

Letter of Support (sample draft)

Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs)
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Letter of Support for Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society (CVIMS)

At the Regular Council meeting of January 15, 2024, Council for the City of Nanaimo unanimously passed a motion to provide a letter of support to the Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society (CVIMS) in their funding proposal application to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) for 2025-2030.

CVIMS's proposal reflects the organization's dedication to supporting newcomers on all levels in the community. The proposal will aim to promote integration of newcomers at the local level and foster welcoming communities. Moreover, a LIP council will foster a systematic approach to engage various service providers and individuals including newcomers.

Given the increase of immigration to Nanaimo in the past two years and the arrival of refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, Venezuela, Honduras, Ghana, and many other countries, there is a growing need to restart the LIP in our community after it ran in 2018-2019. The City of Nanaimo is willing to participate as a member in the steering committee and is willing to stay informed and support local partners in the community to establish a community strategic research and planning.

CVIMS's long-standing presence and expertise in Central-Vancouver are well recognized, and their continuous efforts to promote diversity, inclusion, and enrichment for newcomers has had a significant effect on our city.

The City of Nanaimo is eager to support CVIMS's efforts to make our city an even more welcoming and inclusive community for newcomers while partnering with various local sectors and community members.

Sincerely,