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Government of Canada Announces Call for Proposals for Community-Based Projects Supporting Seniors

MP Ruby Sahota Encourages Local Organizations to Submit Applications

15/05/2017 – Brampton, Ontario – Seniors make significant and valuable contributions to their families, communities and society. That is why the Government of Canada remains committed to empowering all Canadians, including seniors, to contribute to and share in the prosperity of the country.

In support of this commitment, Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, on behalf of the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, announced today the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) 2017–2018 Call for Proposals for Community-based Projects. Programs like NHSP not only encourage seniors to stay involved in their community, but also enhance their health and well-being and enable them to stay active and share their knowledge, skills and experience with other seniors.

The NHSP call for proposals, open until June 23, 2017, is seeking proposals for projects led or inspired by seniors. Organizations are invited to apply for funding for projects that promote positive aging and empower seniors to initiate and participate in activities that benefit the community. Eligible organizations can receive up to \$25,000 in project funding.

The government recognizes the remarkable contributions that seniors have made over the years and continues to take measures to ensure they enjoy the fulfilling lives they deserve. By investing in NHSP community-based projects which help foster partnerships with local governments, institutions and organizations, the government is reinforcing its commitment to deliver positive change and improve the lives of seniors.

“New Horizons for Seniors Program projects promote seniors’ volunteerism, mentorship and civic leadership and inspire goodwill, sharing and friendship in Canadian communities. These projects help seniors in our community keep active, stay connected, share their knowledge and continue to enhance their skills. I encourage local organizations to apply for New Horizons for Seniors Program project funding to provide seniors with the opportunity to both participate in and lead community activities” said MP Ruby Sahota.

Quick Facts

- The call for proposals was launched on May 10, 2017, and will be open until June 23, 2017.
- Eligible organizations can receive up to \$25,000 in project funding.
- Through the previous 2016-2017 call for proposals, the Government of Canada provided approximately \$35 million in NHSP funding for close to 1,850 community-based projects.
- Since 2004, the NHSP has approved close to 19,700 projects in hundreds of communities across Canada, with a total Government of Canada investment of approximately \$417 million.
- Based on Statistics Canada data from the 2016 census, there are now more seniors (5.9 million) than children (5.8 million). By 2061, they project 12 million seniors to 8 million children.

Associated Links

- [Funding: New Horizons for Seniors Program – Community-based projects](#)
- [Funding: New Horizons for Seniors Program – Pan-Canadian projects](#)
- [New Horizons for Seniors Program – Engaging Seniors, Strengthening Communities](#)

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