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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H5

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Government of Canada is committed to creating jobs, growth and long-term prosperity. As outlined in Economic Action Plan 2012, we are making investments to encourage economic growth and improve the quality of life in communities across the country.

I am pleased to announce the launch of the new Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF), which will provide \$49.6 million over two years to support repairs and improvements to existing small public infrastructure throughout Ontario. Infrastructure such as community centres, cultural centres and local sports facilities serve as important gathering places for families and contribute to building prosperous communities.

The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) will be administering this program. This investment will boost economic activity and create local jobs, while ensuring our community infrastructure facilities meet the needs of our residents in the long term.

Given the short time-span over which the funding will be provided, this program is geared towards the repair and rehabilitation of existing community facilities as those generally require shorter lead times in terms of project start-up and completion and have lower project costs.

Municipalities, First Nations governments, and community not-for-profit organizations with eligible projects that can be completed before March 31, 2014, are invited to submit applications with your priority projects. If more than one application is being submitted, please indicate the priority ranking of your applications.

We also ask and encourage you to share information about the new program with your local community organizations and not-for-profit entities that may have eligible projects.

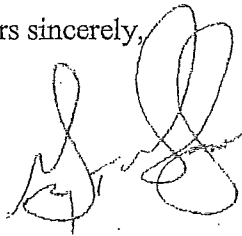
Under CIIF, eligible recipients may receive a non-repayable contribution of up to 50 percent of eligible costs of an infrastructure project with recipients providing the remaining balance. However, priority may be given to projects that require a CIIF contribution of only 33.3 percent. CIIF contributions will be up to a maximum of \$1,000,000.

Additional details on the program criteria such as project eligibility, as well as the program guidelines, application form, and application process, are available online at www.feddevontario.gc.ca/ciif. The application deadline is August 24, 2012.

For additional information, please e-mail infrastructure@feddevontario.gc.ca or call 1-866-593-5505.

Over the coming months, I look forward to working with you as partners in stimulating our local economies. I am confident we will see the many benefits from the infrastructure improvements brought to communities in Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Goodyear', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Gary Goodyear, P.C., M.P.