



PROGRAMS AND FUNDING SUPPORTING SENIORS AGING AT HOME:

A JURISDICTIONAL SCAN -
COMMUNITY,
TRANSPORTATION AND
SAFETY SUPPORTS

SAFETY

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Aging in place refers to the ability of older adults to live independently and comfortably in their own homes or communities as they age. It involves creating a supportive environment that promotes physical, emotional, and social well-being, and allows older individuals to maintain their autonomy and quality of life.

Community, Transportation and Safety Supports for Aging in Place

As Canada's population ages, there has been growing emphasis on helping them to age at home^{1,2,3}. Successful aging in place is supported by features of the context an older adult lives in, such as the accessibility of community spaces, community services, the availability of transportation, and safety of their surroundings⁴. Governments across Canada recognize the contributions that community features make to aging in place, as is shown in their engagement with creating age-friendly communities⁵. The Canadian federal, provincial and territorial governments have also implemented a range of programs that contribute to supportive contexts for aging in place. This jurisdictional scan draws on APPTA's *Programs and Funding Supporting Seniors Aging at Home: A Jurisdictional Scan* to provide an overview of programs that address aspects of the community, transportation, safety contexts where older adults age in place.

Community and home contexts are where factors in aging in place intersect, and it is worth noting that many programs described here are also included in the other jurisdictional scans in this series. Programs often use financial interventions, such as grants, loans or tax incentives, and a number of these programs are also described in APPTA's jurisdictional scan focused on **Financial Supports**. Similarly, home modification safety programs overlap with the **Housing** jurisdictional scan, and some safety equipment programs are also described in **Health** scan.

Age-Friendly Communities Programs

The World Health Organization released the *WHO Global Age-friendly Cities Guide* in 2007 to bring attention to ways to support meeting the needs of older adults who live in their communities, including accessible spaces, social participation and inclusion, and transportation⁶. Soon afterward, the government of Canada launched the *Federal, Provincial, Territorial Age-Friendly Rural and Remote Communities Initiative* to extend the age-friendly community principles from large urban areas to smaller cities and towns⁷. The age-friendly communities movement remains active across Canada. The federal government and several provinces offer funding programs to help communities implement age-friendly communities initiatives. Other provinces and territories have programs that publicly recognize communities that have achieved age-friendly community goals.

In addition, several provinces also offer programs which support initiatives that align with the goal of increasing community accessibility for everyone, including older adults. Examples include programs in Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador that provide support for safety and accessibility renovations of public spaces or improving accessibility of community events. Some provinces also offer vehicle accessibility refit programs that improve transportation opportunities for older adults.

Community-Based Initiative Funding Programs

Social participation and attachment to the community are important for achieving successful aging in place among older adults⁸. The federal, provincial and territorial governments have implemented a range

¹ Age Well at Home: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/09/backgrounder-age-well-at-home-initiative.html>

² Davey, J. A., de Joux, V., Nana, G., & Arcus, M. (2004). *Accommodation options for older people in Aotearoa/New Zealand*. Christchurch: Centre for Housing Research.

³ Bjornsdottir, K. (2018). 'Holding on to life': An ethnographic study of living well at home in old age. *Nursing Inquiry*, 25(2), e12228.

⁴ Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/seniors-forum-federal-provincial-territorial/aging.html>

⁵ Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/aging-seniors/friendly-communities.html>

⁶ World Health Organization: <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/age-friendly-cities-framework/>

⁷ Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/aging-seniors/friendly-communities.html#sec3>

⁸ Carver LF, Beamish R, Phillips SP, Villeneuve M. A Scoping Review: Social Participation as a Cornerstone of Successful Aging in Place among Rural Older Adults. *Geriatrics*. 2018; 3(4):75. <https://doi.org/10.3390/geriatrics3040075>

of programs that provide funding to community organizations which support older adults who are aging in place. Some of these programs, such as the federal government's *Age Well at Home Initiative*⁹, are general funding programs that successful community-based applicants can use to support most projects that serve older adults. More often, community-based initiative funding programs are aimed at supporting specific types of initiatives. Focal topics for such programs include social inclusion or social engagement, exercise and active living, and information provision.

Community-Based Aging in Place Support Programs

Community activities and senior centers can contribute to a sense of belonging and well-being^{10,11}. A range of publicly funded programs that support aging in place are delivered through community organizations. Some of the programs provide information or education for older adults. Other community-based programs provide opportunities for social activities, such as some adult day programs. Health services for older adults are also sometimes provided through community organizations. Finally, some adult day programs offer a combination of social activities and health support programs to older adults who attend them. Depending on the funding models that are available in each jurisdiction, some support programs may be financed with assistance from the community-based initiative funding programs

Transportation Programs for Older Adults

Accessible transportation infrastructure is essential for older adults, enabling them to take part in employment, volunteer activities, and community events, which increases their social connectedness and well-being in the communities where they live¹². Programs to improve transportation opportunities for older adults have been implemented in several Canadian jurisdictions. Some of the programs focus on providing transportation to access medically necessary services, which overlaps with transportation initiatives described in the *Health* jurisdictional scan in this series. Other programs offer older adults access to more general transportation services. Two provinces, British Columbia and Ontario, offer public transit programs for older adults, while Manitoba and New Brunswick have services that make transportation available for older adults.

Safety Promotion Programs

Physical safety is a concern for older adults who are aging in place, particularly if they have conditions that impact their balance or mobility. Home modifications, such as installation of ramps and grab bars, improve mobility and safety^{13,14,15}, and most of the safety promotion programs implemented by federal, provincial, and territorial governments in Canada focus on home modifications and adjustments. British Columbia's Community Rehabilitation program offers a home safety assessment service¹⁶, and most provinces and territories have programs that enable older adults to afford renovations or refits that improve the accessibility or safety of their homes. Specialized equipment can also help older adults age

⁹ Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/09/background-ager-well-at-home-initiative.html>

¹⁰ Wiggins, R. D., Higgs, P. F., Hyde, M., & Blane, D. B. (2004). Quality of life in the third age: key predictors of the CASP-19 measure. *Ageing & Society*, 24(5), 693-708

¹¹ Wiles, J. L., Leibing, A., Guberman, N., Reeve, J., & Allen, R. E. (2012). The meaning of "aging in place" to older people. *The gerontologist*, 52(3), 357-366. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnr098>

¹² Choi S. M., Dabelko-Schoeny H., White K. (2019). Access to employment, volunteer activities, and community events and perceptions of age-friendliness: The role of social connectedness. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 39(9), 1016–1024. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0733464819847588>

¹³ Brim, B., Fromhold, S., & Blaney, S. (2021). Older Adults' Self-Reported Barriers to Aging in Place. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 40(12), 1678–1686. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0733464820988800>

¹⁴ Fausset C. B., Kelly A. J., Rogers W. A., Fisk A. D. (2011). Challenges to aging in place: Understanding home maintenance difficulties. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 25(2), 125–141. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02763893.2011.571105>

¹⁵ Martin, D., Long, O., & Kessler, L. (2019). Planning for aging in place: incorporating the voice of elders to promote quality of life. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 33(4), 382-392.

