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Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)
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Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SGI CRC NHFS GRANT PROGRAM

To whom it may concern,

As the Electoral Area Director for the Southern Gulf Islands, I am writing to express my strong support for the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre's (SGI CRC) application for the New Horizons grant. The local initiatives provided by the SGI CRC are incredibly valuable for seniors residing in our rural and remote islands, offering essential opportunities for training, community engagement, and volunteering.

The "Active Aging: Volunteer Skills Workshops for Seniors" are a tremendous asset. These workshops, created by seniors for seniors, will cover essential skills such as Record Keeping, Board Basics, Volunteer Recruitment, and Grant Writing. By enhancing these skills, the workshops will help seniors gain confidence, connect with others, and contribute more effectively to our vibrant non-profit sector.

As a senior myself, I deeply appreciate the significance of lifelong learning, maintaining social connections, and engaging in volunteer work that brings purpose and fulfillment. In my role as chair of the Southern Gulf Islands Economic Sustainability Commission, I have prioritized support for non-profit organizations and their volunteers. The non-profit sector plays a crucial role in our community, driving our local economy and delivering vital services in areas like emergency response, healthcare, housing, transportation, eldercare, and childcare. Enhancing seniors' ability to contribute to this sector not only benefits their individual health and well-being but also strengthens the overall resilience of our community.

The SGI CRC has consistently demonstrated its commitment to delivering impactful programs to our seniors. As in previous years, I am pleased to offer in-kind support for this project, including complimentary use of our video conference equipment and community network for marketing purposes.

I am pleased that the New Horizons for Seniors Program is once again offering this grant and strongly endorse the SGI CRC's application.

Sincerely,

Paul Brent
Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Director
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