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Jaku Konbit and Flo's Seniors Programs and services for Black seniors



The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility has reviewed and approved Jaku Konbit and Flo's Seniors "**Ottawa Black Seniors Virtual Living Network**" grant application. The Ottawa Black Seniors Virtual Active Living Network project builds upon the established track record of leadership, knowledge, program excellence and good stewardship of Jaku Konbit and Flo's Seniors. Both organizations have been actively involved in the enhanced needs of Black seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning in mid-March 2020, both organizations participated in a trial virtual outreach project in health, wellbeing, safety and education to serve at-risk seniors in Ottawa, from the safety of their homes. With the support of Bronson Centre, a community hub, Jaku Konbit and Flo's Seniors will focus on the unique needs of Black seniors in and around the Ottawa community. The project will include unique studies about experiences of other Black organizations in Ontario, a history study of successful collaborations, and the design and testing of both safe in-person social inclusion activities and digital casting to more isolated at-risk seniors.

With the support of our community partners, the Bronson Centre Rise, Black History Ottawa, and BIA Media, Jaku Konbit and Flo's seniors will engage Black Seniors during the COVID -19 pandemic by getting them to participate in our Virtual Active Living Network, information and educational programs and services.

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