

SHS Consulting
“Community Campus of Care Project”

Request For Consideration

May 24, 2022



Events for Life Centre Inc.

Enriching the lives of individuals with special needs

WHO WE ARE

Events for Life (EFL) is based in Thornbury and was established in 2013. EFL delivers year-round day programs for individuals 21 years and older with special needs, providing educational, social, and recreational programs geared towards lifelong learning and independent living. In addition to on-site activities, participants are driven by van to local facilities for recreational activities and social experiences.

The program has grown from 8 participants to 30, is a registered Not-for-Profit Charity and has a highly respected local Board of Directors. There is no other program like this in the Town of the Blue Mountains!

WHY WE NEED TO EXPAND

The program is currently operating out of two facilities. Our main location is based out of a farmhouse (Side Rd 33, Thornbury close to the proposed project), with a second location in the basement of a local church. Neither facility meets all the AODA requirements to be fully accessible and neither space can accommodate an increase in program numbers. The capacity at each facility is for 12 participants, 2 staff and 2 volunteers. There are currently 30 participants enrolled in the program with a healthy waiting list.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR

We are looking to consolidate and expand our space. We are seeking a centrally located facility, fully accessible to accommodate the growing number of individuals with special needs that are aging in our community. Ideally, a 10,000 square foot operation housed in one or two stories on 3 acres of land with leading edge technology and innovative concepts to accommodate 40 participants, 8-10 staff and over 30 volunteers. The facility would be comprised of multi-purpose rooms, a full-service industrial kitchen, space for recreational activities inside and space large enough to service 120 people for special events. Outside green space would include a variety of recreational activities, environmental programs, and access to the proposed trail network to connect EFL to the Community Campus of Care.

WHY PARTNER WITH EFL

We see this as a wonderful opportunity for community collaboration. Our mission, and that of the campus are well aligned, and would be of tremendous support for community individuals who benefit from our services. There may be an opportunity for our participants and their aging parents to reside in the Campus of Care and engage in purposeful work and volunteer experiences. EFL could provide social and recreational opportunities for the retirement community inside and outside of their facility.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

Ideally, we wish to be included as a mandatory component of the project, as we believe EFL embodies all the attributes desired in the project. If this is not possible, we would respectfully ask that the committee and the Council support EFL as a desirable optional element of the project for inclusion in the RFP.

WHO WE ARE



OUR MISSION

To enrich the lives of individuals with special needs by providing educational, social and recreational day programs geared towards lifelong learning in the Town of Blue Mountains and surrounding area.

WHAT WE DO



OUR CURRENT PROGRAM SPACES

EFL Centre



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Blue Mountain Community Church