¹⁶ Community Rehabilitation: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/community-rehabilitation>

in place independently and safely^{17,18,19}. Governments across Canada also offer a range of programs that subsidize the purchase or installation of equipment that improves the safety of older adults. Many of these programs focus on equipment that is used inside the home, such as hospital beds, lifts, or bathroom fixtures, but some support the acquisition of mobility aids, such as walkers, or medical alert systems and other smart home devices, for example Carelink Advantage²⁰, that support successful aging in place.

Overview of Government programs and policy

Features of the contexts older adults live in have important impacts on whether or not they are able to successfully age in place. These factors include characteristics of the community, such as how accessible public spaces are and what services are offered that encourage older people to engage in social activities. Having access to suitable transportation is also important for enabling older adults to fully engage with their communities. Finally, it is essential that environments, both in public and at home, have the necessary features that allow older adults to use them safely and feel confident that they will be able to carry out their daily activities as independently as possible.

The age-friendly communities concept was developed by the WHO nearly twenty years ago²¹ and embraced across Canada in a variety of initiatives aimed at enhancing the capacity of communities to support older residents. Canadian governments offer a variety of community project funding and community recognition programs that are specifically designated as age-friendly community initiatives. There is also a range of programs that align with the overall age-friendly community goals, especially those that aim to improve accessibility and transportation. Some transportation programs for older adults, for example subsidized transit passes, focus on supporting individuals rather than communities. While not community focused, those initiatives work synergistically with community or system-wide programs to reinforce the sense that it is normal for older adults to be out of their homes and fully engaging in daily life.

Engagement with their communities is important for older adults who are aging in place and community organizations often act as hubs for social activities and accessing services. Local organizations are also nodes in collaboration between federal, provincial and territorial governments and communities to meet older adults' needs. Governments across Canada have implemented programs that provide resources which community organizations use to locally deliver services that align with government priorities for supporting older adults. Publicly funded community delivered programs include initiatives to provide information, offer opportunities for social inclusion, deliver non-medical health supports, and deliver programs that encourage active living. Publicly funded adult day programs also provide both direct benefits for older adults and give caregivers periods of relief from caregiving duties.

Finally, while not all older adults have reduced mobility or other conditions that make it difficult for them to live independently, for those who do it is essential that their surroundings help maintain their safety. Falls are a leading cause of injury for older adults in Canada²² and provincial and territorial safety promotion programs understandably focus primarily on fall prevention equipment or home renovations. Continuing development or expansion of those programs helps ensure the viability of aging in place for many Canadian older adults.

¹⁷ Rantz, M. J., Marek, K. D., Aud, M., Tyrer, H. W., Skubic, M., Demiris, G., & Hussam, A. (2005). A technology and nursing collaboration to help older adults age in place. *Nursing Outlook*, 53(1), 40-45.

¹⁸ Peek, S. T., Luijckx, K. G., Rijnaard, M. D., Nieboer, M. E., Van Der Voort, C. S., Aarts, S., ... & Wouters, E. J. (2016). Older adults' reasons for using technology while aging in place. *Gerontology*, 62(2), 226-237.

¹⁹ Wang, S., Bolling, K., Mao, W., Reichstadt, J., Jeste, D., Kim, H. C., & Nebeker, C. (2019, April). Technology to support aging in place: Older adults' perspectives. In *Healthcare* (Vol. 7, No. 2, p. 60). MDPI.

²⁰ <https://carelinkadvantage.ca/carelink-advantage-now-funded-in-the-province-of-new-brunswick/>

²¹ World Health Organization: <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/age-friendly-cities-framework/>

²² Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/surveillance-report-falls-older-adults-canada.html#a2.6>

Terms of Reference

Through the development of this report and analyses of various programs and initiatives, five themes emerged. The terms of reference below outline what programs and initiatives are considered under each theme.

Theme	Programs and initiatives
Age-Friendly Communities Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes funding and/ or recognition programs that are part of the age-friendly communities movement to make infrastructure and services compatible with the needs of older adults. It also includes programs that are not specifically described as age-friendly initiatives, but which support meeting the objective of improving accessibility for older adults.
Community-Based Initiative Funding Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes programs that provide funding to community organizations that support aging in place.
Community-Based Aging in Place Support Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes programs that are delivered through community organizations and provide services that support older adults to remain in their own homes.
Transportation Programs for Older Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes programs that provide transportation services for older adults or help older adults afford to use transportation services.
Safety Promotion Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes programs that are intended to improve the physical safety of older adults in their homes and communities, typically through providing safety-related equipment, such as walkers, or assisting with making housing safer for older adults.
*Additional note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible we strive to use the term “older adult(s)”, however, titles and descriptions of programming may use other terminology, such as “seniors”, where that is the term used by the organization providing the program.

Please note that in some cases a program may be listed in more than one category if aspects of the program apply to both. For example, a program listed in “Community-Based Aging in Place Support Programs” that also provides older adults with transportation within their community would be included under “Transportation Programs for Older Adults”. Where programs are present in more than one category, the program’s description and identification number is in the category that corresponds to its primary purpose. In *Table 1* below, a program is shown in its primary category in **bold**, and in additional categories in *italic*.

Table 1: Programs and Funding Matrix

	Age-Friendly Communities	Community Project Funding	Community Based Programs	Transport	Safety
Federal	FD14	FD13, FD15	-	FD11	FD10
Alberta	AB16	AB15	-	-	AB4, AB11, AB13
British Columbia	BC18	-	BC5, BC17	BC19	BC4, BC14, BC15
Manitoba	MB13	-	MB6, MB12	<i>MB12</i>	<i>MB12</i>
New Brunswick	NB15, NB20	-	NB7, NB16, NB17, NB18, NB20	NB19	NB11, NB14
Newfoundland and Labrador	NL11, NL13, NL14, NL15, NL16	NL12	-	NL17	NL4, NL9, NL10
Northwest Territories	NWT8	-	-	-	NWT5, NWT6
Nova Scotia	NS19	NS20	NS7, NS18	-	NS3, NS4, NS5, NS14, NS21
Nunavut	-	NU9, NU10	-	-	-
Ontario	ON9, ON10, ON12, ON14	ON11, ON13	-	ON15	ON8, ON14
Prince Edward Island	PEI17	PEI16	PEI12, PEI15	-	PEI5, PEI14
Québec	QC18	QC19	QC17	-	QC6, QC16
Saskatchewan	SK15	-	-	-	SK6, SK12
Yukon	-	-	YT6	-	-

N.B: To find more details on each program or funding using the codes in the matrix, navigate to each jurisdiction and view details by corresponding numbers in the first columns.

Age-Friendly Communities Programs

This category includes age-friendly communities funding and/ or recognition programs to make infrastructure and services compatible with the needs of older adults. It also includes programs that are not specifically described as age-friendly initiatives, but which support meeting the objective of improving accessibility for older adults.

