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RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION BEING MADE BY THE HAMILTON COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP GROUP –
REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR A JOINT FUNDING APPLICATION

Members of Hamilton City Council,

The Ontario Volleyball Association is an athlete-centred association where dedicated volunteers and professional staff provide leadership in the growth and development of volleyball for all Ontarians. Hamilton is home to four (4) OVA clubs and sits within 50km of another 20 clubs. The city is literally in the heart of the biggest region within the OVA so it plays an important role in the development of volleyball in Ontario.

We are pleased to support the request being made by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group towards a joint application with the City of Hamilton for the current Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program which will provide funding for a much needed community multi-sport and recreation centre facility in the City of Hamilton.

Besides the obvious benefits to Hamilton residents, the proposed facility could be the host to a number of provincial and national level volleyball events throughout the year. The OVA runs over 450 regular season tournaments and our provincial championship welcomes 900+ teams every year. That doesn't include all the coaching and refereeing workshops we hosts in different parts of the province. We believe that extensive economic benefits could be achieved for Hamilton through hosting OVA events.

On behalf of the OVA staff, we strongly encourage you to consider any and all possible options in supporting this request.

Sincerely,

Regards,

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