

Report LTCR-SS-01-15

To: Chair and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Lynne Johnson, Director of Long Term Care
Meeting Date: December 10, 2014
Subject: **Age Friendly Community Planning Grant Program**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SS06-15; Endorsed by County Council January 6, 2015 per Resolution CC24-15;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs announcing the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program;

AND WHEREAS the Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Centre meets the application criteria;

AND WHEREAS an application for the grant, endorsed by council, must be submitted by January 30, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-01-15 be received;

AND THAT Council endorse a grant application submission by the Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Centre to support age-friendly community planning.

Background

Correspondence has been received from the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs announcing the Age-Friendly Community Grant Program. Organizations may be eligible for amounts up to \$50,000 to support activities that make communities more age-friendly and help seniors contribute to community life. Projects must begin after June 15, 2015 with final completion by March 31, 2017.

Municipalities and community organizations, who meet specific criteria, are eligible to apply for funding. A resolution by Council demonstrating support of age-friendly community planning is required.

The Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Centre, a not-for profit incorporated organization, was founded in 2010. They have previously received funding from the Seniors' Secretariat to implement a Council on Aging and Local Advisory Committees within the Grey Bruce Owen Sound area. This work is scheduled for completion by March 31, 2015. The Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Center will be applying for the Age-Friendly Community Planning grant and

working with the Council on Aging to support work with local municipalities in implementing the Age Friendly Community strategy.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology Considerations

The Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant is a one-time grant opportunity with no commitment for any matching municipal contribution. The Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Center meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the grant application document and have established a plan to support local municipalities in implementing the Age-Friendly Community strategy, though the development of five local Advisory Committees.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Goal 2 of the County of Grey corporate strategic plan is “enabling healthy and resilient communities”. Age-friendly community planning supports a community where seniors are able to live and contribute to all aspects of community life in a safe and secure manor.

Attachments

Correspondence

[Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs November 2014](#)

Grant Application:

http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/prodconsum/groups/grants_web_contents/documents/grants_web_contents/prdr013013.pdf

Respectfully submitted by,

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Mr. Duncan McKinlay
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Dear Warden McKinlay:

Last year, I wrote to you asking for your participation in helping our government realize an Ontario that is safe, inclusive and accessible for people of all ages.

As part of our Action Plan for Seniors, we launched the Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide, which provides step-by-step advice, processes and tools to help municipalities develop, implement and evaluate their local aging plans. This guide, along with several other programs within the Action Plan continues to drive us closer to our goal.

As we know, our population is aging. And it is up to us to ensure we have the right plans and the right tools as a province, and within each community to respond to the growing needs of this population.

That's why I'm proud to tell you that we've launched the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program. Open to local governments and eligible community organizations, this program provides funding to support strategic planning activities that make communities more age-friendly and help seniors contribute to all aspects of community life.

Building an Age-Friendly community means building a community where policies, services and structures are designed to support and enable seniors to live in a secure environment, enjoy good health, and continue to participate fully. This is something that we know we cannot achieve without your partnership.

Applications will be open until January 30, 2015. I encourage you to visit Ontario.ca/seniors for the application and guidelines.

Every community is unique in its strengths and challenges, and we rely on community leaders to work with us to make every community strong for people of all ages. Thank you for your continued efforts. Together we will make Ontario the best place to age.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Sergio', written over a horizontal line.

Mario Sergio
Minister