Table 2: Age-Friendly Communities Programs

	Program	Eligibility	Description
Age-Friendly Community Initiative Funding Programs			
FD14	Age-Friendly Communities Program ²³	Age-Friendly Communities Milestones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish an advisory committee - Secure a local municipal council resolution - Establish a robust and concrete plan of action - Demonstrate commitment to action - Measure outcomes 	This program from the Public Health Agency of Canada aims to help communities create environments that support the well-being and inclusion of older adults. It provides funding for projects that address various aspects of community life, such as accessible transportation, housing, social participation, and health services.
BC18	BC Age-friendly Communities Program ²⁴	Four criteria to be recognized as an age-friendly community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establish an Age-friendly Communities Committee or Group - pass a Council/District Board or Band Council Resolution - conduct an Age-friendly Assessment - develop and Publish an Action Plan 	The BC Age-friendly Communities Program provides funding, resources and capacity-building supports to help Indigenous and local governments, as well as other partners to achieve this vision. The program has two funding streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning (Stream 1) up to \$25,000 - Projects (Stream 2) up to \$15,000. Both grant streams include in-kind, customized capacity-building supports provided by BCHC staff.
MB13	Age-Friendly Manitoba ²⁵	Steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Engagement 2. Establish an age-friendly committee/group that includes active engagement of older adults. 3. Municipal Council Resolution 4. Action Plan 5. Public Awareness 6. Measure Outcomes 	The Age-Friendly Manitoba initiative is a comprehensive multifaceted approach that contributes to the health and well-being of its citizens. With the support of the Community Collaboration Grant, successful applicants may receive up to \$10,000 to support projects that address two or more of the eight Age Friendly domains.

²³ Age-Friendly Communities Program: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/aging-seniors/friendly-communities.html>

²⁴ Age-friendly Communities: <https://bchealthycommunities.ca/index.php/age-friendly-communities/>

²⁵ Age-Friendly Manitoba: <https://agefriendlymanitoba.com/>

NL11	Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program ²⁶	<p>The Age-Friendly Community milestones are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishing an advisory committee - securing a local municipal council resolution - establishing a robust and concrete plan of action - demonstrating commitment to the action plan; and - committing to measuring activities. 	<p>The Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program assists communities in NL to support changing demographics by developing and implementing policies, undertaking projects that enable residents to age in place, and facilitating the creation of age-friendly communities.</p> <p>The program has 2 funding streams: Stream 1 is the Planning process to set the foundation for stream 2 which is for Projects. Contributions up to \$10,000 are available. Applications demonstrating a regional approach may receive up to \$15,000.</p>
NS19	Age-friendly Communities Grant ²⁷	<p>Eligibility for a grant is open to registered non-profit societies or co-operatives, registered charities, or registered associations based in Nova Scotia, and to local governments (municipality, First Nations band or Tribal Council), universities, or non-profit post-secondary institutions based in Nova Scotia.</p>	<p>The program provides funding for community-wide efforts to create age-friendly environments, promote healthy aging and support initiatives that help lead to positive impacts in the lives of older adults.</p> <p>Most projects receive a grant of up to \$10,000. Projects can receive funding of up to \$25,000 if they are a large-scale in-depth or provincial initiative.</p>
PEI17	PEI Age Friendly Community Recognition Program ²⁸	<p>Five Steps to becoming an age-friendly community²⁹.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establish an advisory committee, - establish commitment, - create a plan of action, - demonstrate community commitment, - measure and report on actions. 	<p>The Government of Prince Edward Island is a partner with Age Friendly PEI Inc³⁰, a community organization that promotes awareness of and supports communities in their work towards becoming age friendly. Community development initiatives and age-friendly projects may be eligible for funding from provincial and/or federal grant opportunities.</p>
QC18	Age-Friendly Québec (AFQ) Program ³¹	<p>Financial assistance is determined according to the size of the municipality and according to the terms announced during calls for projects.</p>	<p>This program provides financial support to non-profit organizations who carry out activities and initiatives at a local, regional or national level. These projects contribute to adapting living environments to the realities of older adults, allowing them to remain in their homes, in their communities, in healthy, safe and welcoming environments.</p>

²⁶ Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/grants/age-friendly/>

²⁷ Age-Friendly Communities Grant: <https://novascotia.ca/age-friendly-grant/>

²⁸ PEI Age Friendly Community Recognition Program: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-housing/age-friendly-pei>

²⁹ A Guide to Becoming an Age-Friendly Community in Prince Edward Island: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/web_ready_guide_2021_to_becoming_an_age_friendly_community_in_pei.pdf

³⁰ Age Friendly PEI Inc: <https://www.age-friendlypei.ca/>

³¹ Age Friendly Québec: <https://www.quebec.ca/famille-et-soutien-aux-personnes/personnes-agees/aide-financiere-organismes/municipalite-amie-des-aines>

Age-Friendly Communities Recognition Programs			
AB16	Age-friendly Communities ³²	<p>Steps to creating an age-friendly community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a committee - Work with your local government to pass a resolution - Conduct an age-friendly assessment of your community - Create an action plan 	Age-friendly communities promote healthy and active aging. People in age-friendly communities are supported in maintaining their independence and have access to the community supports and services they need.
NB15	New Brunswick Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program ³³	<p>The program has four steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - secure official commitment to the Age-Friendly Community approach - establish an Age-Friendly Advisory Committee - conduct an age-friendly community assessment - establish a comprehensive plan. 	The New Brunswick Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program is a way of encouraging communities and municipalities across the province to become welcoming places for all ages. The program encourages the creation of policies, services and structures that promote healthy aging and wellness.
NWT8	Age-Friendly Communities Initiative ³⁴	<p>The Age-Friendly Community³⁵ milestones are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishing an advisory committee - securing a local municipal council resolution - establishing a robust and concrete plan of action - demonstrating commitment to the action plan; - committing to measuring activities. 	The Age-Friendly Communities Initiative promotes the development of age-friendly communities by encouraging the creation of accessible, inclusive, and supportive environments for older adults.
ON12	Ontario Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) ^{36,37}	<p>The Ontario AFC Outreach Program aims to increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - awareness of age-friendly planning principles, - access to best-practice research and information, - connectivity between age-friendly community initiatives to enable the spread of promising practices and collective response to emerging gaps, - capacity of age-friendly community initiatives to plan, implement, evaluate and sustain their age-friendly activities. 	Age-Friendly Communities helps create more accessible environments for people of all ages and abilities across diverse communities in the province.

³² Age-friendly communities: <https://www.alberta.ca/age-friendly-communities.aspx>

³³ New Brunswick Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program: <https://www.agefriendlyactivecommunitiesnewbrunswick.com/>

³⁴ Age-Friendly Communities Initiative: <https://www.nwtseniorssociety.ca/agefriendlycommunities>

³⁵ Age-Friendly Communities: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/aging-seniors/friendly-communities.html#sec4>

³⁶ Ontario Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) Outreach Program: <https://sagelink.ca/age-friendly-communities-ontario/>

³⁷ Ontario Age-Friendly Communities : <https://www.ontario.ca/page/creating-more-inclusive-ontario-age-friendly-community-planning-guide-municipalities-and-community>

