NRC IRAP — Canada's Industrial Technology Advisor Network for Innovative SMEs

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

NRC IRAP pairs Industrial Technology Advisors with R&D; funding for Canadian SMEs. A 2022 NRC evaluation found $1.3bn disbursed (FY2017–22), revenue and employment growth targets beaten by 12% and 3%, and similar or better growth for firms led by women.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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