

# backgrounder

## New Horizons for Seniors Program

Across Canada, the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) helps to ensure that seniors are able to actively contribute to and benefit from the quality of life in their communities.

Building on the success of the NHSP, in Budget 2007, the Government of Canada increased the Program's budget by \$10 million per year to provide capital assistance for repairs to facilities and equipment related to existing seniors' programs, and to raise awareness of elder abuse across Canada. This has increased the total budget for the NHSP to \$35 million per year.

As a result of the additional \$10 million, the Program offers three types of funding to organizations:

1. Community Participation and Leadership funding (up to \$25,000 in funding): this funding supports community-based projects across Canada. The projects encourage seniors to continue to play an important role in their communities by helping those in need, providing leadership and sharing their knowledge and skills with others.
2. Capital Assistance funding (up to \$25,000 in funding): this funding helps non-profit organizations that need to upgrade facilities or equipment used for existing seniors' programs and activities. It enables seniors to continue to lead active lives by participating in existing programs and activities in their communities.
3. Elder Abuse Awareness funding (up to \$250,000 in funding annually over a maximum of three years): this funding helps non-profit organizations and coalitions raise awareness of the abuse of older adults on a national or regional level. Through this funding, new educational and awareness resources about elder abuse will be available to improve quality of life, safety and security for seniors.

### Funding Breakdown by Province and Territory -

Province or Territory	Number of Projects	Total Funding Amount
Alberta	70	\$1,380,370
British Columbia	70	\$1,250,629
Manitoba	37	\$565,939
New Brunswick	34	\$596,992
Newfoundland and Labrador	19	\$379,548
Northwest Territories	5	\$106,400
Nova Scotia	26	\$333,759

Nunavut	3	\$74,000
Ontario	277	\$6,105,293
Prince Edward Island	9	\$119,401
Quebec	223	\$3,800,767
Saskatchewan	24	\$301,493
Yukon	5	\$87,075
<b>Total</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>\$15,101,666</b>