SK15	Age-Friendly Saskatchewan Communities ³⁸	<p>The Age-Friendly Community steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishing an advisory committee, - securing a local municipal council resolution, - establishing a robust and concrete plan of action, - demonstrating commitment to the action plan, - committing to measuring activities. 	Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism is working on a <i>Creating Age-Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Communities</i> project aimed at working with communities and creating communities that are safer, smarter, healthier, happier, more inclusive places for all people also reduces one of the significant factors that contributes to elder abuse – isolation.
Community Accessibility Programs			
NL13	Inclusion Grant Program ³⁹	Eligibility includes community based (non-profit) organizations seeking to increase accessibility of their facilities and events (e.g. providing captioning, listening devices or American Sign Language interpretation).	<p>The Inclusion Grant Program provides grants to community-based organizations to increase accessibility of their facilities and events.</p> <p>The maximum grant for facility modifications is \$25,000.</p> <p>The maximum grant for events is \$5,000.</p> <p>This program aligns with principles of the <i>Accessibility Act NL</i> and supports the government's commitment to improve accessibility and inclusion in Newfoundland and Labrador.</p>
NL14	Accessibility Grant ⁴⁰	<p>Eligible projects will improve the accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society. Priority will be given to capacity building projects, programs, or services that promote accessibility and inclusion beyond physical infrastructure.</p> <p>Applications are open to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NL based nonprofit organizations - Municipalities and Local Service Districts - Indigenous governments and groups 	<p>The Accessibility grant's purpose is to improve accessibility and inclusion across Newfoundland and Labrador including communications, events, built environment and implementing solutions to barriers through innovation. The goal is to move forward by practicing accessibility and inclusion to ensure persons with disabilities participate and contribute to all aspects of society.</p> <p>The maximum funding request is \$25,000.</p> <p>Project applications should describe the proposed project, all projected costs, include written quotes as required, and any potential outcomes.</p>

³⁸ Age-Friendly Saskatchewan Communities: <https://agefriendlysk.ca/>

³⁹ Inclusion Grant Program: <https://codnl.ca/accessibility-funding/#:~:text=Inclusion%20Grants%20enhance%20accessibility%20and,accessible%20washrooms%20or%20visual%20alarms.>

⁴⁰ Accessibility Grant 2025-26: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/accessibility-grant/>

ON9	Inclusive Community Grants ⁴¹	The Inclusive Community Grants Program funds projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase accessibility to outdoor spaces to improve community engagement, - enhance the supply of accessible and attainable housing to support older adults and people with disabilities to age in place, or - increase the number of inclusive communities by developing Age-Friendly Community (AFC) plans. 	The Inclusive Community Grants Program up to \$60,000 in grant funding to projects that increase accessibility to outdoor spaces to improve community engagement by older adults and people with disabilities.
ON10	Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant ⁴²	The program provides funding to municipal governments, not-for-profit organizations, and indigenous governing bodies to carry out projects and retrofits that will help older adults and people with disabilities participate in community life.	The EnAbling Change Program provides grants of up to \$60,000 to fund small capital projects that focus on making outdoor spaces, buildings and housing more accessible for everyone. The program will prioritize projects that exceed the requirements of the <i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)</i> and/or the Ontario Building Code.
Vehicle Adaptation Programs			
NL15	Accessible Vehicle Funding ⁴³	Individuals who need to acquire or adapt personal vehicles for accessibility.	The program supports individuals or families to acquire or adapt personal vehicles for accessibility. This could include installation of hand controls or lifts and ramps. Eligible applicants can receive grants up to \$50,000 for accessibility related vehicle modifications.
NL16	Accessible Taxi Program ⁴⁴	Applications will be evaluated on the following basis to demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proof of a taxi service license, - insight, knowledge, training and experience in providing taxi services, - capacity and commitment to provide accessible taxi service, - local demand for service, - commitment to provide service for a minimum of two years, - commitment to training relevant to taxi services for persons with disabilities, - ability to provide 24-hour service, - commitment to participate in data collection. 	Grants are provided up to a maximum of \$25,000 to individuals, companies, or agencies to assist with costs of retrofitting a passenger vehicle to meet accessibility standards or to assist with the purchase of a new vehicle, which can accommodate passengers with mobility devices such as wheelchairs and scooters. Note: application deadline was January 2025, potential for future applications

⁴¹ Inclusive Community Grants: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/inclusive-community-grants>

⁴² EnAbling Change Program: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/enhancing-access-spaces-everyone-ease-grant>

⁴³ Accessible vehicle funding: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/disabilities/accessible-vehicle-funding/>

⁴⁴ Accessible taxi program: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/disabilities/accessible-taxi-program/>

ON14	Home and Vehicle Modification Program ⁴⁵⁴⁶	<p>Program eligibility is limited to individuals who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a permanent Ontario resident, - a person with a substantial impairment caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness expected to last one year or more, - have an impairment that impedes mobility and results in substantial restriction in activities of daily living. 	<p>The program is administered by March of Dimes for the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. It assists eligible older adults with disabilities by providing grants of up to \$15,000 for home and vehicle modifications. It aims to improve accessibility, mobility, and independence.</p> <p>Applicants with gross annual income(s) of over \$35,000 may be required to contribute towards the cost of the requested home and/or vehicle modification(s).</p>
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The above-mentioned programs and funding options may have specific eligibility criteria and requirements, and these may vary over time.

⁴⁵ Home and Vehicle Modification Program: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/home-and-vehicle-modification-program>

⁴⁶ Home and Vehicle Modification Program – FAQ: <https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca/programs/am/hvmp/Documents/HVMP-FAQ.pdf>

Community-Based Initiative Funding Programs

These programs provide funding to community organizations to support initiatives that provide services for older adults. The types of initiatives that are funded varies between programs – some provide general funding that can be used for any aging-related initiative, while most focus on addressing specific areas, such as social inclusion or active living.

Table 3: Community-Based Initiative Funding Programs

	Program	Eligibility	Description
<i>Aging Supports Program Funding</i>			
FD15	Age Well at Home ⁴⁷	Organizations must have significant and relevant experience in delivering services to low-income and otherwise vulnerable older adults, primarily in their home, for at least 3 of the last 5 years	This is a federal grants and contributions program from Employment and Social Development Canada that supports projects enabling older adults to age in place. It offers funding for two streams: In-Home Support Pilot Projects and Scaling Up for Seniors. Eligible organizations can receive funding to expand services such as housekeeping, meal delivery, transportation, and more. The program has specific criteria, funding limits, and project end dates.
NU10	Grants and Contributions ⁴⁸	Community-based projects including both complex and minor projects that involve local people, especially elders and youth, are supported.	The Department of Culture and Heritage provides grant and contribution funding to non-profit, community-based organizations, individuals, and municipal corporations who direct their efforts to the promotion, protection and preservation of Nunavut's culture and heritage, official languages, and activities that support older adults and youth.
<i>Social Inclusion Program Funding</i>			
FD13	New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) ⁴⁹	Community-based projects are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding for 1 year - will fund large pan-Canadian stream of NHSP where organizations can apply for \$500,000 to \$5 million for a project consisting of a 3-to-5-year collective impact initiative	The NHSP is a federal grants and contributions program managed by Employment and Social Development Canada. The NHSP supports community-based projects that enhance social inclusion, well-being, and the quality of life for older adults. The program provides grants to organizations for initiatives such as social participation, volunteerism, elder abuse prevention, and seniors' information and referral services.

