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TO: Local Government Mayors, Chairs and Administrators

FROM: Local Government Program Services, UBCM

RE: **New Funding Available – 2012 Age-friendly Community Planning & Projects Program**

Launched in 2004, the Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative was created through a one-time \$2 million grant from the (now) Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development to assist local governments to prepare for an aging population. In 2007, the (now) Ministry of Health provided a \$0.5 million grant to further support the initiative and to incorporate a focus on age-friendly projects and additional funds were contributed in 2011 to support a new round of grant funding.

As part of the Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative, applications are now being accepted for the 2012 Age-friendly Community Planning & Projects program. Grants of up to \$20,000.00 are available to support community planning initiatives and/or community projects focused on age-friendly communities and the ability of seniors to age in place.

The application deadline is December 2, 2011.

For more information about the funding program please visit the Funding Programs section of www.ubcm.ca or contact:

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