Everyday Access Fund
Terms and Conditions

Offered by the: Disabled Not Dead Society
About the Everyday Access Fund
The Everyday Access Fund provides grants of $25–$200 CAD to individuals of all ages living with a disability in Nova Scotia. The Fund is intended to address practical, disability-related barriers to everyday life by helping individuals access equipment and services that support independence, accessibility, participation, and functional goals.
Small purchases can make a meaningful difference. Whether it is an item that makes daily activities easier, equipment that improves access to school or work, or a service that supports participation in a hobby or community activity, the Fund aims to help people access more of the activities and opportunities that matter to them.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Everyday Access Fund, applicants must:

- Be living in Nova Scotia at the time of application.
- Have a disability.
- Request funding for eligible equipment or services that address disability-related barriers and support accessibility, everyday functioning, independence, or participation in daily activities.
- Seek funding for expenses that are not covered, or are only partially covered, by insurance, government programs, other organizations, or alternative funding sources.

The Fund is open to individuals of all ages. Applicants under the age of 18 may apply with the involvement of a parent or legal guardian. Any funds awarded to an applicant under the age of 18 will be released only to their parent or legal guardian.
Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee that an applicant will receive funding.

2. Eligible Expenses and Other Funding Sources

The Everyday Access Fund is intended to help cover the costs of equipment and services that address practical, disability-related barriers to everyday life. Eligible expenses may support access, independence, function, and participation at home, school, work, in the community, or through hobbies and recreational activities.
Expenses may qualify when they are not covered or are only partially covered by insurance, government programs, other organizations, or alternative funding sources. The Fund may be used to help cover the remaining cost of an item or service after other funding has been applied, or to support an expense for which no alternative funding is available.
Applicants are encouraged to explore relevant insurance benefits, government programs, and other funding opportunities before applying. However, applicants may still be eligible if these sources provide only partial coverage or are unable to cover the full cost.
Applicants may be asked to provide additional information about the requested item or service, its cost, its intended purpose, and any other funding received or available.
All proposed purchases or services must be approved by the Disabled Not Dead Society before funding is used. Funding is limited to the amount approved by the Society and may not exceed $200 CAD per successful application.

3. Funding Amount

The Everyday Access Fund provides grants ranging from $25 to $200 CAD per successful application.
The amount awarded will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Disabled Not Dead Society based on its assessment of the application, the purpose of the Fund, and available resources.
Submitting an application does not guarantee funding or any particular award amount.

4. Application and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed and successful recipients selected by the Board of Directors of the Disabled Not Dead Society. The Society retains full discretion to determine which applications receive funding, the amount awarded within the established funding limits, and which applications are not approved. The Society reserves the right to decline any application and is not required to provide an explanation or justification for individual funding decisions.
The Society may request additional information from applicants when necessary to assess an application.
All funding decisions are final, subject to applicable law.

5. Equipment Safety and Limitation of Liability

The Disabled Not Dead Society is not responsible for the ongoing safety, suitability, maintenance, use, or performance of equipment purchased or provided through the Everyday Access Fund, nor for any injuries, damages, losses, or safety concerns arising from or related to the equipment or its use. Recipients are responsible for ensuring that equipment is appropriate for their needs and is used in accordance with applicable instructions and safety recommendations.

6. Disbursement of Funds

Where reasonably possible, the Disabled Not Dead Society will arrange and complete the purchase of approved equipment or services directly on behalf of the successful applicant.

When direct purchase is not feasible or appropriate, the Society may release the approved funds to the applicant. For applicants under the age of 18, funds will only be released to their parent or legal guardian.

Recipients must use all funds exclusively for the approved purpose and may not redirect funds toward other expenses without prior approval from the Society.

7. **Use of Funds and Receipts**

All awarded funds must be used within three (3) months of the date the funds are received.

Recipients are responsible for ensuring that approved equipment or services are purchased or accessed within this period.

When the Society purchases equipment or services directly, it will retain its own purchase records, such as receipts or invoices, for its administrative and accountability purposes.

When funds are paid directly to an applicant or, where applicable, their parent or legal guardian, the recipient must:

Use the funds only for the approved equipment or service.

Retain the receipt or other appropriate proof of purchase.

Submit a copy of the receipt or proof of purchase to the Society after the purchase has been completed.

If a recipient is unable to use the funds within the three-month period, they must contact the Society as soon as possible. Any extension or alternative arrangement is at the Society's discretion and must be approved by the Society.

The Society reserves the right to request the return of unused funds or funds used for an unapproved purpose, subject to applicable law and any circumstances agreed upon by the Society.

8. **Applicant Responsibilities and Accuracy of Information**

By submitting an application, applicants confirm that the information provided is accurate, complete, and truthful to the best of their knowledge.

Applicants are responsible for providing any additional information reasonably requested by the Society during the review or administration of their application.

Providing false, misleading, or materially incomplete information may result in an application being declined, an award being withdrawn, or a request for the return of funds already disbursed, subject to applicable law.

9. **Tax Responsibilities**

Recipients are responsible for determining whether grant funds received constitute taxable income or otherwise create tax reporting obligations under applicable laws and regulations.

Recipients are solely responsible for meeting any applicable tax filing, reporting, and payment obligations associated with the grant. The Disabled Not Dead Society does not provide tax advice. Recipients who are uncertain about their obligations are encouraged to consult a qualified tax professional or the Canada Revenue Agency.

10. **Privacy and Application Information**

Information submitted as part of an application will be used by the Disabled Not Dead Society to assess eligibility, make funding decisions, administer awards, and meet applicable accountability requirements.

The Society will handle applicant information in accordance with applicable privacy laws and its privacy practices. Applicant information will be accessed by individuals involved in the review and administration of the Fund and shared with others only as permitted or required by law or as necessary to administer the grant.

Applicants may contact the Society with questions about how their information is collected, used, or protected.

11. Administration and Changes to the Fund

The Disabled Not Dead Society is responsible for administering the Everyday Access Fund and interpreting these Terms and Conditions.

The Society reserves the right to amend, suspend, or discontinue the Fund at its discretion, subject to applicable law and any commitments already made to successful applicants.

The Society may decline applications or adjust the administration of the Fund based on available resources, program needs, or other relevant considerations.

12. Agreement to Terms and Conditions

By submitting an application to the Everyday Access Fund, applicants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms and Conditions.

For applicants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must acknowledge and agree to these Terms and Conditions on the applicant's behalf.

The Everyday Access Fund is administered by the Disabled Not Dead Society. All grants are subject to application review, approval, available resources, and these Terms and Conditions.