⁴⁷ Age Well at Home: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/06/background-age-well-at-home.html>

⁴⁸ Grants and Contributions: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/culture-language-heritage-and-art/grants-and-contributions>

⁴⁹ New Horizons for Seniors Program: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html>

NL12	Seniors' Social Inclusion Initiative ⁵⁰	Eligible are older adult serving organizations that support social inclusion, healthy aging, mental wellness, and overall well-being.	The Seniors' Social Inclusion Initiative supports older adults' organizations across Newfoundland and Labrador to organize and promote activities and programs that support social inclusion, healthy aging, mental wellness, and overall well-being. There are 200 grants available, each valued at \$1000.
NU9	Elders and Youth ⁵¹	Eligibility is restricted to non-profit community-based organizations and municipal corporations who direct their efforts to support the development and/or renovation of Elders or youth facilities in Nunavut.	Elders and Youth is responsible for programs that support older adults and youth throughout Nunavut. Program activities include the delivery of training workshops and the provision of grants and contributions that support community-based Elder and youth programs, and elder and youth committees. In addition, this program provides direct support for the recording of Inuit oral history and traditional songs.
ON11	Seniors Community Grant Program ⁵²	The grant recipient organizations must deliver projects, supports and resources that help older adults (aged 55+) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - live independently, - live with safety and security, - stay connected to their community, - avoid isolation, - achieve greater financial security and social connections. 	This program which provides grants ranging from \$1,000 up to \$25,000 to help community organizations to provide opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement for older adults, from the safety of their homes or other safe environments.
PEI16	Seniors' Secretariat Grants ⁵³	Organizations and communities that serve older adults are eligible to apply. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - older adult-serving clubs and organizations, - non-profit organizations, - community-based coalitions and networks, - municipal governments, - organizations that support Indigenous peoples. 	The <i>Seniors' Secretariat</i> collaborates with and/or funds other organizations to undertake project work. Organizations can submit up to two applications, each requesting up to \$5,000. The intent of this funding program is to invite eligible organizations and communities to undertake projects that are designed to improve the lives of older adults in Prince Edward Island

⁵⁰ Seniors' Social Inclusion Initiative: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/grants/seniors-social-inclusion/>

⁵¹ Community Services: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/families-parenting-elders-and-youth/Elders-and-Youth>

⁵² Seniors Community Grant Program: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/seniors-community-grant-program>

⁵³ Seniors' Secretariat Grants: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-seniors/seniors-secretariat-grant>

QC19	<i>Initiatives de travail de milieu auprès des aînés en situation de vulnérabilité</i> (ITMAV) program ⁵⁴	The program is open to Québec community organizations that work with older adults.	This program provides financial assistance to community organizations to hire and retain community workers to reach out and provide assistance to vulnerable older adults or at risk of becoming vulnerable in order to guide them to relevant resources in their community to help break their isolation, promote their well-being, independence and continued participation in their community.
Active Living Program Funding			
AB15	Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program ⁵⁵	Services provided under FCSS must be preventative and intended to help individuals adopt healthy lifestyles, improve their quality of life and build capacity to prevent and deal with crisis situations should they arise.	The FCSS program is an 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities or Metis Settlements.
ON13	Seniors Active Living Centres Program (SALC) ⁵⁶	<p>SALC program operators must address one or more of the following program priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - connecting older adults with community programs and services, - providing programming opportunities for seniors in underserved communities or to underserved populations, - promoting the inclusion of all seniors, including those with disabilities, by reducing accessibility barriers to programs and services 	<p>The SALC Program provides approved operators with annual funding for approved programs to promote wellness, social interaction, and education to help older adults stay fit, active, healthy and socially connected in their communities.</p> <p>In 2024-25, MSAA will fund up to 80% of a SALC program's net operating costs, to a maximum of \$50,000.</p> <p>SALC operators are encouraged to continue to offer remote or virtual programming suitable for older adults who may not feel comfortable with in-person programming or have difficulty accessing a SALC program's location.</p>

⁵⁴ *Initiatives de travail de milieu auprès des aînés en situation de vulnérabilité* (ITMAV) program: <https://www.quebec.ca/famille-et-soutien-aux-personnes/personnes-agees/aide-financiere-organismes/soutien-financier-organismes-travaillant-aupres-aines-situation-vulnerabilite>

⁵⁵ Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program: <https://www.alberta.ca/family-and-community-support-services-fcss-program.aspx>

⁵⁶ Seniors Active Living Centers Program: https://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca/dataset/cee2233e-3e04-445e-b8bd-293543d3279b/resource/c8329acf-fcbf-4f5d-b94a-eb89d5771201/download/2024-25_salc_program_guidelines_final_en_u.pdf

Information Program Funding			
NS20	Seniors' Safety Program ⁵⁷	This grant program is available to municipalities and not for profit organizations to provide information and awareness to older adults in their community.	<p>The Seniors' Safety Program Grant supports community responses to addressing senior's safety concerns by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promoting education and awareness about senior abuse, crime prevention and safety and health issues, - improving communication between seniors and the police - providing information, educational sessions and referral services to seniors, - offering direct contact with seniors through the seniors' safety coordinator.

It's important to note that program eligibility criteria, funding availability, and application processes may vary.

⁵⁷ Seniors' Safety Program: https://novascotia.ca/seniors/senior_Safety_Programs.asp

Community-Based Aging in Place Support Programs

This category includes publicly funded programs that are delivered through community organizations and provide services that support older adults. The programs are not necessarily designed or described explicitly as aging in place supports, but they enhance older adults' ability to live independently.

Table 4: Community-Based Aging in Place Supports

	Program	Eligibility	Description
Information Programs			
NB7	Home First Program ⁵⁸	Eligible for older adults aged 65 and above	Older adults aged 65 and above can receive a free Health, Wellbeing, and Home Safety Review, either at home, by phone, or via Zoom. The session covers various topics including fall prevention, community engagement, physical activity, and wellness. Qualified reviewers create a personalized action plan and provide guidance on the next steps.
NB17	Healthy Aging Champion Program ⁵⁹	Champions must be a New Brunswick resident aged 60 years or older and must be willing to travel within their community and surrounding area	Healthy Aging Champions are volunteers in New Brunswick who are seniors that share their experiences with aging and encourage others to find ways to stay physically active, keep socially engaged and practice a healthy lifestyle.
PEI15	Seniors Navigator ⁶⁰	The Seniors Navigator can assist anyone in the province who is looking for support.	The Seniors Navigator role aims to enhance access to information that enables older adults to access programs and services in a timely manner.
QC17	Fall prevention: STAND UP! Program ⁶¹	The program is open to older adults 65 and over who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are able to walk without walking aids, - are able to walk a distance of about 200 meters without getting out of breath, - have not had repeated falls in the last year, - have not had any major cognitive or motor problems, - are available twice a week for 12 weeks. 	STAND UP! is part of a continuum of services designed to prevent falls and fractures among independent older adults living at home. STAND UP! helps improve older adults' quality of life by bolstering their confidence in managing falls and enabling them to stay physically active.

