

Accessibility Grant Guidelines – 2026-27

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Quick Summary

This grant helps make communities in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) more accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities.

- You can apply for **up to \$25,000**.
- We give first priority to:
 - Projects that create lasting change (not just physical changes).
 - Projects with two or more partners.
- You must finish your project by March 31, 2027.

What is the Grant

The Accessibility Grant helps remove and prevent barriers so people with disabilities can:

- Take part in community life
- Access services and information
- Be included and supported

The grant supports:

- Nothing Without Us, About Us.
This means people with disabilities are included in decisions that affect them.
- The [Accessibility Act](#)
- The provincial government's commitment to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

Who Can Apply

Groups applying must be based in Newfoundland and Labrador. You can apply if you are:

- A non-profit organization
(for example: community groups, disability groups, churches, or social enterprises)
- A municipality or Local Service District (local areas without a town council)
- An Indigenous government or organization

How Much Funding You Can Get

- The maximum amount you can ask for is \$25,000.

- We focus first on projects that:
 - Build skills, knowledge, systems, or tools
 - Create change that lasts over time

How to Apply

What to Include in Your Application

Your application must explain:

- What your organization does in the community
- The title of your project
- What your project will do
- All expected costs
- Price quotes or cost estimates from contractors or service providers
- What will change or improve because of your project

Applying With Partners

- Two or more groups can apply together using one application.
- If you apply with partners, you must include:
 - Information about each partner
 - How you will work together
 - What each partner will do in the project

How to Submit Your Application

You can send your application with cost estimates by mail, fax or email. If you need help with your application or have questions, please contact us:

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Department of Social Supports and Well-Being
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Text: (709) 725-4463

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Video Relay Calls welcome

Capacity Building Examples

Capacity building projects help create long term improvements in accessibility. Examples include:

- Research that:
 - Identifies barriers
 - Provides solutions
 - Looks at education or employment disability supports
- Technology projects, such as:
 - Improving or creating accessible websites
- Training or awareness sessions about:
 - Disability
 - Accessibility
- Improving programs or services so they work for different people, including:
 - Different genders
 - Different cultures and backgrounds
 - Different ages
- Projects that help people with disabilities learn about Indigenous cultures and related issues, such as:
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Employment

Physical Accessibility Examples

These projects improve physical access to spaces or events. Examples include:

Indoor Projects

- Ramps
- Automatic door openers
- Accessible washrooms
- Tactile surfaces or lighting to help with wayfinding
- Sensory-friendly equipment

Outdoor Projects

- Outdoor ramps
- Raised garden beds
- Accessible playgrounds

- This does not include public roads or curb cuts paid for by municipalities or other departments.

Accessible Events and Meetings

- Real-time captioning
- Hearing assistive technology
- Sign language interpretation

What We Do Not Fund

We do not fund:

- Stair lifts or platform lifts in buildings
- Projects that are not focused on accessibility, such as:
 - Electrical work
 - Heating or cooling systems
 - Parking lot paving
 - Sewage systems
- Incomplete or unfinished accessible construction projects
- Provincial government buildings
- Private companies
- Groups from outside Newfoundland and Labrador that do not have a local office

How We Decide

We give priority to applications that include:

- Capacity-building projects
- Partnerships between two or more groups
- Projects that help a whole community or region
- New or creative ways to prevent barriers, including technology
- Projects from disability organizations
- Projects from Indigenous organizations

Examples of Projects That Score Well

- Capacity-building projects with strong partnerships
- Projects that identify employment gaps and solutions
- Projects that improve accessibility in warming or emergency centers

- Educational programs that help people with disabilities learn new skills and find jobs

Examples of Projects That Score Lower

- Fixing a ramp in a building that is in poor condition
- Replacing fire alarms without adding visual alarms or safe exit supports
- Cost quotes that are unclear or incomplete

What Happens After We Decide

If Your Application Is Approved

- You will receive an email with:
 - An approval letter
 - A contract
- You must sign and return the contract to:
SSWBGrantPrograms@gov.nl.ca
- We pay the full funding amount after we receive the signed contract.
- You must finish your project by March 31, 2027.
- You must send a written project summary or report by March 31, 2027 to the same email address.

If Your Application Is Not Approved

- You will receive an email letting you know.
- We encourage you to apply again next year.

Resources

Network of Disability Organizations

- [Autism Society NL](#)
- [Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work](#)
- [Canadian Hard of Hearing Association](#)
- [Canadian Mental Health Association](#)
- [Cerebral Palsy Association NL](#)
- [CNIB NL](#)
- [Coalition of Persons with Disabilities](#)

- [Easter Seals NL](#)
- [Empower NL](#)
- [Epilepsy NL](#)
- [Inclusion Canada NL](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Association NL](#)
- [Lifewise NL](#)
- [NL Association of the Deaf](#)
- [NL Down Syndrome Society](#)
- [NL Stuttering Association](#)
- [People First of NL](#)
- [Schizophrenia Society NL](#)
- [Spinal Cord Injury NL](#)
- [Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada](#)

Other Funding Options

- [Department of Municipal and Community Affairs funding](#)
- [Department of Seniors](#)
- [Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation – Active NL Fund](#)
- [Federal funding – Enabling Accessibility Fund \(EAF\)](#)