me to accept myself and the fact that I have some value to bring to the world.

-Boss Program

My future here is way brighter than in my past and I am actively engaged in native programs and indigenous culture activities. I see a way to a more secure future in myself and in my community here in Red Deer.

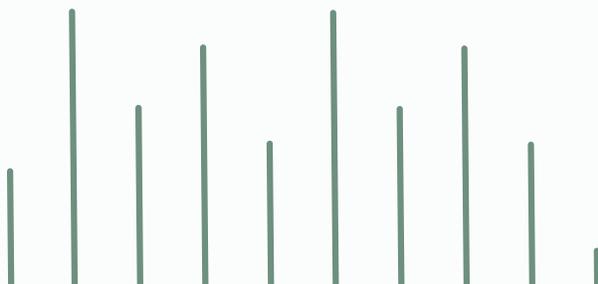
-JHS

I learned how to follow through even when I felt a little overwhelmed

-CMHA

I have the strongest support network that I have ever had. I am ready to remove myself from this cycle.

-JHS



2021- 2022 FUNDED PROGRAMS

English Language Learning Programs

Care for Newcomers, Foundations for Women

Care for Newcomers, Evening ESL

CARE for Newcomers, Level 1 &2 Introduction to English

Red Deer Polytechnic, ESL level 1

Skills for Learning Programs

Canadian Mental Health Association, Culinary Gangsters.

COSMOS, skills for learning

Red Deer Arts Council, Ross St. Singers

Employment Placement and Support Services, Building our Stronger Selves

Basic Computer Skills

COSMOS' Computer Learning Program

Red Deer Polytechnic, Computer Applications

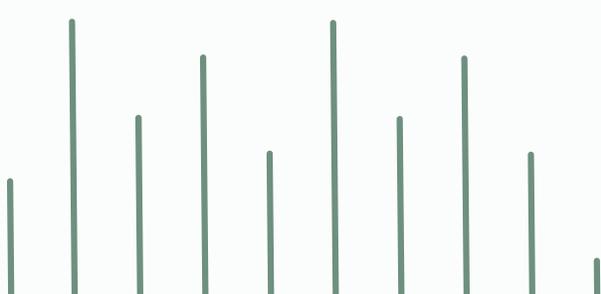
Adult Literacy

John Howard Society, JHS Literacy Program

Communiity Capacity Building

Central Alberta Sexual Assault Support Centre, Crisis Line and SART training

Canadain Mental Health Association, Recovery College Programs



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