⁵⁸ Home First Program: <https://socialsupportsnb.ca/en/home-first-registration/>

⁵⁹ Healthy Aging Champion Program: https://socialsupportsnb.ca/en/simple_page/healthy-aging-champion-program

⁶⁰ Seniors Navigator: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-seniors/seniors-navigator>

⁶¹ Fall prevention: STAND UP! Program: <https://www.ciusswestcentral.ca/programs-and-services/public-health/fall-prevention-and-deconditioning/fall-prevention-program-stand-up/>

Social Activity Programs			
MB6	Adult Day Program ⁶²	Eligibility depends on the home care program in one's region.	Adult day program helps reduce social exclusion and loneliness. The program encourages older adults to engage in enjoyable social activities away. There is a cost for these services, which are available through home care services.
NS18	Centre of Rural Aging and Health (CORAHA) ⁶³	<p>CORAHA programming is designed within 4 guiding pillars to reduce social isolation and promote healthy living, engagement and connection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Healthy practices - Active living - Healthy relationships - Healthy eating 	<p>CORAHA provides community hubs and active living centres that promotes health and wellbeing for people 55 years of age and over through social, cultural, learning and recreational programs.</p> <p>CORAHA is established at three Nova Scotia Community Colleges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annapolis Valley Campus in Middleton - Shelburne Campus in Shelburne - Strait Area Campus in Port Hawkesbury
PEI12	Adult Day Programs ⁶⁴	A pre-admission assessment is conducted to determine eligibility.	Adult Day Programs are available across PEI that offer a variety of group and individual activities suited to personal abilities and interest in a safe and comfortable environment. The programs also support family and friend caregivers by giving them a break, or respite, from providing day-to-day care.
YT6	Seniors and Elders Community Day Program ⁶⁵	<p>The program is for people who have a mild to moderate cognitive decline and need physical, social, psychological, emotional or recreational support, or need caregiver respite.</p> <p>Participants must be permanent residents of the Yukon or be in the process of becoming permanent residents.</p>	The Community Day Program aims to maintain or increase the level of independence in older adults and Elders in Yukon. This helps prevent or delay the need to move into a facility and offer a safe and inviting place for older adults and elders to connect with each other.

⁶² Adult Day Programs: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/seniors/resources/housing-options-and-care-planning.html#AdultDayPrograms>

⁶³ CORAHA: <https://www.nsc.ca/landing/corah/index.asp>

⁶⁴ Adult Day Programs: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pe/pe/adult-day-programs>

⁶⁵ Seniors and Elders Community Day Program: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/care-services/learn-about-seniors-and-elders-community-day-program>

Comprehensive Adult Day Programs			
BC5	Adult Day Services ⁶⁶	<p>Home and Community Care general eligibility. Clients must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be unable to function independently because of chronic, health-related problems; - have been assessed as requiring adult day services as part of their care plan; and - have agreed to pay the daily rate (cannot exceed \$10.00 per day). In some cases, the fee may be waived. 	<p>Adult day services assist older adults and adults with disabilities to continue to live in their own homes by providing supportive group programs and activities in the community. Clients can travel to a community location 1 to 2 days a week and receive a variety of services such as personal assistance, health care services, organized programming such as recreational or therapeutic activities, education, caregiver supports and more.</p>
NB18	Adult Day Centres ⁶⁷	<p>Adult Day Centres are open to anyone but are best suited to individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aged 65 or older, - who need help to improve or maintain physical, social, mental, and emotional well-being, and - are living with dementia or other mild cognitive impairments. <p>In some situations, individuals aged 55 – 64 years old can apply to attend an Adult Day Centre.</p> <p>The program is also a support for caregivers who need relief outside the home during the day.</p>	<p>Adult Day Centres can be a source of relief for families and caregivers during the daytime hours.</p> <p>Programming at each Adult Day Centre varies. Some examples of what they may offer include supervised individual or group activities, cognitive stimulation, health monitoring, personal care (for example bathing, foot care), snacks and nutritious meals, help with toileting, health care teaching, helpful information.</p> <p>The hours and days of operation will vary between Adult Day Centres. Each centre will charge a daily fee and costs for other services may apply, such as transportation. Each center has their own process to apply. Individuals who are part of the Long Term Care plan, may qualify for financial supports to attend.</p>
NS7	Adult Day Programs ⁶⁸	<p>Adult day programming is funded by SLTC and NSH but are operated independently. Admission processes vary program by program.</p>	<p>Adult Day programs provide personal assistance, supervision, and health, social, and recreational activities in a supportive group setting. The programs can also be used to provide respite care, training, and informal support to family caregivers. Adult Day programs are run by independent organizations, and there may be a daily fee charged by the provider.</p>

⁶⁶ Adult Day Services: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/adult-day-services>

⁶⁷ Adult Day Centers: <https://socialsupportsnb.ca/en/program/adult-day-centres>

⁶⁸ Adult Day programs: <https://www.nshealth.ca/clinics-programs-and-services/adult-day-programs>

Health Support Programs			
BC17	Better at Home Initiative ⁶⁹	Older adults who receive services through Better at Home may pay a fee based on their income. Some services are provided for free and individual community organizations also accept donations, raise funds, and encourage volunteer participation.	This supports the non-medical needs of older adults in BC such as day-to-day tasks so they can continue to live independently in their own homes and remain connected to their communities. Funded by the provincial government and managed by the United Way British Columbia Healthy Aging. This program is offered in over 260 communities and supported by over 85 non-profit organizations.
MB12	Support Services to Seniors ⁷⁰	Referrals by Regional Health Authority.	This program provides community-based services and programs that promote health and well-being and help older adults live independently. These includes meal programs, transportation programs, information and referrals, health and wellness programs, home maintenance programs, and more.
NB16	Nursing Homes Without Walls program ⁷¹	Individuals may be eligible if: - a resident of NB. - an older adult living in community (not facility-based care).	Nursing Home Without Walls is a nursing home providing a range of free health and social services to older adults and their care providers to enable aging in place safely. NHWW program components are intended to be flexible and community based. Program offerings at each site are identified based on the needs of the older adults in that community. Services fall within three categories: 1. Navigating Aging in Place; 2. Interactive Community Nursing Home (this is opening up the Nursing Home for community members to access supports and services within the home); 3. Supportive Services (offering services and supports in participant's home or community).

⁶⁹ Better at Home: <https://betterathome.ca/bah-listing/>

⁷⁰ Support Services to Seniors: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/seniors/resources/community-and-caregiver-supports.html#SupportServicesToSeniors>

⁷¹ Nursing Homes Without Walls program: <https://socialsupportsnb.ca/en/program/nursing-home-without-walls>

NB20	Ability NB ⁷²	<p>To qualify for Ability NB services, an individual must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be a resident of New Brunswick, - be living with a mobility disability, - have provided verbal consent, and - be committed to working with Ability NB to develop a plan to reach goals and actively participate in the process. 	<p>Ability NB offers free, confidential, and bilingual services to anyone with a mobility disability in New Brunswick. Ability NB provides a wide range of services and programs, ranging from peer support, rehabilitation counselling, an adaptive sport and recreation equipment loan service, funding for retrofits to vehicles to make them more accessible and more.</p>
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Program eligibility criteria and funding availability may change over time.

⁷² Ability NB: <https://www.abilitynb.ca/>

Transportation Programs for Older Adults

These programs provide transportation services for older adults or help older adults afford to use transportation services. Some programs focus on medically necessary transportation, while others support older adults' use of transportation in their communities for daily tasks.

Table 5: Transportation Programs

	Program	Eligibility	Description
Medical Transportation Services			
FD11	Indigenous services medical transportation ⁷³	As above for Indigenous Services NIHB plan.	The program may cover medical transportation costs if an individual needs to travel within Canada for medically necessary health services that are unavailable on reserve or in their community of residence. Medical transportation benefits include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel costs, such as bus, airline and/or private vehicle - living expenses, such as meals and accommodations - emergency transportation, such as ambulance by air or ground
NL17	Medical Transportation Assistance Program (MTAP) ⁷⁴	A patient required to travel for specialized insured medical services may be eligible to apply for financial assistance under MTAP for airfare (and related eligible taxi fares); private vehicle usage; purchased registered and private accommodations (and related meal allowance); busing and use of ferries based on program criteria.	MTAP provides financial assistance to a patient and their escort (if medically required) who incur substantial out-of-pocket travel costs to access specialized insured medical services that are not available in their community and/or within the province. Deductibles may apply for some expenses.
Public Transit Programs			
BC19	BC Bus Pass Program ⁷⁵	An individual can get a bus pass through the BC Bus Pass Program if they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a low-income older adult - receiving disability assistance. 	This program is a transportation initiative that provides low-income older adults with a discounted bus pass for unlimited travel on local transit systems. Aimed at improving accessibility and mobility, the program assists older adults to access essential services and participate in community activities.

