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Dear Sir/Madam,

On the Road to 2017, our Government is celebrating key nation-building milestones that have defined our country and made us who we are today, such as the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald and the 50th anniversary of the National Flag of Canada. Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the start of the Second World War. From 2014 to 2020, Canada is marking the events, battles, and social conditions that defined these wars. The Government of Canada's commemorations will pay tribute to the sacrifices made by Canadians during the First and Second World Wars, build awareness of how the war efforts shaped the Canada we know today, promote a sense of national pride and create a legacy for generations to come.

On February 20, 2015, the Department of Canadian Heritage will launch the World War Commemorations Community Fund, a year-long funding initiative beginning on April 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016. Funding will be available in the form of grants and contributions for community-based commemorative and educational projects that foster a greater awareness and understanding among Canadians of the importance of the World Wars in our country's history.

The World War Commemorations Community Fund will support activities and events across Canada that meet the following objectives:

- Enhance Canadians' awareness, knowledge and understanding of the importance of the First World War and Second World War and of their significance in the shaping of Canada, its identity and institutions.
- Enable Canadians to recognize Canada's exceptional figures, places and accomplishments of the world wars.
- Engage Canadians across the country in opportunities to participate in commemorative activities and events taking place during the commemoration period (2014-2020).

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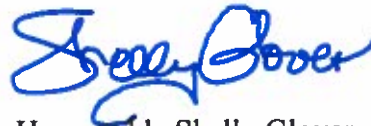
The Fund is open to a wide variety of organizations including schools, not-for profit and volunteer organizations (especially those focused on veterans, women, youth and Aboriginals), as well as municipal, provincial and territorial governments and their institutions. In addition, Canadian business corporations, partnerships, trusts and joint ventures are eligible for funding where projects are non-commercial in nature.

Eligible projects include commemorative events, historical re-enactments, exhibits, plaques, monuments, ceremonies for site dedications, interpretative programming, learning materials, publications, websites, educational activities, original theatrical performances, artwork, research and interpretive tours, all related to the World Wars. Please note that projects are required to have a well-defined learning component. The deadline to submit a funding application is April 2, 2015.

For more information regarding the World War Commemorations Community Fund, including the Applicant's Guide and application form, please consult the Government of Canada website at www.canada150.gc.ca/eng/1422453656425.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Shelly Glover, P.C., M.P.