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Giovanni (John) Miceli Town of Amherstburg 271 Sandwich Street/Rue South/Sud Amherstburg, ON N9V 2A5

Dear Giovanni (John) Miceli:

Re: Inclusive Community Grants Program

TPON Case #: 2020-12-1-1468649759

Congratulations, I am pleased to inform you that your application to the Inclusive Community Grants Program has been approved for up to \$60,000 in funding, pending finalization of an agreement between your organization and the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

Please do not make any public announcements related to this funding until ministry staff contact you to finalize your funding agreement with the ministry.

I would also like to remind you that all grant funded programs need to be run in accordance with provincial and local public health guidelines.

I am inspired by your organization's values, dedication and support of seniors and accessibility in Ontario and I wish you much success with your programs.

Yours truly,

c: Taras Natyshak, MPP (Essex)

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From: Ontario News < <u>newsroom@ontario.ca</u>>

Sent: April 6, 2021 2:44 PM **To:** maziakdawn@gmail.com

Subject: Ontario Supporting Inclusive Communities for All Ages and Abilities



News Release

Ontario Supporting Inclusive Communities for All Ages and Abilities

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Province's investment will help people participate and stay connected to their neighbourhoods

TORONTO — The Ontario Government is investing \$2.9 million through the Inclusive Community Grants program to support 55 diverse community projects that will keep people of all ages and abilities healthy and engaged across the province. This funding will help municipal partners, Indigenous groups and community organizations strengthen and build more inclusive communities.

"These projects will make a huge difference in the quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "Through the Inclusive Community Grants we are taking steps to ensure that municipalities and local organizations are able to make our communities more inclusive and accessible - it's a great example of what we can achieve when we work together!"

Projects being supported by this year's Inclusive Community Grants include:

- Making public buildings and outdoor spaces more accessible in 13 rural communities in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock;
- Accessibility upgrades for public beach access in Kenora;
- Establishing an Age-Friendly Francophone community in London;
- Wellness outreach and service referrals for rural seniors in Sudbury-St. Charles;
- · Refresher driving courses for seniors in Chatham-Kent; and
- Culturally appropriate resources (medicine to pray, smudge and wear) for Haudenosaunee
 Elders at Six Nations.

Municipalities and local organizations across Ontario can receive up to \$60,000 through Inclusive Community Grants for projects that foster inclusive community involvement for older adults and people of all abilities, using the province's age-friendly community planning guide.

The program is part of the government's plan to help older adults and people with disabilities become more active in their local communities.

QUICK FACTS

- Fifteen per cent of Ontarians have a disability and this number will increase as the population ages.
- By 2023, there will be 3 million Ontarians over the age of 65 older adults are the province's fastest growing demographic.
- Inclusive and Age-Friendly Communities work to promote accessibility, safety and active living for older adults and people with disabilities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Community Support for Seniors
- Accessibility in Ontario
- Age-Friendly Communities Planning Guide

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