

Accessible Vehicle Funding
Information Sheet
(Maximum Accessibility Grants \$25,000)

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Objective

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Who can apply?

Individuals or families who wish to acquire or adapt personal vehicles for accessibility.

What amount of funding is available?

The Accessible Vehicle Funding:

- provides maximum funding of \$25,000;
- is income tested to determine applicants' financial eligibility;
- provides 100 % funding up to \$25,000 to eligible applicants with annual net incomes of \$46,500 or less;
- provides partial funding for eligible applicants with annual net incomes between \$46,500 and \$64,000;
 - uses a sliding scale formula to determine the amount of funding for which the applicant is eligible (See Accessible Vehicle Funding Policy Manual, Appendix A – Sliding Scale Calculation); and
- considers disability-related costs, not currently covered by another funding source, when determining financial eligibility. (See Accessible Vehicle Funding Policy Manual, Appendix B – Disability-Related Costs)

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What can be funded?

New Retrofits

- Grants toward the purchase or installation of eligible accessibility features such as:
 - customized seating
 - hand controls
 - left-foot gas pedals
 - lifts and ramps
 - roof, floor and door alterations (accessible retrofit)
 - steering devices
 - wheelchair securing systems
 - shipping and installation costs
 - maintenance of equipment no longer under warranty.
- Approvals reflect the most cost effective option whenever possible.

Existing Retrofits

- Partial grants toward previously retrofitted vehicles are based on current value of the retrofit. Retrofit values are calculated at a percentage of the original retrofit.
 - Retrofit value must be determined by a certified supplier and provided with the application.
- A quote from a certified supplier for new or existing retrofits is required with the application.

Other

- Partial grants are applied toward the cost of a new vehicle manufactured with accessibility features incorporated in its design (For example MVI vehicles, manufactured in Quebec, are designed with a ramp built into its frame).

Applicants are encouraged to meet with an Occupational Therapist if they are not familiar with vehicle conversion options or driving adaptation requirements.

Any cost incurred prior to the date of the application approval is **NOT** eligible for funding.

How are applications assessed?

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

- meets funding objective;
- meets the stated eligibility requirements; and
- availability of funding.

How is the funding paid?

The options for payment include:

- **Individual:** Payment issued directly to applicant when invoice(s) for the completed retrofit work or purchase are received and verified for eligibility. (Invoices must match details of approved funding and work must be signed off by the applicant as satisfactory.)
- **Company (Vendor):** Payment issued directly to the company (vendor) providing the equipment/completing the retrofit and/or providing maintenance on existing retrofit.

Payment in a grant form is issued to the company (vendor) as follows:

- 80% payment when contract, with estimate, is signed; and 20% holdback payment when invoice(s) for the completed retrofit work is received and verified for eligibility (Invoices must match details of approved funding and work must be signed off by applicant as satisfactory.)

How do I apply?

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

Completed applications can be submitted by:

Email: accessiblevehicle@gov.nl.ca

Fax: (709) 729-6237

Mail:

Accessible Vehicle Funding

Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development

PO Box 8700, 6th Floor, West Block

Confederation Building, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6

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

Email: accessiblevehicle@gov.nl.ca

Telephone: (709) 729-6048

Toll-free: (888) 729-6279

TTY: (709) 729-5000

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