

Salmon Arm Legion Branch #62
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Mayor and Counsel
City of Salmon Arm
500 – 2nd Ave SE.,
Salmon Arm, BC

RE: Letter of Support For New Horizon's Grant

Our Branch 62 Salmon Arm Legion is applying for a New Horizons grant to fund a project that targets seniors that are becoming socially isolated in our community due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

We have become aware that two other programs that filled this gap in seniors social activities have seized their operations due to the inability to provide the weekly meal programs. We believe the need for our below noted project is greater now than ever before. Many seniors that are not living in care facilities are becoming socially isolated. This can not only cause forms of depression but also increases the vulnerability of some seniors to scams and family abuse.

Our anticipated project will target three key issues for our community seniors keeping within a social atmosphere in a carefully controlled Covid 19 preventative manner as set out by our Provincial Health Authority.

- Provide a weekly chef created seniors healthy diet three course meal.
- Provide low key instrumental music provided by local musicians
- Provide a 15 – 20 minute presentation by local professionals that addresses key issues facing our seniors today. (ie: Fraud, How to properly use PPE, How to access help from various Provincial and Federal agencies, Wills and POA's, etc. etc.)

Our Legion building can safely seat 46 persons in measured socially distanced manner. Keeping within our own Branch's safety first, we will limit seating for these weekly events to 30 seniors. The events will be held on Mondays when our Branch is usually closed. The Branch's bar will be closed during this time as well.

We require a letter of support from senior community leaders or organizations to send forward with our application for a \$25,000 New Horizons grant. We trust that you find value in supporting our cause and will issues a letter of support for us.

If approved, please forward said letter to the undernoted e-mail address.

Please note that this is a time sensitive request with need for supporting letter by the end of the week of 16 October, 2020.

Thank-you for your anticipated support,

Harley Belt, Executive Director
Salmon Arm Branch 62 Legion