⁷³ Indigenous Services medical transportation: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1574177172364/1574177196509>

⁷⁴ Newfoundland Medical Transportation Assistance Program: [https://www.gov.nl.ca/la/medical-transportation-assistance-program/](https://www.gov.nl.ca/la/medical-transportation-assistance-program/medical-transportation-assistance-program/)

⁷⁵ BC Bus Pass Program: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/passenger-travel/buses-taxis-limos/bus-pass>

ON15	Ontario Seniors' Public Transit Tax Credit ⁷⁶	To qualify for the credit, an individual must: - be 65 years old or older - live in Ontario by the end of the tax year.	This tax credit allows eligible older adults to claim a refundable credit of up to \$3000/ year providing a refund of up to \$450/ year for public transit expenses. It helps offset the cost of transportation and encourages older adults to stay connected with their communities.
Transportation for Older Adults			
NB19	Community Transportation Services ⁷⁷	Anybody who needs transportation to an essential service is eligible. Clients must contact their local community transportation service and register.	This program aims to help New Brunswickers access services, amenities and opportunities that will allow them to stay healthy, remain in their homes longer and become more self-sufficient. Cost is calculated by mileage and client's ability to pay.

Specific eligibility criteria, application processes, and availability of these programs may vary.

⁷⁶ Ontario Seniors' Public Transit Tax Credit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-seniors-public-transit-tax-credit>

⁷⁷ Community Transportation Service: https://socialsupportsnb.ca/en/simple_page/community-transportation-services

Safety Promotion Programs

These programs are intended to improve the physical safety of older adults in their homes and communities. The initiatives provide safety-related equipment, such as walkers, or assist with making housing safer for older adults. Programs may provide safety equipment directly to older adults, or provide funding or loans to assist purchases by older adults.

Table 6: Safety Promotion Programs

	Program	Eligibility	Description
Safety Assessment			
BC4	Community Rehabilitation ⁷⁸	Home and Community Care general eligibility. Meet further assessment criteria.	Services provided by a licensed physical therapist or occupational therapist to clients who require acute, chronic, palliative or rehabilitation support. The goal is to improve or maintain physical and functional abilities and to provide assessment and treatment to ensure a client's home is suitably arranged for their needs and safety.
Housing Accessibility Improvement Programs			
AB11	Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP) ⁷⁹	Individuals may be eligible for a RAMP grant if they are: - a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who has lived in Alberta for 90 continuous days - an Albertan of any age who uses a wheelchair or an older adult (65+ years) who uses a 4-wheel walker on an ongoing basis - living with a progressive neuro-degenerative disease	Low-income Albertans with mobility challenges can apply for grants to modify their home. The amount an applicant may receive is up to \$7,500 in a single benefit year, and up to \$15,000 within a 10-year period.
NS14	Accessible Housing Program ⁸⁰	To be eligible for the grant an individual or someone in their household: - must have a disability or permanent loss or reduction in ability; - must own and have lived in their home for at least one year, and - their total household income must be below the Housing Income Limits established by CMHC, ranging from \$59,000 to \$84,500 depending on region.	The program offers assistance of up to \$10,000 as a grant and \$8000 as a forgivable loan for eligible accessibility adaptations. For larger adaptations, an additional \$20,000 repayable loan may be available. Eligible adaptations need to directly address the disability or permanent reduced ability of the household member (like kitchen or bathroom reorganization and adaptations, interior chair lifts and other adaptations). Emergency adaptations are given priority.

⁷⁸ Community Rehabilitation: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/community-rehabilitation>

⁷⁹ Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP): <https://www.alberta.ca/residential-access-modification-program.aspx>

⁸⁰ Accessible Housing Program: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/accessible-housing-program>

ON8	Ontario Renovates Program ⁸¹	<p>An individual is eligible if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are 65 years of age or older, - have a disability, or live with a senior or a person with a disability, - fall within the financial limits set by their area, and - are in an eligible area in the province. 	<p>A component of the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, the Ontario Renovates Program provides financial assistance to low-income older adults and to persons with disabilities for essential repairs and accessibility modifications to support independent living.</p> <p>Financial assistance up to a maximum of \$20,000 is available in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a 10-year forgivable loan of \$15,000 to make essential home repairs and/or accessibility modifications, or - a grant of \$5,000 for accessibility modifications only.
PEI14	Home Renovation Programs ⁸²	<p>An individual is eligible to apply if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they are a PEI resident and a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident, - their combined household income is \$50,000 or less, - the property is their principle residence and they currently reside in the home, - they are an owner of the property or have a life interest in the property, - their property value is \$300,000 or less, - they have not reached the maximum grant through previous applications. <p>Each program may have additional criteria.</p> <p>Applicants for the Seniors Home Repair Program and the Seniors Safe @ Home Program must be aged 60 or older.</p>	<p>The PEI Home Renovation Programs can provide financial assistance to homeowners through three renovation programs. One application can be submitted to assess eligibility for all three.</p> <p>The PEI Home Renovation Program provides up to a maximum of \$12,000 to help cover the cost of structural, heating, plumbing, and electrical systems renovations. In the case of an applicant with a permanent disability, a maximum of \$16,000 may be available if the renovations improve accessibility.</p> <p>The Seniors Home Repair Program provides up to a maximum of \$4,000 to help with the cost of repairs, such as a roof, windows, doors, or a furnace.</p> <p>The Seniors Safe @ Home Program provides up to \$10,000 to make changes to your home in order to improve its accessibility to continue living there. Modifications must relate to the senior applicant's loss of ability and must provide improved access or increased physical safety to the home.</p>

⁸¹ Ontario Renovates Program: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontarios-interim-action-plan-under-national-housing-strategy-2022-23/taking-action>

⁸² Home Renovations Programs: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/pei-home-renovation-programs>

