

Rural Entrepreneurship Stream (RES) Process Map

1 Interested **Candidates** review the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) website for program criteria and eligibility and complete the Self-Assessment Tool. Only candidates that meet the eligibility criteria should proceed to Step 2.



2 Interested and eligible **Candidates** submit an email of intent to the City of Grande Prairie Rural Entrepreneurship Stream Program at ***entrepreneurship-immigration@cityofgp.com*** indicating their business model (purchase an existing business or start a new business).

Statement of Intent should demonstrate understanding of the community, sector and experience as an owner/manager of a business and confirmation that Step 1 is complete and the candidate meets the AAIP minimum requirements.

3 **Invest GP** reviews documentation and may conduct a pre-screening interview with the candidate to review program eligibility and participation in the program.



6 **Invest GP** reviews the proposal and successful candidates are issued a letter of endorsement. Proposals that are not supported are not issued a letter of endorsement. Candidates may re-apply only if they are advised to do so by Invest GP.

5 **Candidates** provide a copy of a completed Rural Entrepreneur Stream Business Proposal Summary to Invest GP at ***entrepreneurship-immigration@cityofgp.com***. Applications will be reviewed on a 30 day cycle.



4 **Candidates** coordinate an exploratory visit in the community and document the visit as required by the ***AAIP Entrepreneurship program***. Visa and logistics requirements are the sole responsibility of the candidate.



7 **Candidate** applies for provincial nomination through the AAIP Portal - Rural Entrepreneurship Stream.



8 **Candidate** begins work in Grande Prairie after they receive appropriate approvals from the provincial and federal government.



9 **Community** welcomes new entrepreneur and provides information on welcoming and inclusive community initiatives and resources.

