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Aging Well in Community Grant Program Launched

Alberta Seniors and Housing developed this new grant to support initiatives that help seniors live safely and independently in their chosen communities.

The Government of Alberta's new **Aging Well in Community grant program** is now open and the deadline for applications is **November 16, 2018**. This grant will help local organizations improve the lives of seniors by funding community-based initiatives that remove barriers and help seniors stay in their homes and engaged in their communities. Organizations are invited to submit project-based proposals for the development of programs, services, and research projects that can be new, one-time, or expanded initiatives. This grant is available to not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, First Nations, Tribal Councils, Metis Settlements, and research institutes. The Aging Well in Community Grant is separated into the following four funding streams for 2018-2019:

- **Aging in Communities:** Enable seniors to live and age in their chosen communities. Projects may include but are not limited to the development of age-friendly and dementia-friendly community action plans, community needs assessments, and supports for caregivers.
- **Addressing Ageism:** Respond to and reduce ageism in communities across Alberta. Projects may include the development and implementation of intergenerational initiatives.
- **Social Inclusion and Engagement of Diverse Populations:** Address the needs of diverse populations of seniors, such as Indigenous; immigrant, refugee, newcomer, or LGBTQ2S+.
- **Elder Abuse Prevention:** Address and prevent elder abuse at the community level. Projects may include but are not limited to the development or enhancement of coordinated community response models, service provider training, public education, and awareness-raising activities.

The province is investing approximately \$1 million annually through an open call for proposals for the program. The following principles are used in the application evaluation:

- **Collaboration:** Initiatives identify, engage, and work with groups, communities, and organizations that have shared interests and goals.
- **Innovation:** Draw from and test out different ideas, fields, perspectives, and approaches to make a positive impact for seniors.
- **Sustainability:** Address plans for financial sustainability.
- **Evidence-based:** Initiatives utilize best practices, evaluation outcomes, and research findings to identify and address the needs and issues of seniors.

The successful grant recipients can access funding for up to three years with a maximum amount of \$100,000 per project. Funding priorities will address the changing needs of a diverse and growing seniors

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population. Grant funds are not intended for ongoing operations beyond the term of the grant. For more information, such as eligibility and application requirements, click [here](#).

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