

For Parishioner information these are the grants investigated/applied for by the AFC.

The **Seniors Community Grant Program** is focused on encouraging initiatives and projects in the non-profit sector that encourage greater social inclusion, volunteerism, education and community activities for seniors across the province. Based on the initiatives and research we do NOT qualify for this Funding.

EnAbling Accessibility Fund (EAF). Most likely the most useful. The EAF program accepts applications for funding through Call for Proposals (CFP) which are typically held on a yearly basis. The last CFP for Enabling Accessibility in Communities was held on March 16, 2015 and concluded April 27, 2015. Email notifications are no longer sent out. Monitoring the website on a regular basis was suggested. Upon researching the fund the following info was provided.

The EnAbling Change Program DOES NOT provide funding for building renovations such as ramps, lifts, or elevators.

The EnAbling Change Program DOES NOT provide funding to directly cover the cost of meeting AODA requirements.

Caledonia Community Foundation. Jo Anne met with representatives to determine if St. Patrick's accessibility project would qualify. Focus is on community projects through community impact funds – sports, education or general. Results of this visit/meeting were that they do not take requests for accessibility renovations or any other renovations of a faith based building.

New Horizons for Seniors. Program funded so that seniors would benefit from the funding. Mostly related to projects. Projects need to be completed within one year. Submissions for funding are closed for this year. The program objectives are the following:

1. promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
2. engaging seniors in the community through mentoring of others;
3. expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
4. supporting social participation and inclusion of seniors;
5. providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

Libro Credit Union

Co-chairs met with Scott Macleod, manager of the Caledonia Libro Credit Union. He informed us that we did not qualify for any fund/grant money from Libro.

St. Patrick's church does not qualify for funding:

- Funding does not apply to individual or private applicants
- Projects must generate benefits for Southwestern Ontario
- Project would be considered a Partisan or religious event or purpose that is not open to all members of the community.

Trillium - The Trillium Grant criteria were revised in 2015. Any application must conform to the new criteria. Members of the AFC attended Trillium workshops to assist in completion of the application. Also, it stated that the grant was not for Capitol Campaign costs. We did not pursue this further as it had the potential for conflict.

"3.3 OTF will not support the following initiatives:

- 1 Religious activities, including capital renovations or repairs for facilities used for the specific purpose of religious observance
- 2 Contributions to annual fund drives or capital campaigns
- 3 Discriminatory Activities, as defined by the OTF Anti-Discrimination Policy and the Ontario Human Rights Code".

Rick Hansen Foundation Barrier Buster and Awareness Grant – Application submitted March 2017.

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