



## Funding in Alberta & Canada

The following is a list of potential alternative funding sources which may help with purchasing assistive devices, mobility devices or home modifications. Please contact a representative from the individual agency or your local dealer representative to help determine if you or your family member are eligible for funding. To find a dealer, go to <http://lifemed.ca/find-a-dealer>

### **Alberta**

#### **ALBERTA AIDS TO DAILY LIVING (AADL)**

##### **Overview**

The Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) program helps Albertans (valid personal health number in Alberta) with a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness to maintain their independence at home, in lodges or group homes by providing financial assistance to buy medical equipment and supplies.

##### **Basic Eligibility**

An assessment by a health care professional determines the equipment and supplies that an Albertan can receive through this program.

Albertans pay 25% of the benefit cost to a maximum of \$500 per individual or family per year. Low-income Albertans and those receiving income assistance are exempt from paying the cost-sharing portion.

#### **ALS Society of Alberta**

##### **Overview**

ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) is a progressive neuromuscular disease in which nerve cells die and leave voluntary muscles paralyzed.

The ALS Society of Alberta provides support to clients across the province. Our client support staff are located in: Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton. We are also expanding our services further north.

### **ALS Client Support staff provide assistance in the following areas:**

#### **ALS Facilitation and Provision of Care**

The health care system is complex and often difficult to navigate even by those who work within it. Client services staff provide guidance and support to help persons living with ALS and the family work through the maze of services as the disease progresses. Client services staff also regularly participate in multidisciplinary ALS clinics and are considered an integral part of the care team. When families seek assistance and need someone to become an advocate for their concerns during their ALS journey, Client Services staff often fulfill that role as well.

#### **ALS Providing Support**

The Society Client Services staff members conduct home visits, lend support and stay connected regularly with families affected by ALS. Staff members often attend memorial services and support family members in the bereavement process.

#### **ALS Equipment Loans Program:**

In collaboration with health care professionals and medical equipment vendors, the ALS Society is able to support the rapidly changing needs of Albertans affected by ALS. Through our Provincial Loan Program we are able to assist people affected by ALS by lending power mobility devices, assistive communication devices, and other medical equipment. This is a free loan program, so people can receive the support they need when they need it. The ALS Society covers the costs of delivery and pickup, and once the person no longer requires the equipment it is cleaned and returned to the loan pool.

We have a range of equipment and are always willing to consider new purchases to add to our pool. Some examples of equipment we have are: Walkers, Manual Wheelchairs, Power Wheelchairs, Collars, Bidets, Lift Chairs, Ramps, Porch Lifts, Ipads, Voice Amplifiers, Hospital Beds and Mattresses.

If you require equipment, or know someone who does, please call our **Equipment Program Coordinator at 403-228-3857, ext 104**, or email [equipment@alsab.ca](mailto:equipment@alsab.ca) to discuss your or their needs and how the ALS Society can assist.

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## National

### CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION (CDA)

1-800-BANTING

#### Overview

CDA's mission is "to lead the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while working to find a cure" Provides assistance to arrange funding for diabetic supplies (i.e. Blood testing devices).

#### Basic Eligibility

CDA provides assistance to arrange funding and therefore each funding organization has different eligibility criteria.

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### CANADIAN HEARING SOCIETY

1-877-347-3427

#### Overview

A charitable agency and the leading provider of services, products, and information that remove barriers to communication, advance hearing health, and promote equity for people who are culturally Deaf, oral deaf, deafened and hard of hearing.

- Assistive devices
  - Mobility devices
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### CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF KINSMEN CLUBS/KIN CANADA/ASSOCIATION OF KINSMEN, KINETTE AND KIN CLUBS

1-800-742-5546

#### Overview

Service club organizations that work to better their communities, enhance the well-being of Canadians and improve the environment.

- Home modifications
- Assistive Devices
- Mobility Devices

#### Basic Eligibility

Some assistance may be available to club members.

#### Next Steps

If you are a member of a Kinsmen Club, contact your club for more information.

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## HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION OF CANADA

416-489-7111

### Overview

A health charity that aims to prevent disease, save lives and promote recovery.

- Home modifications
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## HOME ADAPTATIONS FOR SENIORS' INDEPENDENCE (HASI) (CANADIAN MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORPORATION – CMHC)

1-800-704-6488

### Overview

This program helps First Nations and First Nation members pay for minor home adaptations to on-reserve properties to extend the time low- income seniors can live in their own homes independently

- Home modifications (bathroom modifications including installing a main floor washroom.)

### Basic Eligibility

First Nations and First Nation members living on-reserve may qualify for assistance as long as the occupant of the dwelling where the adaptations will be made meets the following eligibility criteria:

- 65 and over
- Has difficulty with daily living activities brought on by ageing
- Total household income is at or below a specified limit for your area
- Dwelling unit is a permanent residence.

### Next Steps

Client or family must complete a telephone screen interview to assess funding assistance.

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## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

### Overview

Service club organization that may provide financial assistance for home modifications or assistive devices.

- Home modifications
- Assistive Devices
- Mobility Devices

### Basic Eligibility

Some assistance may be available to club members.

**Next Steps**

If you are a member of a Lions Club, contact your club for more information.

