

# Best Practices

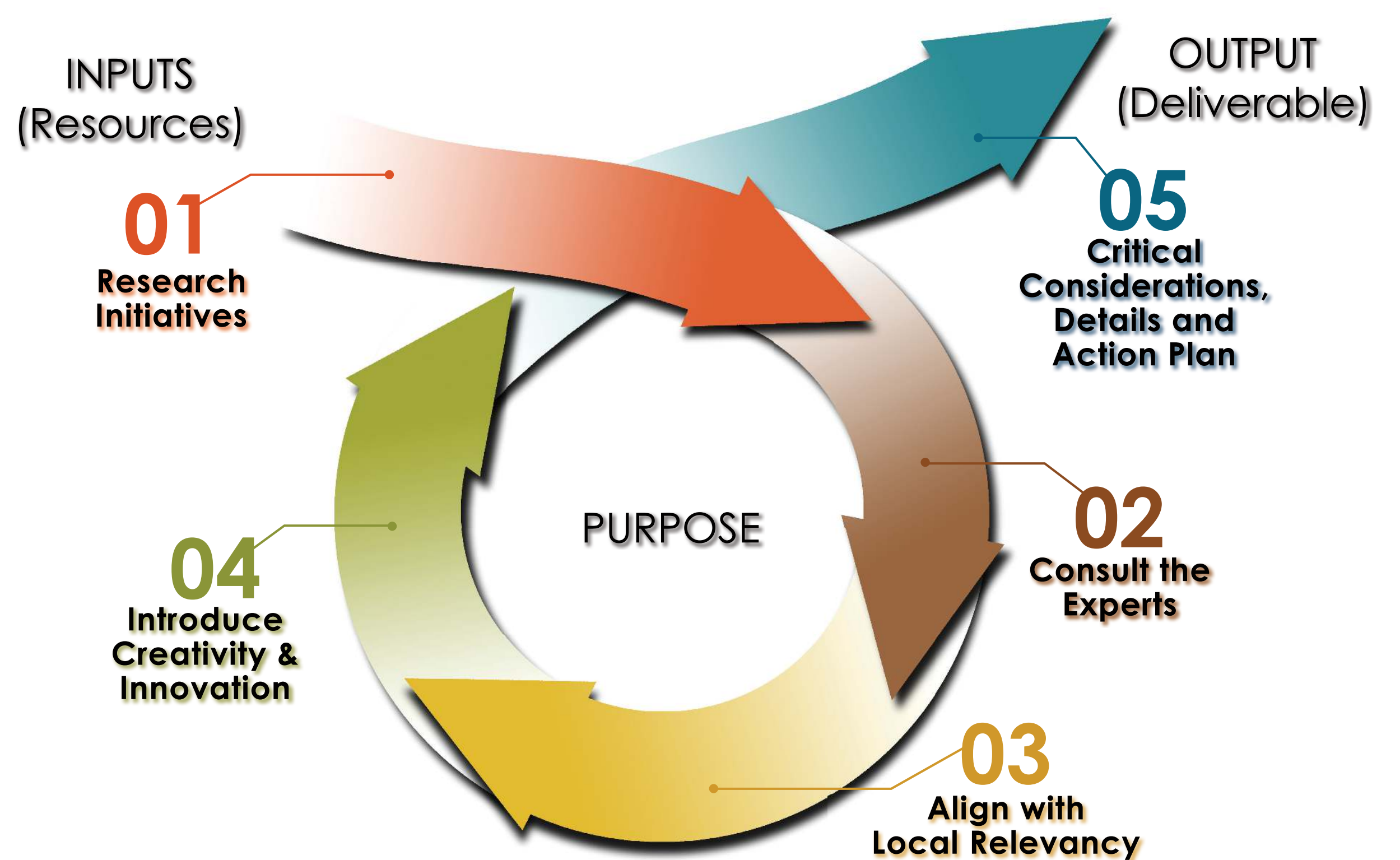
## LIP Renfrew & Lanark as Rural Innovators

Due to the significant variation of productive settlement practices between metropolitan and rural zones, it was critical for the partners to examine not only urban-centered best practices, but to also carefully consider the fundamental differences of operating in small and/or rural communities. The development of highly effective models for widespread impact within our unique region was one of the foundational and primary priorities for the LIP project since its inception. As a result of this proactive approach to planning, other regions experiencing similar barriers and challenges sought out our models and have applied these concepts in a wide variety of ways. Chéla Breckon, Project Manager, was called to speak on these topics of model/partnership development and strategic planning in the following regions of Canada:

- Pathways to Prosperity Pre-Conference of the Alberta Association of Immigrant Settlement Agencies Conference – Key Presenter on the Panel ‘Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships to Support Newcomer Integration: Structure, Engagement, and Collaboration’ – Edmonton, Alberta October 2015

- Northern Ontario Immigration Symposium - Panelist on the topic of rural collaboration and ‘getting on the agenda’ at the decision-making level – New Liskeard, Ontario October 2013
- Bruce/Grey County of Ontario Welcoming Communities Event – Key note speaker on the formation of LIP in a region with low newcomer population and little historical experience in the immigration sector overall – Owen Sound, Ontario November 2013

### LIP Renfrew & Lanark Strategic Planning LOGIC MODEL



# Outcome

Regions outside of Renfrew and Lanark County are benefiting from the sharing of best practices for non-metropolitan zones and are reporting an increased ability to leverage existing assets, plan for challenges by connecting resources in a new way, and introduce innovative qualities to proven models in order to suit the unique characteristics of the communities they serve.