



Department of Social Development and Seniors

Supports for Persons with Disabilities Gen. Regs. 8(1)(a)	Division	Social Programs	
	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Policy Name	Social Inclusion Funding	Policy # 2.10
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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide financial support for social inclusion activities to eligible applicants of AccessAbility Supports (AAS).

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Applicant:** a person with a disability by whom or on whose behalf an application is made for AccessAbility Supports or Assured Income (AI).
- 2.2 **Capability Assessment:** a systematic process for determining strengths and identifying potential support needs for applicants with a disability.
- 2.3 **Community Supports:** supports to assist a recipient to participate in the community and access community services, including social opportunities, assistance with transportation and employment and vocational supports.
- 2.4 **Health Care Practitioner:** includes an audiologist, a dietitian, registered under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, a medical practitioner, licensed under the *Medical Act*, an occupational therapist registered under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, an optometrist, licensed under the *Optometry Act*, a physiotherapist, registered under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, a psychologist, registered under the *Psychologists Act*, a registered nurse or nurse practitioner, registered under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, and a speech language pathologist.
- 2.5 **Natural Supports:** relationships that occur in everyday life and usually include family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and acquaintances. Natural supports may also include basic community resources.



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- 2.6 **Social Inclusion Funding:** financial support that allows a person with a disability to participate in social activities on equal terms as their peers by alleviating disability specific costs.
- 2.7 **Support Plan:** a written account of an intended course of action to identify supports that may assist in meeting one or more of the unmet needs directly related to the applicant's disability and/or the basic AI needs of an applicant. The Support Plan is a collaboration between the applicant and the Supports Coordinator and explains the details of the plan.
- 2.8 **Supports:** goods, services or funds to assist a person with a disability to alleviate restrictions on the person's ability to function in the person's home, the community or a workplace that are attributable to the person's disability.
- 2.9 **Supports Coordinator:** a staff member that provides direction and case management support in delivering a range of social benefits and services to applicants eligible for AAS.
- 2.10 **Supports Needs Assessment (SNA):** a systematic process for determining an applicant's potential disability support needs and AI.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENTS

- 3.1 AAS provides funding for social inclusion activities under the provision of community supports.
- 3.2 Funding for social inclusion activities is intended to alleviate extraordinary costs associated with social inclusion and community participation that are a result of an applicant's disability.
- 3.3 Funding for social inclusion activities is intended to provide financial support for self-directed social inclusion activities for the purpose of achieving and maintaining full citizenship.
- 3.4 Funding for social inclusion activities is intended to supplement, and not replace, the natural and community supports that are available to an applicant.
- 3.5 Social inclusion funding is intended to support applicants in covering the costs of various social activities. Social inclusion funding may include the cost of participating in social activities, transportation to attend social activities, as well as any disability-specific equipment required for participation in social activities. Disability-specific equipment must be recommended by a health care practitioner.



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- 3.6 An applicant's eligibility for social inclusion funding will be determined by the Department based on the following factors:
- the results of an applicant's capability assessment or SNA;
 - availability within the applicant's approved monthly funding ceiling level;
 - the applicant's collaborative Support Plan;
 - the self-assessment of the applicant; and
 - input from the applicant's Supports Coordinator.
- 3.7 The amount of social inclusion funding an applicant is eligible for is determined by the applicant's monthly funding ceiling.
- 3.8 An applicant is eligible for a maximum rate of social inclusion funding equal to 10% of their monthly funding ceiling up to a maximum of \$200 per month or \$2,400 per year as per the *Schedule of Social Inclusion Funding* (attached).
- 3.9 Applicants must have the requested funding available within their monthly funding ceiling level to be eligible to receive social inclusion funding.
- 3.10 Applicants are responsible for providing documentation of social inclusion costs to the Department as per Social Programs policy 1.3 Documentation Requirements.

4.0 REFERENCES

- 4.1 *Supports for Persons with Disabilities Gen. Regs. 8(1)(a)*
- 4.2 AccessAbility Supports policy 1.4 Collaborative Support Plan
AccessAbility Supports policy 1.3 Documentation Requirements
AccessAbility policy 2.1 Personal Supports
- 4.3 June 15, 2025 - Updated policy to include "disability-specific equipment" as eligible for social inclusion funding.

5.0 ATTACHMENTS

- 5.1 Schedule of Social Inclusion Funding



Schedule of Social Inclusion Funding

Support Level	Funding Ceiling	Social Inclusion Rate
Level 2	\$400	\$40
Level 3	\$800	\$80
Level 4	\$1,200	\$120
Level 5	\$1,600	\$160
Level 6	\$2,000	\$200
Level 7	\$2,400	\$200
Level 8	\$2,800	\$200
Level 9	\$3,200	\$200
Level 10	\$3,600	\$200
Level 11	\$4,000	\$200