

Inclusion Grants Information Sheet
(Maximum Accessibility Grants \$25,000)
(Maximum Disability-Related Accommodations Grants \$5,000)

Applications submitted are reviewed and processed in the order (date and time) in which they are received. Approvals are subject to the availability of funding.

Objective

To enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities and to enable greater participation in community opportunities through the removal of barriers.

Who can apply?

Grant funding is available to non-profit, community-based organizations.

What are the grant amounts?

Grants are available as follows:

1. Accessibility Grants: Up to a maximum of \$25,000
2. Disability-related Accommodations Grants: Up to maximum of \$5,000

What activities can be funded?

Accessibility Grants

Inclusion Grants provide funding for small renovation projects to create or improve accessibility to the built environment*.

- **Eligible** activities that support improving access to the built environment include, but are not limited to:
 - installing automatic door openers
 - installing ramps
 - purchasing/installing visual alarms
 - enhancing lighting
 - increasing colour contrast on stairs
 - lowering sinks/counters

***Built environment** includes all person-made surroundings that provide the setting for human activity. Examples are buildings and facilities, playgrounds, sidewalks and boardwalks.

- Costs for renovations, equipment incurred prior to the date of the application approval are **NOT eligible** for funding.
- Stair and platform lifts are **NOT eligible** for funding. These do not provide full accessibility and are rejected by disability advocates as exclusive, unsafe and undignified.

Pre- and post-inspections from Newfoundland and Labrador Housing are **required** for projects that include building retrofits, such as ramp and automatic door opener installations, and accessible washrooms

- Applicants proposing improvements to leased premises must provide written consent from their landlord and provide a copy of the current lease agreement.

All accessibility enhancements must meet all provincial, federal and municipal regulations, as applicable, including those for buildings accessibility, fire and life safety, development control and any others that may be required.

The Buildings Accessibility Act and Regulations are a minimum requirement and proposed improvements are encouraged to exceed the regulations when relevant. The Canadian Standards Association's "Accessible Design for the Built Environment" (CAN-CSA-B651-12, 2012) is one reference for accessibility.

Disability-Related Accommodations Grants

Funding is also offered to non-profit, community-based organizations to provide disability-related accommodations for events and meetings.

- **Eligible** disability-related accommodations include, but are not limited to:
 - sign language interpretation;
 - real time captioning; and
 - audio support for assistive listening devices.

Eligible disability-related accommodation costs are for the purpose of making an event accessible and barrier-free.

- Costs for personal disability-related supports are **NOT eligible** for

funding.

- Supports that enhance or replace individual, disability-related supports provided through other programs are **NOT eligible** for funding.
- Costs for disability-related accommodations incurred prior to the date of the application approval are **NOT eligible** for funding.
- A completed Budget Template with quote from supplier/contractor must be submitted with the application.
- Approvals will reflect the most cost effective option whenever possible.

How are applications assessed?

Each application is reviewed and processed in the order (date and time) in which they are received, and based on the following criteria:

- meets funding objective:
 - removes barriers; and
 - enables greater participation of persons with disabilities;
- meets stated eligibility requirements;
- demonstrates reasonable project costs;
- responds to gaps in current services;
- supports the strategic directions of the Provincial Strategy for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Newfoundland and Labrador; and
- considers Aboriginal, culturally relevant, gender, rural and Labrador perspectives.

Approvals are subject to the availability of funding.

How are the grants paid?

Payment in grant form is issued to the non-profit, community-based organization as follows:

- 80% payment when contract is signed; and
- 20% holdback payment upon receipt of:
 - original itemized receipts and invoices for the completed work and/or accommodations provided; and
 - final project report, including financial breakdown.

How do I apply?

Applications can be downloaded from the government website at http://www.swsd.gov.nl.ca/disabilities/inclusion_grants.html or requested (see contact information below).

Completed applications can be submitted by:

Email: inclusiongrants@gov.nl.ca

Fax: (709) 729-6237

Mail:

Inclusion Grants
Department of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development
PO Box 8700
3rd Floor, West Block
Confederation Building
St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6

Requests of alternate formats or any questions regarding the grants or application process can be made by:

Email: inclusiongrants@gov.nl.ca

Telephone: (709) 729-6048

Toll-free: (888) 729-6279

TTY: (709) 729-5000

Toll-free TTY: (888) 729-5440