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TO: Seniors Community Grant Program 2025-2026
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RE: Jamii: Funding Application for “**Belonging**”

To Whom It May Concern,

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association is pleased to offer this letter of support for Jamii’s proposed project “**Belonging**”, with respect to their funding application under the *Seniors Community Grant Program 2025-26* with the Government of Ontario.

For 14 years, Jamii has consistently enriched our downtown Toronto community with culturally and socially engaging programs that utilize public spaces to bring residents of all ages together. Their work reflects the vibrant, multicultural nature of our neighbourhood and includes performances, workshops, and interactive events that engage seniors, children, families, and teenagers alike.

The St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) and Jamii have partnered on numerous initiatives, most recently including an outdoor mural by Darwin Peters from Pikangikum First Nation as part of the SLNA’s 40th Anniversary celebrations and Jamii’s National Indigenous Peoples Day event in June 2023. These collaborations demonstrate Jamii’s ability to unite our community through meaningful artistic experiences.

“**Belonging**” 2025/26 builds on Jamii’s successful senior-focused programs in 2023 and 2024. This initiative will run from June 2025 to March 2026, providing local seniors with diverse artistic and social opportunities, fostering connection and supporting healthy aging. In a community with a high percentage of seniors – including residents of facilities like Centre d’Accueil Héritage, the Performing Arts Lodge, and the Older Women’s Network – this program is invaluable for promoting inclusion and helping seniors age in place.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association is pleased to offer its support and endorsement to Jamii for “**Belonging**” and looks forward to Jamii’s continued success in engaging, educating and entertaining the residents of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) is a non-profit Corporation which has represented the now 30,000-35,000 residents of Toronto’s St. Lawrence neighbourhood since 1983. Advocating for responsible development and preservation of heritage, the SLNA

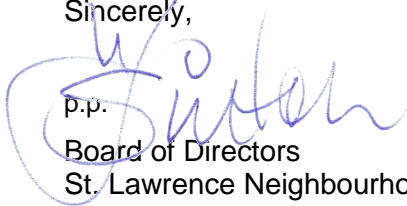


promotes a sense of community, encourages participation in events and celebrations and champions our neighbourhood's interests by building relationships with local businesses, institutions and with all levels of government.

The St. Lawrence neighbourhood -- containing the oldest neighbourhood in the (now) City of Toronto, the *original ten blocks* of the Town of York (dating from 1793) -- is a mixed-income, ethnically diverse residential and commercial community adjoining the Central Business District. It extends from Queen Street East south to the rail corridor and from Yonge Street east to Parliament Street and includes numerous historic low-rise buildings from the 19th century and a vibrant family-friendly, mixed-income residential area built in the late 20th century along and around The Esplanade

SLNA appreciates Jamii's initiative in continuing to offer this programming to our community. The Board of Directors of SLNA is confident that this project will strengthen the longstanding partnership with Jamii and continue to enhance the lives of residents of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. The Board will be most appreciative of a favourable response from Ontario's *Seniors Community Grant Program* to Jamii's request for financial support.

Sincerely,



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