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Magda Badura
CAO/Treasurer
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treasurer@westelgin.net

Dear Ms. Badura:

Our government is committed to supporting economic growth in rural communities and ensuring Ontario is open for business. The Rural Economic Development (RED) program is just one tool for communities to complete outcome-based projects that will have tangible benefits across the province. This aligns with our government's priorities to remove barriers to investment, open doors to rural economic development and create good jobs throughout Ontario.

To further our commitment to supporting rural communities, I am pleased to share with you that a new intake for the RED program will be opening in January 2024.

When the intake is open, we will be sharing additional information with you directly. You will also be able to find all program information, including how to apply, on my ministry's website at: ontario.ca/REDprogram.

If you have further questions at this time, you are welcome to contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300 or ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca.

I encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application for your economic development project when the intake is open. Together, we can ensure Ontario's communities thrive.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs