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Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility
Seniors Community Grant Program
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To The Review Committee:

I am writing in support of the Whitby Village Seniors Program (WVSP) and their grant application through the Seniors Community Grants Program of the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility. The WVSP is a non-profit agency, made up of a group of caring and concerned tenants who live at a seniors' housing complex at 310 Mary St. E. in Whitby and founded in 2015. Their goal is to enrich peoples' lives and create a happier, healthier more fulfilling life experience among its senior residents.

The number of seniors in our community is growing with more than 30,000 residents in Whitby turning age 65 over the next 15 years. More than 4100 seniors are using the programs at the two seniors centres in downtown Whitby and the Village of Brooklin, an increase of 31% since 2013.

The WVSP has identified a need for health care services within their housing community. The group noted there are a number of their fellow seniors that have multiple health issues.

A grant from the Seniors Community Grant Program would allow the group to hire a nurse practitioner. Having access to a nurse practitioner on site would help those who would otherwise have difficulty accessing any kind of personal and immediate health care treatment. The WVSP is also collaborating with the Local Health Integration Network and Community Health Centres.

Since WVSP's inception, the Board of Directors have been diligently involved in fund-raising activities. Funds raised from various barbecues, luncheons and garage sales have gone to support the needs of their community. I fully support their grant application to make Whitby an even better place for seniors to live, work and play.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lorne Coe'.

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