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Mr. Andrew Robert
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Dear Mr. Robert:

Thank you for your recent correspondence concerning funding support for the Manitoba Community Services Council (MCSC).

The Manitoba government is committed to ensuring public funds are spent in the most effective and efficient manner possible. From April 2015 to December 2017, over 30% of funding provided to the MCSC by the Department of Municipal Relations, over \$1.4 million, can be deemed either a duplication of administration or duplication of funding support. Reducing duplication and ensuring non-profit and community organizations continue to receive support is a priority.

The Department of Municipal Relations will continue to administer grants for non-profit and community organizations previously provided by MCSC, and will also ensure emergency funding supports remain available to these organizations. The Department will also review grant applications previously submitted to MCSC to ensure a seamless transition for Manitoba's non-profit and community-led organizations. Further information regarding the application process for fiscal year 2018/19 will be provided to organizations in the near future.

I would like to recognize the MCSC, and thank them, for the work they have done in communities across Manitoba over the last number of years.

Once again, thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

Honourable Jeff Wharton
Minister

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