

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT – SENIORS COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Seniors Community Grant Program introduced by the Ontario Government earlier this year focuses on initiatives and projects that encourage 'greater social inclusion, volunteerism, education and community engagement for seniors. This grant program makes available \$500,000 for projects across Ontario. The program is part of Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors and is conducted through the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario. All applicants must represent seniors groups or offer programs and services which directly benefit seniors living in Ontario. As applications are accepted from not-for-profit seniors' organizations, RTO/ERO Districts qualify for this grant.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

Projects must fulfill at least one of the following priorities:

- Lead to opportunities for seniors to better network and become better integrated into the social fabric of their communities.
- Encourage and support activities, events and programs that promote learning and sharing of information as it relates to seniors issues.
- Support activities, events and programs that embrace seniors as volunteers.
- Develop plans and programs that can be shared across communities.
- Develop plans and programs that allow organizations to sustain seniors' programs over a longer period of time.

ELIGIBILITY:

All applicants must represent seniors groups or offer programs or services which directly benefit seniors living in Ontario. Organizations must have been in operation for at least one year.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Organized tours or events which would benefit seniors
- Hiring a driver to transport seniors to a community event
- Organized linkages to seniors to support volunteer opportunities in the community
- Development of a local seniors volunteer recruitment initiative
- Training of volunteers
- Workshops, conferences, seminars
- Train the trainer workshops
- Purchase of computer hardware or software to support events/activities that support inclusion, volunteerism and education of seniors.

GRANTS:

Stream 1: \$500 – \$1,000 funded 100%

Stream 2: Up to \$10,000 funded at 80% with contributions of 20% in-kind contributions or cash donations. In-kind contributions can be volunteer time, products or services.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Information on the program: [www.oacao.org/images/SCG%](http://www.oacao.org/images/SCG%20Application%20Form%20ENGLISH2.pdf)
- Guidelines for the program: www.oacao.org/images/SCG%20Guidelines%ENGLISH.pdf
- Application form: www.oacao.org/images/SCG%20Application%20Form%20ENGLISH2.pdf
- Application Guidelines: www.oacao.org/images/SCG%20Application%20Guide%20ENGLISH.pdf