

Call for community seniors? programs

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The Government of Canada is accepting proposals from community organizations for seniors' programming.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) aims to help local elders become active members of the community. The NHSP 2016-'17 Call for Proposals for Community-Based Projects encourages local organizations to apply for funding to begin programs that help seniors stay active, involved and informed.

The goal of the program is to empower the over six million Canadians who are 65 or older. It looks to promote their overall well-being and stability in society through economic and social security.

Local groups are invited to submit their proposals between June 15 and July 29. Up to \$25,000 is available for community-based projects that are led by or inspired by seniors in hopes that Canadian elders will share their experience and knowledge with Canadian communities.

Approximately \$35 million has been put aside for the NHSP 2015-'16 Call for Proposals. The money will go towards an estimated 1,850 approved community-based projects.

Since 2004, the NHSP has directed more than \$360 million towards seniors programming. It has funded close to 17,800 projects across the country.

Organizations looking to apply can visit <http://www.seniors.gc.ca/eng/index.shtml> for more information.