

# **BRIDGEWATER PHARMASAVE**

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Privy Council Office  
Attn: Impact and Innovation Unit  
Room 1000  
85 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3

Re: Support for Town of Bridgewater Smart Cities Challenge Grant Application

To the Smart Cities Challenge jury panel,

This is a letter confirming the full support and confidence of Bridgewater Pharmasave in the Town of Bridgewater to address energy poverty by pursuing the Smart Cities Challenge grant.

- Bridgewater Pharmasave is an independent community pharmacy in the town of Bridgewater provided Pharmacy and health care to residents of the town and local area. As a result of living and working in the community and in health care we are very aware of poverty and challenges faced by large portions of the community who are financially challenged, we see this in our customers who are faced with choosing between medication, food, or heat on a daily basis. We have people at night taking wooden pallets from our location to break up for wood stoves and furnaces to heat day by day. We also see customers who are challenged by transportation issues in getting their medical appointments, bank and food necessities.
- Bridgewater Pharmasave is proud to have been involved in the energy partnership and Energize Bridgewater since inception and sees further benefits in future involvement, we are also supporters of the transit initiative which has brought a bus service to the community which has been a positive move to help alleviate some of the transport issues associated with energy poverty.
- From our involvement in the Energy partnership I have seen the business community, residents of the town, charitable organisations, environmental groups, schools all be involved in this valuable work that has been done to date in the town.
- The community energy investment plan produced by Leon and the town regarding energy in Bridgewater has received local, national and international recognition and support which certainly places Bridgewater in a unique position to prepare for energy sustainability while providing economic benefits to the town of Bridgewater and local area, and helping to promote energy and financial literacy

We are firm believers that a community wide energy poverty initiative could provide short term solutions for those most in need, providing energy alternatives, transport alternatives and providing access to technology that could provide energy and financial literacy while also providing long term economic benefits to the town and surrounding areas .

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- Bridgewater Pharmasave is proud to be involved in energy initiatives that Bridgewater has been working on for the past while and are committed to ongoing work on these projects.
- The winning of the Smart Cities Challenge would certainly speed up the reduction of energy poverty in the Town and provide long term benefits for residents, businesses and institutions, economically, environmentally and sustainable over the long term.

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