

ONTARIO AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

NETWORK EXCHANGE



JANUARY 2018

Hello,

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed time spent with family and friends.

The start of a new year provides an ideal time to reflect on where we have been and where we are heading. You may consider applying for the Ontario AFC Recognition Program to celebrate your progress and accomplishments. Moreover, explore one of the many funding opportunities available to help strengthen and accelerate your future work.

We look forward with excitement to the future of age-friendly communities.

Happy New Year!

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Spotlight

In the News

- [Is Ontario ready for the silver tsunami? \(CBC episode\)](#)
- [New study looks at how to reach lonely seniors in downtown Hamilton](#)
- [Transit accessibility for all remains a dream unfulfilled across Canada](#)
- [The secrets to aging well from 3 sprightly seniors](#)
- [Small Ontario municipalities least prepared to support aging adults](#)
- [Brant, city on Ontario 55+ Winter Games shortlist](#)
- [Here are some simple ideas to help B.C.'s seniors and people with disabilities with housing](#)
- [Waterloo targets fit seniors in \\$26M recreation expansion](#)
- [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#)
- [Age-Friendly Communities Recognition Program](#)
- [Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund](#)
- [Health and Well-Being Grant Program \(MOHLTC\)](#)
- [National Housing Strategy: news release and website](#)
- [Census: Working seniors in Canada \(Statistics Canada\)](#)

Upcoming Events

- January 16, 2018 - [Canadian Association on Gerontology inaugural webinar: a longitudinal approach to longitudinal research](#) [Webinar]
- January 25, 2018 - [A Tool for Alleviating Poverty](#) [Webinar]

- March 1-4, 2018 - [AGHE The Global Business of Aging Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference](#) [Atlanta, Georgia]
- March 13-14, 2018 - [New Frontiers on Aging: Research, Policy, and Practice](#) [Conference, Ireland]
- March 19-21, 2018 - [Traumatic Brain Injury and Concussion](#) [Conference, Toronto]
- August 8-10, 2018 - [International Federation on Aging 14th Global Conference: Towards a Decade of Healthy Ageing - From Evidence to Action](#) [Toronto]
- October 18-20, 2018 - [47th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting](#) [Vancouver, British Columbia]

Resources

General Resources

- [Research] [Designing healthy communities](#) [Australian]
- [Website] [Age-Friendly Communities Provincial Website](#)

Announcements

Funding Announcements

- [Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund](#) [Deadline January 16, 2018]
- [Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program](#) [Deadline February 2 2018]
- [Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grants](#) [Deadline February 21 2018]
- [Community Transportation Grant Program](#) [Deadline February 28 2018]
- [SEED Funding for Affordable Housing](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [Affordable Rental Innovation Fund](#) [currently accepting proposal]

General Announcements

- [IFA Conference Call for Volunteers](#): an opportunity to expand your networks and receive complimentary attendance to a select number of sessions.
- [IFA Conference Request for Newsletter Contributions](#): provide insights into your AFC with a 300 word submission, contact jrochman-fowler@ifa-fiv.org [Deadline January 19 2018]
- [Canadian Association on Gerontology 47th Annual Scientific and Education Meeting](#) - Making It Matter: Mobilizing Aging Research, Practice & Policy, call for abstracts [January 2018]
- [Canadian Entrepreneurs 50+ Survey \(English\)](#)
The Centre for Elder Research, Sheridan College, Oakville, Ontario is conducting a nation-wide study to learn more about new and established Canadian entrepreneurs age 50+ as well as those individuals 50+ who are actively pursuing a defined business idea. Please share within your own networks. [French Survey Link.](#)

Stay Connected

To stay 'in the know' about new AFC resources, upcoming webinars and community profiles....

- Join our provincial AFC [Distribution List](#)
- Contact [Sarah Webster](#), the Ontario AFC Knowledge Broker
- Visit the AFC [English](#) or [French](#) Website

Age-Friendly Community Outreach Program Background

The [Ministry of Seniors Affairs](#) has partnered with the University of Waterloo, Queen's University, Huntington/Laurentian University, the Ontario Interdisciplinary Council for Aging and Health (OICAH), and the Seniors Health Knowledge Network (SHKN) to administer the Age-Friendly Community (AFC) Outreach Program. This program is designed to help communities, including AFC Planning Grant recipients:

- increase awareness of age-friendly planning principles,
- share best practices,
- and start, continue, evaluate and improve on their AFC action plans.

The AFC Outreach Program builds on and complements the [AFC Planning Guide](#) and the [AFC Planning Grant Program](#).

The program aims to increase awareness about AFCs connectivity within and between AFCs, and capacity for local planning and implementation.

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