

Seniors Community Development Investment for Communities Experiencing Barriers to Care

Request for Applications

The 10th Annual Update in Geriatrics education day planning committee wishes to support communities experiencing barriers to senior care. In addition to planning and executing an informative evidence-based geriatric conference, the planning committee also seeks to support communities in a concrete and tangible way by providing a one-time investment to improve the care of older adults.

Award: A maximum of \$20,000 (subject to commensurate scrutiny) will be awarded for the successful application. Funding must be used by **April 1, 2022**. Funding will be awarded through reimbursement upon submission of expense receipts.

Objective: To support communities in removing barriers to the care of older adults by providing funds to purchase resources or equipment. The objective is to support actions that can be implemented rapidly, and that will produce significant improvements in older adults' quality of life, health, wellness, safety or community involvement.

Submission Criteria

Special consideration will be given to proposals that seek to reduce barriers to senior care for: Indigenous peoples, lower-income communities, Newcomers to Canada, and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

To qualify for this investment, projects must meet all of the following criteria:

- Applications must be submitted by an organization working in or with the community or communities experiencing barriers to senior care.
- Applications must be focused on removing barriers in communities in the Waterloo Wellington; Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant; or Halton regions.
- Must target individuals 60-years of age or older.
- Must aim to reduce barriers or improve the quality of life experienced by older adults (60-years of age or older). Barriers can include anything that reduces the ability of an older adult to receive the care they require, participate in their community, or engage with others. Must describe the existing barriers and explain specifically how these funds could be used to address them. Some examples of ways in which these funds could be used include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - Covering the cost of transportation to and from appointments or errands (ie: doctor's appointments, bank, grocery store, or pharmacy)
 - Purchasing food or other necessities (ie: incontinence products, coats, or sleeping bags)
 - Hiring additional staff to provide support
- Must not cost over **\$20,000** (or the amount outlined in the application) to complete or implement.
- Must have used the funds by **April 1, 2022**.

Final Report

The successful applicant organization will be expected to provide a detailed update to Jennifer Siemon (Director of the Regional Geriatric Program Central, siemonj@hhsc.ca) on the use of the funds by **April 1, 2022**.

Application Process and Deadline:

Applicants must complete and submit the Community Development Investment for Communities Experiencing Barriers to Senior Care Application Form by **March 15th, 2021**.

Ineligible applications will not be reviewed.

Award Notification: Early April, 2021

Completed application forms are to be emailed to: Michelle Doherty (doherty@hhsc.ca)

Confirmation of receipt of the application will be sent to all applicants.

Any inquiries regarding this application can be directed to: Michelle Doherty (doherty@hhsc.ca or 905-777-3837 x 12436)