

BC Communities Reducing Poverty CoP

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
10:00 – 11:00 am PST

Our Agenda

- **Welcome and introductions**
- **Introduction to the Government of BC's Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program**
 - Leah Squance, A/Executive Director, Strategic Policy Initiatives Branch, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
 - Danyta Welch, Manager, Local Government Program Services, Union of BC Municipalities
- **Q&A**
- **Discussion:** What learning supports are needed from Tamarack and the Cities Reducing Poverty peer learning network to best support municipalities to plan for and prepare their applications?
- **Upcoming Learning Opportunities/Next Call**

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Q&A - BC PR Planning and Action Program

- Submitted by local governments in BC with Council or Board resolution (support for activities and willingness to manage the grant)
- 2 streams:
 - Stream 1 to develop/update a poverty reduction strategy (up to \$25,000)
 - Stream 2 to implement a local PR project/strategy (up to \$50,000).
- Applications must:
 - Align with one or more of the six priority action areas of *Together BC*
 - Directly involve people with LE, businesses, and local Indigenous orgs
 - Present anticipated outcomes (e.g. performance measures/benchmarks)
 - Have a plan to sustain the project beyond the 1-year funding cycle

Discussion

What learning supports are needed from Tamarack and the Cities Reducing Poverty peer learning network to best support municipalities to plan for and prepare their applications?

Types of Tamarack Learning Supports

- **Coaching** (1-on-1 Manager of Cities; Expert Coaching)
- **Peer Learning** (Communities of Practice [CoPs], Peer-Input-Process [PiP] Troubleshooting Sessions), Mentoring)
- **Face-to-Face Events** (Summits, Gatherings, Workshops)
- **Online Learning** (Webinars, Website, Newsletter, Social)
- **Publications** (Case Studies, Tools, Guides, Articles, Blogs)

Ideas for Tamarack Learning Supports

Engaging Local Governments	Identifying municipal champions; Making the case/ask; Gaining buy-in and commitment; Building and sustaining momentum
Multisectoral Collaboration	Collaborative leadership; Collective Impact; Engaging people with lived/living experience, business and local Indigenous organizations; Recommended practices for funding inclusion
Evaluation	Sourcing local data; Understanding and telling the local story of poverty; performance measures/benchmarks; tracking and reporting on outcomes and impact
Sustainability	Sustainability self-assessment (leadership and \$); Financial health

Stream 1 & 2 Supports

Stream 1 – Developing a Community Plan

Expert and MoC coaching, 3-part CoP series, peer support, tools and guides.

Engaging 4 sectors (including lived/living experience) in developing a community-wide common agenda and community plan:

- Developing a Common Agenda: Who do we Engage?
- Community Engagement: Building a Momentum for Change
- Developing a Strategy and Writing the Plan

Stream 2 – Implementing the Plan

Case studies, stories of success stories, troubleshooting strategies and connections from across the network.

Addressing *TogetherBC's* Priority Action Areas:

- Housing; Families; Children/Youth; Education/Training; Employment; Income; Social supports. Mental Health/Addictions
- Reduced-fare transit and recreation passes
- Financial security through tax-filing programs
- Awareness campaigns to reduce stigma and promote inclusion
- Social Enterprises that provide supportive employment
- Local food security initiatives (access; food-waste; kitchens)

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Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Authentic Engagement with People of Lived and Living Experience

November 25th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET
Speaker: Cheryl Whiskeyjack

Join us on November 25th for a webinar discussing meaningful engagement with individuals and communities that is underpinned by inclusion, diversity and equity. Hear how the power of collaborative efforts can be more impactful and tackle deep rooted social issues such as racism.

Register here: <http://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/authentic-engagement-of-people-with-lived-and-living-experience>

Asking our Communities: A Journey to Understand Participation and Involvement

November 26th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET

Speaker: Lidia Kemeny and Paul Born

Join a discussion with Vancouver Foundation's Lidia Kemeny and Tamarack's Paul Born as they explore how we can engage community to get input on a particular issue. Together they will discuss findings on questions about how citizens feel about participating and about feeling involved in community life.

Register here: <http://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/asking-our-communities-a-journey-to-understand-participation-and-involvement>

A (Re-)Orientation to the Cities Reducing Poverty Membership

Date: December 10, 2-3 pm ET

This webinar will introduce the 2020 Cities Reducing Poverty (CRP) membership package. It is open to both new members and colleagues, as well as to existing members and colleagues, who would like a reminder of what supports are included as part of their annual CRP membership package.

<http://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/re-orientation-to-the-cities-reducing-poverty-membership>

Save the Date! The End of Poverty

October 14-16, 2020 in Calgary AB

THE END OF POVERTY

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 14-16, 2020 | CALGARY, CANADA

Over our two and a half days together, you will learn from inspiring keynotes and peer leaders, take part in interactive workshops, and engage in an energizing cultural celebration. Together we will learn to:

- Reconnect your passion for helping others and energizing your community
- Understand what it takes to move from an emerging state to a sustainable community-wide initiative
- Create a large-scale common agenda and form multi-sector leadership teams for your collaborative efforts
- Harness the latest techniques for community engagement and effective communication
- Involve those who will benefit most from the change you hope to see
- How to influence the policy environment and align your work with Canada's first poverty reduction strategy

Sign up below to keep informed about this event and get first access to registration.

Next Call

Notes and resources from this call will be sent out in a follow-up email

Next BC CoP call: *Jan 21 at 10am PT*

