



MEMO

To: Age Friendly Advisory Committee

From: Deputy Clerk & Accessibility Coordinator

Date: October 16, 2024

Subject: Enabling Accessibility Fund – Youth Innovation Component

I would like to update the committee on the two youth members of our committee who have applied to be Youth Accessibility Leaders. The application deadline was October 4, and they should receive notification of their eligibility within 10 business days. If eligible, they will receive a toolkit with essential information to help them embark on this important journey.

As a reminder, grant applications for the Enabling Accessibility Fund - Youth Innovation Component are due by November 1, 2024. We would love to gather your ideas on potential projects that our Youth Leaders could consider applying for.

During our last meeting, Harrison suggested purchasing life jackets for both beaches as a possible initiative. Other examples of previously funded Youth Innovation projects include:

- Installation of automatic doors
- Construction of accessible garden beds
- Purchase of para-hockey sledges
- Purchase of noise-cancelling headphones
- Purchase of a pool wheelchair
- Installation of speech recognition software

For a project proposal to be eligible for funding, we must clearly articulate the following:

1. The barriers to accessibility and/or safety for persons with disabilities that have been identified.
2. How the project addresses these accessibility and safety needs.
3. How the project will increase opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their community and/or workplace.
4. Which programs, services, or employment opportunities persons with disabilities will be able to access once the project is implemented.

I encourage all committee members to brainstorm and share any project ideas that align with these criteria. Your input will be invaluable as we support our Youth Leaders in making a positive impact in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'AL' in a cursive style.

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