

Briefing Note

For Decision

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March 17, 2025

MEMO TO: The Deputy Minister

SUBJECT: Approval of a \$55,000 Grant to the Nexus Community Institute

1. SUMMARY

This briefing note addresses the application from the Nexus Community Institute for a \$55,000 grant. This funding will ensure the continuation of their established community development programs in southern Ottawa, which have demonstrated positive impacts over the past eight years.

3. BACKGROUND

The Nexus Community Institute has been delivering vital community development programs for eight years, focusing on southern Ottawa. Their programs include the development of funding initiatives to support family settlement in smaller communities, the provision of information resources for women focused on self-development and community connection, and community-centered research aimed at enhancing rural and small community capacity for family and economic development. These initiatives have been consistently well-received and contribute directly to the department's objectives of supporting community resilience and economic growth.

4. CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed grant of \$55,000 aligns with the Institute's proven track record of effective program delivery. The continuation of these programs is crucial for maintaining the positive momentum achieved in the targeted communities. The Institute's work directly addresses identified needs within these communities and supports vulnerable populations. Furthermore, the longevity of the program indicates a stable and reliable organization. However, due diligence regarding the organization's financial accountability and program evaluation metrics should be confirmed before final approval.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The Nexus Community Institute has demonstrated a consistent ability to deliver impactful community development programs. The requested \$55,000 grant is essential for the continued

operation of these programs, which directly benefit southern Ottawa communities. The Institute's programs align with departmental goals and have a proven history of positive impact.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the \$55,000 grant to the Nexus Community Institute be approved, contingent upon a review of their recent financial statements and program evaluation data. This review should confirm the Institute's continued financial stability and the effectiveness of their program delivery.