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Dear Debbie Tablotney:

Your Member of Parliament, Parm Bains, has kindly forwarded to me a copy of your letter requesting additional funding for newcomer settlement services. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your school district's contributions towards the successful integration of newcomers through the Settlement Workers in Schools program, and also for flagging the issues that are impacting your ability to meet the current needs of newcomers in Richmond.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) continues to explore ways to provide greater flexibility for funded organizations while maintaining accountability to Canadians. At this time, based on departmental authorities, multi-year grant funding in IRCC's Settlement Program is focussed on supporting smaller indirect service delivery projects.

The Settlement Program aims to sustainably ensure the long-term integration of permanent residents in Canada. That said, the Department is aware of the critical needs of temporary residents and continues to collaborate with other levels of government on solutions.

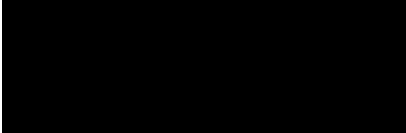
I would encourage you to reach out to IRCC officer Alex Ristovski ([Aleksandar.Ristovski@cic.gc.ca](mailto:Aleksandar.Ristovski@cic.gc.ca)) or his supervisor, Edwin Chan ([Edwin.Chan@cic.gc.ca](mailto:Edwin.Chan@cic.gc.ca)), at the regional office to discuss ways to improve the management and reporting of funding between fiscal years. The Department works with a wide variety of organization types across the country, including public institutions, with different fiscal year cycles. The regional office is best placed to navigate this with your organization and welcomes the opportunity to work with you in exploring solutions.

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I would also encourage you, if you have not already done so, to contact your provincial and municipal governments regarding programs and funding that may be available to support the important work you are doing.

Thank you for expressing your concerns. I trust that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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