

David Tilson MP ? Government launches call for proposals for projects led and inspired by seniors



Every day, in thousands of communities across the country, Canadian seniors are making a difference, and initiatives such as the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) are helping them do so.

Minister of State (Seniors) Alice Wong launched the 2013-2014 NHSP call for proposals for community-based projects May 22. This is an excellent opportunity for organizations that promote the well-being of seniors to take action. We encourage them to submit their applications before July 5 in all provinces and territories except Quebec, where the closing date is Sept. 6.

Organizations may receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding per year for projects that focus on one or more of the following objectives: volunteering, mentoring, expanding awareness of elder abuse, social participation and capital assistance.

There are many organizations in Canada that are dedicated to helping seniors maintain a high quality of life and continue to be active, participating members of their communities.

This year alone, we are providing more than \$33 million to support 1,750 community-based projects for seniors across the country. Since its beginning, NHSP has funded more than 12,200 projects in hundreds of communities across Canada.

Organizations can receive funding towards projects that empower seniors to share their diverse skills, knowledge and experiences with others by volunteering and mentoring. These projects also help foster social participation and inclusion of seniors in communities across Canada.

Seniors have played an important role in building our great country and we wish to say thank you for keeping our communities strong.

If your organization has an idea for a project that encourages seniors to lead or participate in activities that benefit their community, take advantage of this call for proposal and submit your application today!

For more information on how to submit your application, visit seniors.gc.ca