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Mayor Lisa Helps  
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MAYOR'S OFFICE

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VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Mayor Lisa Helps,

We are writing to encourage your local government to access financial assistance from the B.C. Government Francophone Affairs Program (FAP), to support the delivery of French programs and services in your jurisdiction.

There are 70,000 Francophones and 300,000 Francophiles across British Columbia. One of the mandates of FAP is to deliver the Canada-British Columbia official Languages Agreement on French-Language Services. By partnering with FAP, local governments can access funding through the Official Languages Agreement for projects either with a French component or entirely in French.

Eligible projects must support service development, planning and delivery in one or more of the five priority areas identified in the Agreement: Health and Social Services, Economic Development, Arts and Culture, Justice and Communications. The B.C. Government has already successfully partnered with many local governments on multiple projects, such as:

- City of Nelson – Regional Visitor Gateway / Bilingual Signage
- City of Prince George – 2015 Canada Games / Civic Plaza Enhancement Project
- Township of Esquimalt – Centennial Walkway / Historical Pavers Bricks
- City of Vancouver – Public Library / Purchase of French Material
- District of Tofino – Recreation Program / Early Childhood French Activities
- City of Coquitlam – Arts and Culture / Art in Public Places

We invite you to share this funding opportunity with your senior staff and to invite them to contact Chantal Brodeur, the Manager of the Program, to discuss ideas, program guidelines and explore partnerships. Chantal Brodeur can be reached at (250) 387-2028 or [chantal.brodeur@gov.bc.ca](mailto:chantal.brodeur@gov.bc.ca). You can also access more information about the Program and the funding guidelines by consulting the FAP website at: [www.gov.bc.ca/francophoneaffairs](http://www.gov.bc.ca/francophoneaffairs).

Many successful projects start with a conversation and grow to benefit the entire community. We look forward to seeing more partnerships between FAP and local governments to increase access to French services to British Columbians.

Sincerely,



Norm Letnick  
Minister of Agriculture,  
Responsible for Francophone Affairs Program



Peter Fassbender  
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