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The project: background and scope

- **Aims**
 - Build research capacity presently lacking in the field
 - Create and share relevant new knowledge among the academic, government and community sectors
- **Timing/amount**
 - Feb. 3-March 31, 2014 / \$24,962.45
- **Milestones**
 - Create a new research group
 - Three meetings of the new group
 - Creation of a literature review/resource guide

Project activities

- Hiring project staff
- Confirming and expanding the team of researchers and partners
- Conducting three meetings of the group
 - Two by conference call
 - One in-person at the 16th National Metropolis Conference, Lac Leamy
- Creating a preliminary literature review/resource guide

Project team

- **Researchers**

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Project team

- **Partners**

- Seniors Action Quebec: represented by David Cassidy, President and Ruth Pelletier, Vice-President
- Quebec Community Groups Network: represented by Sylvia Martin-Laforge, Director General, and researcher Stephen Thompson
- Pathways to Prosperity – Quebec node: represented by researchers M. Vatz-Laaroussi and Bill Reimer)
- Voice of English-speaking Quebec: represented by Jean-Sebastien Jolin Gignac, Executive Director

Literature review/resource guide

- Following guidance of the research group, the literature review/resource guide:
 - Is based on publications and activities of the research group itself, rather than a survey of the broader literature. A broader review would have been preferable but project time/resources did not permit it
 - Has these research capacity-building goals:
 - For the ESCQ: to start addressing the research gap on the subject of ESCQ & immigration by producing a new synthesis of a wide range of pertinent research and resources
 - For research group members: knowledge of work and networks relevant to ESCQ and immigration in which their fellow members were engaged. This would deepen their understanding of the research field and foster future collaboration.
 - For CIC and other potential funders: enhanced understanding of the collective knowledge base and additional needs (gaps in expertise) of the research group in relation to the subject
 - It contains the following elements:
 - Brief statements for each group researcher and partner group representative regarding their interests and expertise in the field of immigration and the ESCQ
 - A list of group members' publications, reports, datasets, exhibits and community projects related to the field, analyzed and subdivided into themes. There is an introductory analysis to this part.
 - A list of relevant networks in which group members are engaged

Recommended next steps: literature review/resource guide

- The literature review/resource guide is a preliminary effort. Next steps for it should include:
 - Listing more specific projects that group members have in mind, grouped into research themes (“axes de recherche”)
 - As the research group develops, including publications of new members
 - Broadening its scope to include publications by people outside of the group especially in sections directly pertinent to immigration and the ESCQ (Sections 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.5)
 - Annotations for all publications listed

Recommended next steps: Project Phase II

- **Goals**

- Build research capacity presently lacking in the field
- Create and share relevant new knowledge in academic, government and community sectors
- Conduct new research with practical and concrete effects on enhancing ESCQ vitality

- **Objectives**

- Mobilize the QUESCREN-led Research Group of Immigration and Quebec's English-speaking communities to carry out new research
- Obtain snapshots of urban, rural and remote areas through mixed methods to identify immigrant populations and their needs

Recommended next steps: Project Phase II (cont'd)

- **Objectives (cont'd)**

- Research initiatives could include:

- Quantitative research: a baseline profile with specifics of the immigrant population and its location across the province. Note: QCGN has stated its intent to lead a statistical research project. QCGN will meet with QUESCREN to explore how their efforts could support the Research Group of Immigration and Quebec's English-speaking communities.
 - Qualitative research through focus groups, interviews, case studies, literary analysis etc. addressing questions including immigrants' needs, community groups' needs, support available through services by government and outside government (family, churches, charities, community groups etc.)
 - A resource list for newcomers upon their arrival in the host society
 - An expansion and improvement of the preliminary bibliographic research (note: see "next steps" section of the literature review/resource list, submitted to CIC on March 31, 2014)

Recommended next steps: Project Phase II (cont'd)

- **Projected activities**

- Building an infrastructure for further collaboration; networking involving diverse groups
- Seek additional funding sources
- Conducting research as indicated above
- Knowledge transfer activities including recommendations to policy makers; conferences with community, government and research sectors invited; community-based workshops; media outreach

- **Timeframe, estimated budget**

- One to two fiscal years: 2014-15 and 2015-16
- \$300K