

# Appendix D.

## Funding opportunities

The following are some provincial and federal funding programs that directly or indirectly support accessibility for people with disabilities. The information was current as of September 2019.

### Federal funding for municipalities, businesses, and community groups

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#### Capital projects\*

**\*Note:** Capital projects could relate to the Built Environment; Transportation; Employment; or Information and Communication.

The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) provides funding for eligible capital projects that increase accessibility for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces, creating more opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in community activities, programs and services, or access employment opportunities. Eligible recipients can apply for funding through periodic funding processes. Learn more at [www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html)

### Provincial funding for municipalities, businesses, and community groups

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*M means this funding is for municipalities*

#### Accessibility planning

**M** The **Community Works Program** helps municipalities to pay summer students and others to work on community projects, including active community involvement in accessibility planning (i.e., audits of municipal infrastructure such as buildings, sidewalks, trails, and signal lights). The program will consider up to 50% to a maximum of \$25,000 of eligible costs for each employment project, with the balance coming from the applicant or other potential sources. Learn more from the NS Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing at [CommunityWorks@novascotia.ca](mailto:CommunityWorks@novascotia.ca)

#### Transportation

**M** The **Accessible Transportation Assistance Program** (ATAP) helps community-based organizations\* and municipal accessible transit organizations to buy accessible vehicles or modify existing vehicles. The program will provide up to 75% of the total capital cost to a maximum of \$75,000.

(\*To be eligible, the community-based organizations must also be receiving funding from the Community Transportation Assistance Program (CTAP), described below.) Learn more from the Department of Communities Culture and Heritage at [beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-buy-or-modify-accessible-vehicles-accessible-transportation-assistance-program](https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-buy-or-modify-accessible-vehicles-accessible-transportation-assistance-program)

The **Community Transportation Assistance Program (CTAP)** covers a portion of the operating costs of a community-based inclusive transportation service for disabled, elderly, and low-income people in rural Nova Scotia who need transportation to and from medical appointments, education, and recreation opportunities. Services are developed and provided by non-profit organizations through partnerships with public, private, non-profit, and volunteer resources and services. Learn more from the Department of Communities Culture and Heritage at [beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-operating-costs-community-based-transportation-service-community-transportation-assistance-program](https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-operating-costs-community-based-transportation-service-community-transportation-assistance-program)

**M** The **Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program (NS-TRIP)** provides funding for projects that generate new and improved public transit services in rural areas and underserved urban areas of the province. Projects must enhance the service capacity of new or existing public transit organizations. The program provides cost sharing at various funding levels, depending on the scope of the project. Funding is available for one project per year per organization. The program includes but is not limited to projects that focus on accessibility. Learn more from the Department of Communities Culture and Heritage at [beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-help-assess-need-and-develop-transit-service-rural-or-underserved-urban-area-nova-scotia-transit-research-incentive-program](https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-help-assess-need-and-develop-transit-service-rural-or-underserved-urban-area-nova-scotia-transit-research-incentive-program)

**Built Environment**

**M** The **Community ACCESS-Ability Program** offers cost-shared grants to non-profit organizations, Nova Scotian Mi'kmaq Band Councils, and municipalities, for accessibility-related capital improvements to community facilities. Learn more from the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage at [cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/community-access-ability-program](https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/community-access-ability-program)

The **Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program** is a cost-shared grant for businesses to make accessibility-related improvements. Improvements can be for clients and customers, for employees, or both. Learn more from the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage at [cch.novascotia.ca/business-access-ability-grant-program](http://cch.novascotia.ca/business-access-ability-grant-program)

**Disabled Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program** for Landlords provides financial assistance for landlords to modify homes to be more accessible for residents with disabilities. Learn more from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing at [housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-persons-disabilities/disabled-residential-rehabilitation-assistance#landlords](http://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-persons-disabilities/disabled-residential-rehabilitation-assistance#landlords)

## Provincial funding for individuals

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### Transportation

Individuals can apply for a rebate on the sales tax they paid when buying a vehicle for use by or to transport someone who has lost the complete use of their legs (referred to on the applications as a physiologically challenged person). There are two application forms available from Service Nova Scotia:

- ▶ For a rebate of the Nova Scotia Sales Tax (NSST), go to [beta.novascotia.ca/apply-nova-scotia-sales-tax-nsst-rebate-vehicle-person-without-complete-use-their-legs](http://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-nova-scotia-sales-tax-nsst-rebate-vehicle-person-without-complete-use-their-legs)
- ▶ For a rebate of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), go to [beta.novascotia.ca/apply-hst-rebate-vehicle-person-without-complete-use-their-legs](http://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-hst-rebate-vehicle-person-without-complete-use-their-legs)

### Communication

Individuals can apply for a rebate on the HST they paid to modify a computer for use by a person with physical, vision, or hearing impairments, or mental challenges. Learn more from Service Nova Scotia at [beta.novascotia.ca/apply-hst-rebate-computer-person-disabilities](http://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-hst-rebate-computer-person-disabilities)

### Built Environment

(Housing)

**Access-A-Home Program** offers funding to help people adapt their homes to become wheelchair accessible. The amount of the grant depends on income. The maximum amount is \$7,000. Learn more from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing at [housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-persons-disabilities/access-home-program](http://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-persons-disabilities/access-home-program)

**Disabled Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program**

for Homeowners offers funding to help homeowners make their homes more accessible for people with disabilities.

The amount of the grant depends on the value of the home and the total household income. The maximum amount

is \$16,000. Learn more from the Department of Municipal

Affairs and Housing at [housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-persons-disabilities/disabled-residential-rehabilitation-assistance#homeowners](https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-persons-disabilities/disabled-residential-rehabilitation-assistance#homeowners)