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New Horizons for Seniors Program – Western Canada and Territories Region
125 East 10th Ave Vancouver BC V5T 1Z3

Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MAYNE ISLAND ASSISTED LIVING NHFS GRANT PROGRAM

Dear Grant Review Committee,

As the Southern Gulf Island Electoral Areas Director, I strongly support the Mayne Island Assisted Living Society's (MIALS) application for New Horizons for Seniors Program funding to expand the Creative Café into a full-day, community-based initiative for seniors.

The Creative Café program offers seniors meaningful social, creative, and therapeutic activities that enhance their mental and physical well-being. It fosters intergenerational connections and provides a welcoming space for seniors to build new relationships.

The Creative Café's expansion aligns with the New Horizons for Seniors Program's goals by:

1. Promoting Volunteerism: It will offer more opportunities for seniors to volunteer, mentor, and engage in creative and educational activities.
2. Engaging Seniors: A full-day, drop-in format will provide flexible options for seniors to stay involved in community life.
3. Supporting Social Inclusion: The expanded program will cater to various abilities and provide caregivers with respite care options.
4. Providing Resources: It will offer nutritious meals, therapeutic activities, and adaptable spaces, complementing existing community support like Meals on Wheels.

I believe this expansion will significantly enhance seniors' lives on Mayne Island. I fully endorse MIALS's funding application and are eager to see the program grow to meet community needs.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely

Paul Brent
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