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**KIWANIS CLUB****Overview**

Global organization of clubs dedicated to helping children and communities based on the community's needs.

**Basic Eligibility**

Some assistance may be available to club members.

**Next Steps**

If you are a member of a Kiwanis Club, contact your club for more information.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****Overview**

Club formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families.

**Basic Eligibility**

Some assistance may be available to club members.

**Next Steps**

If you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, contact your club for more information.

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**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CANADA**

1-866-MUS-CLE8

**Overview**

Organization dedicated to raising awareness and educating people about neuromuscular disease. Loan pool and may provide assistance with funding for equipment for those with MD.

- Assistive devices
- Mobility devices
- Home modifications

**Basic Eligibility**

- Maximum contribution per item: \$2,640
- Client minimum contribution: \$200.00 - Equipment costing less than \$200 is not eligible - You must be a registered client of Muscular Dystrophy Canada.
- Muscular Dystrophy Canada will not issue reimbursements. Be sure to complete the application process and receive approval from our office, prior to purchasing the item.

## Next Steps

Funding requests must include:

- A completed application form [http://muscle.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/EquipmentProgramApp\\_On\\_Nunavut.pdf](http://muscle.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/EquipmentProgramApp_On_Nunavut.pdf)
  - Quotes from 2 different equipment vendors
  - A signed equipment prescription from the appropriate licensed health care professional such as: an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, respiratory therapist, orthotist, physiatrist or podiatrist.
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## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF CANADA

1-800-268-7582

### Overview

Provides services to people with multiple sclerosis and their families and funds research to find the cause and cure for this disease.

Loan pool and may provide assistance with funding for equipment for those with MS.

- Assistive devices
- Mobility devices
- Home modifications

### Basic Eligibility

Funding eligibility varies from province to province - check the website for more information.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED FOUNDATION

1-877-856-3833

### Overview

Canadian based registered charitable non-profit organization that's mandate is to "help people with physical disabilities to live more fulfilling and independent lives.

- Assistive devices
- Mobility devices

### Basic Eligibility

The Medical Equipment Recycling Program is open to all physically challenged persons, and organizations that serve them, but is specifically designed to benefit the lower income socially marginalized person(s), who would not be able to purchase the said equipment on their own.

### Next Steps

Application Form: <http://www.oftdf.org/images/oftdgpp14opt.pdf>

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## PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

### **Overview**

Presidents Choice Children's Charity receive applications from families whose children have been diagnosed with a range of disabilities including cerebral palsy, autism, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida and various developmental delays (\$20,000).

### **Basic Eligibility**

- Medical diagnosis of disability
- Household gross income less than \$70,000
- For more eligibility criteria/information needed with application see the application form

### **Next Steps**

Application Form:

[http://www.presidentschoice.ca/content/dam/lclonline/PCCC/PCCC\\_Guidelines\\_Application\\_FA\\_E.pdf](http://www.presidentschoice.ca/content/dam/lclonline/PCCC/PCCC_Guidelines_Application_FA_E.pdf)

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## **RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RRAP-D) (CANADIAN MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORPORATION – C**

1-800-704-6488

### **Overview**

Offers financial assistance to First Nations and First Nation members to undertake accessibility work to modify dwellings occupied or intended for occupancy by low- income persons with disabilities.

Five-year forgivable loan (Maximum \$15 000 lifetime). Funds are for minor renovations such as installing hand rails, grab bars, extra lighting, etc. Home value must be less than \$400 000 and household income must be less than \$55 000.

- Home modifications

### **Basic Eligibility**

First Nations or individual First Nation members that require repairs to their homes may be eligible to apply. The total household income must be at or below the established income threshold for their area and the property must meet minimum health and safety standards.

### **Next Steps**

Client or family must complete a telephone screen interview to access funding assistance.

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## **ROTARY CLUBS/ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

### **Overview**

Together, Rotary clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation work to make lasting improvements in our communities and around the world.

- Home modifications

**Basic Eligibility**

Some assistance may be available to club members.

**Next Steps**

If you are a member of a Rotary Club, contact your club for more information.

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## VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA

**Overview**

Department within the government of Canada with responsibility for pensions/benefits and services for war veterans, retired and still-serving members of the Canadian Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, their families, as well as some civilians.

- Assistive devices
- Mobility devices
- Home modifications

**Basic Eligibility**

- Should be approved for funding on the basis of a recommendation by a health professional approved by Veterans Affairs Canada or, in the case of a Rehabilitation client, a recommendation by a qualified individual deemed appropriate by the Department.
  - Special equipment may not be authorized merely for convenience or as a lifestyle choice
  - The Department should be satisfied that the special equipment is the most appropriate response to the health-related needs of the client
  - Simpler, less costly equipment should be considered before more complex and costlier equipment.
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## WAR AMPUTATIONS OF CANADA

1-877-622-2472

**Overview**

The War Amps is a Canadian nation-wide registered charitable organization operated under the direction of war amputees.

- Assistive devices
- Mobility devices

**Basic Eligibility**

Children with amputations may be eligible for financial assistance for prosthetic limbs, recreational limbs and travel to prosthetic centres.