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Saddle Lake Cree Nation (SLCN) is experiencing a health and safety crisis. From 2011 to 2015, the Average Age of Death in SLCN was 46.4 for men and 50.1 for women. National 2014 census data indicates that 15.6% of the Canadian population is over the age of 65, which means that we should have over 1,700 elders in our community – we have only 270.

Our people are dying far too young and for far too long, affected throughout their lives by preventable conditions: substance addictions, chronic lifestyle diseases, and negative social determinants.

SLCN Chief and Council, department leaders, and expert resources have identified seven interrelated crisis areas which require immediate emergency funding from the Government of Canada to help alleviate our community health and safety crisis:

1. Emergency Camp Sobriety Program – Phase 1, Temporary Facilities **(\$960,000)**
2. Emergency Temporary Senior's Housing **(\$1,200,000)**
3. Comprehensive Health Plan Development for Chronic Lifestyle Diseases **(\$150,000)**
4. Emergency Driveway Repair **(\$270,000)**
5. Emergency Telecommunications Infrastructure **(\$600,000)**
6. Emergency Community Shuttle Service **(\$300,000)**
7. Emergency Capacity Increase for Integrated Community & Capital Planning **(\$980,000)**

Approximate Total Emergency Funding Request: \$4,460,000

Although we identify each emergency priority on its own, SLCN members' needs almost always overlap multiple areas in complex and compounding ways, and all areas need to be addressed together in order to maximize positive outcomes.

We have designed these health and safety interventions to provide urgent relief and immediate benefits to both SLCN and surrounding municipalities in the region.

On behalf of SLCN, I am humbly requesting a Letter of Support for our above Emergency Funding Request Items by November 15, 2019.

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