

Briefing Note

For Decision

NOTE ID: BN006

March 18, 2025

MEMO TO: The Deputy Minister

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

1. SUMMARY

This briefing note seeks the Deputy Minister's decision regarding a proposed grant of \$55,000 to Nexus Community Institute. This funding aims to support the continuation of their community development initiatives in southern Ottawa, which have significantly contributed to local social and economic resilience.

3. BACKGROUND

Nexus Community Institute has successfully operated various programs for the past eight years, focusing on enhancing community capacity in rural and smaller communities. Their initiatives particularly benefit vulnerable populations, including women and families, by providing resources that promote self-development and connectivity. The Institute's activities include developing funding programs, offering information resources, and conducting research to bolster community economic development.

4. CONSIDERATIONS

Grant approval is essential for maintaining uninterrupted delivery of services that address socio-economic disparities. Nexus's proven track record and community-focused approach make this funding a strategic investment in community resilience and empowerment.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The proposed grant aligns with federal policy objectives aimed at supporting rural development and enhancing community cohesion.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy Minister is advised to approve the \$55,000 grant to ensure continued support for community development in southern Ottawa.