

September 16, 2024

Re: Elderberries application to the *Diversity and Community Capacity Fund / Cultural Communities & Identities Fund*

Dear Selection Committee:

The Elderberries Society of Nova Scotia is extremely enthusiastic about the *Older Lesbians Contributions to Sport in Nova Scotia* project. Having consulted several local historians from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, it is apparent that this is a completely undocumented field, one that will be interesting to a current audience and vital to a future one.

The Elderberries Society was founded in 2009 as a social, educational, and outreach group for 2SLGBTQIA+ Nova Scotians aged 50 and older. We host monthly social and educational events that are free and open to the public; we maintain a speakers bureau for public and media appearances, and we organise a variety of events during the Pride Festival and throughout the year.

This work falls well within Carlye's capabilities, and the Elderberries Board has complete confidence in Carlye's ability to produce an interesting, comprehensive, and accurate compilation of this interesting and hitherto un-told story.

Sincerely,

Dan MacKay
Secretary and PAST Chair, Elderberries Society