QC16	The Residential Adaptation Assistance Program ⁸³	Financial assistance is provided to the owner of a dwelling occupied by a person with a disability.	<p>This program provides financial assistance to the owner of a dwelling occupied by a person with a disability for the purpose of carrying out adaptations that meet the person's needs.</p> <p>The Self-determined Needs and Work Option provides up to \$12,000 for work aimed at exterior access, or up to \$12,000 for interior work.</p> <p>The Professional Support option offers support from an occupational therapist and an accredited inspector and provides up to \$50,000.</p> <p>The work must constitute a simple, low-cost solution (e.g., installing an exterior access ramp, redesigning a bathroom).</p>
SK12	Home Repair Program - Adaptation for Independence Program ⁸⁴	<p>Homeowners are eligible if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - own and occupy the property as primary residence. <p>Rental property owners are eligible if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rent the modified units to low-income households that include a person with a housing-related disability. 	<p>The Home Repair - Adaptation for Independence program provides a \$23,000 forgivable loan to homeowners or rental property owners with low incomes to make a home more accessible for a person with a housing-related disability. Examples include ramps, bathroom modifications, and grab bars installation.</p>
Housing Accessibility and Safety Improvement Programs			
AB13	Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program (SHARP) ⁸⁵	<p>Older adults in Alberta may be eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they or their spouse is aged 65+, - the total annual household income is \$75,000 or less, - they are the registered landowner with a minimum 25% home equity in the residence, - they are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident that has lived in Alberta for at least 3 months. <p>With consent, income information is collected from the Canada Revenue Agency.</p>	<p>SHARP provides financial assistance of up to \$40,000 to eligible older adults to make necessary adaptations and repairs to their homes, enhancing accessibility and safety. This program supports modifications such as handrails, wheelchair ramps, and bathroom modifications.</p>

⁸³ Residential Adaptation Assistance Program: <https://www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca/english/detail-du-programme-english/programme/residential-adaptation-assistance-program>

⁸⁴ Home Repair Program - Adaptation for Independence Programs: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/housing-and-renting/home-repairs-and-renovations/adapt-a-home-for-a-person-with-a-disability>

⁸⁵ Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program (SHARP): <https://www.alberta.ca/seniors-home-adaptation-repair-program.aspx>

BC14	BC Seniors' Home Renovation Tax Credit ⁸⁶	An individual may be eligible if they are: - a resident of B.C., and - an older adult or a family member living with an older adult, - a person with a disability or a family member living with a person with a disability.	This tax credit allows older adults to claim a non-refundable tax credit for eligible home renovation expenses that improve safety, accessibility, and mobility. The credit can be claimed for renovations up to a maximum of \$10,000.
BC15	BC Rebate for Accessible Home Adaptation (BC RAHA) ⁸⁷	To be eligible an individual must be a resident of BC with limited income and assets, and someone in the household must have a permanent disability or loss of ability. The requested home adaptations must support accessibility and safe independent living in the home. Applicants may be homeowners, or tenants who apply jointly with the homeowner.	Previously known as the Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) Program, the BC RAHA program provides up to \$20,000 for home modifications that enhance accessibility and safety for older adults with mobility limitations or disabilities. Eligible modifications may include ramps, stair lifts, bathroom upgrades, and handrails.
NB14	Seniors' Home Renovation Tax Credit ⁸⁸	Individuals may be eligible if: - a resident of New Brunswick, and - an older adult aged 65 or older, or a family member living with an older adult.	The New Brunswick Seniors' Home Renovation Tax Credit allows older adults to claim on their tax return up to \$10,000 in improvements that will make their home safer and more accessible. All improvements must be completed at their primary residence – the place where they live most of the time.
NL9	Provincial Home Repair Program (PHRP) ⁸⁹	NL homeowners with low incomes (annual household income of \$32,500 or less; \$65,000 in Labrador West and the North Coast of Labrador) requiring repairs to their dwellings. The client must have owned and occupied the property for a minimum of five (5) years.	This program provides funding to low-income homeowners to bring dwellings up to minimum fire and life safety standards with improvements such as basic heating, electrical, and plumbing services, provide seniors and persons with disabilities who require accessibility changes to their residences the ability to carry out necessary renovations. Forgivable loan funding is available for homeowners up to a maximum of \$5,000 (\$6,500 in Labrador). Repairs exceeding these levels may be addressed under a repayable loan of up to \$12,500 (\$15,500 in Labrador). There is a lifetime assistance cap of \$12,500.

⁸⁶ BC Seniors' Home Renovation Tax Credit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/personal/credits/seniors-renovation>

⁸⁷ BC Rebate for Accessible Home Adaptation: <https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/BC-RAHA/program-overview>

⁸⁸ Seniors' Home Renovation Tax Credit: <https://socialsupportsnb.ca/en/program/new-brunswick-seniors-home-renovation-tax-credit>

⁸⁹ Provincial Home Repair Program: <https://www.nlh.ca/housing-programs/provincial-home-repair-program-phrp/>

NL10	Home Modification Program (HMP) ⁹⁰	<p>Homeowners with an annual income of \$46,500 or less requiring accessibility modifications to their homes.</p> <p>An Occupational Therapist's report is required clearly indicating whether modifications are non-urgent or urgent.</p>	<p>This program provides financial assistance to low-income older adults for essential repairs and modifications to their homes. It aims to make homes safer and more accessible, allowing older adults to age in place comfortably.</p> <p>Persons with accessibility needs may receive a forgivable loan of up to \$7,500. Repairs exceeding these levels may be addressed under a repayable loan of up to \$10,000 (\$13,000 in Labrador).</p>
NWT5	Seniors Home Repair Program ⁹¹	<p>This funding is open to residents of the NWT when- one of the homeowners is 60 years or older and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have a low-to-middle total household income that falls within the limits of the monthly income threshold for their community, - have lived in the NWT for three years, - have lived in their home for over a year, - own a home within municipal boundaries and have access to a continuous supply of electricity, potable water and heat, - own a home where there is a functional sewage containment system. 	<p>Seniors Home Repair Program provides financial assistance to low-income older adults for necessary home adaptations and repairs to improve accessibility, safety, and mobility.</p> <p>A forgivable loan up to \$50,000 is provided.</p> <p>If the household's income is over \$59,999, applicants will have to co-pay 10% of the repair costs. The applicant's portion must be paid before repairs start. For example, if the repairs cost \$10,000, the applicant's portion would be \$1,000 and this must be paid before repair work begins.</p>
NWT6	Seniors Aging in Place ⁹²	<p>Eligibility follows the same criteria as described for the Seniors Home Repair Program.</p>	<p>Seniors Aging in Place funding is meant to lower home energy costs or to do home repairs. A forgivable loan up to \$15,000 over one year is available to support repairs/upgrades that make heating, electricity, and water use more efficient and less expensive to operate. Minor home adaptations like grab bars to improve accessibility and mobility are also eligible.</p> <p>More than one repair application could be approved in the same year if the repairs were unrelated, and the annual total is not over \$15,000.</p>

⁹⁰ Home Modification Program (HMP): <https://www.nlhc.nl.ca/housing-programs/home-modification-program-hmp/>

⁹¹ Seniors Home Repair Program: <https://www.nwthc.gov.nt.ca/en/services/seniors-home-repair>

⁹² Seniors Aging in Place: <https://www.nwthc.gov.nt.ca/en/services/seniors-aging-place>

Mobility and Safety Equipment Programs			
FD10	Indigenous Services medical supplies and equipment benefits ⁹³	As above for Indigenous Services NIHB plan.	The program covers items that are prescribed by an NIHB-recognized health professional and listed in the Medical Supplies and Equipment benefit lists and are obtained from an NIHB-recognized provider. The approved supplies list includes some safety equipment, such as mobility aids, lifting and transfer aids, and home hospital beds.
AB4	Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) ⁹⁴	Individuals may be eligible for benefits through AADL if they: - are an Alberta resident with a valid Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan card, - require assistance because of a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness.	AADL is a program that offers funding for essential medical equipment and supplies to individuals with chronic conditions, including older adults. This program helps access items like mobility aids, hearing aids, and home care supplies.
NB11	Senior Rehabilitative Equipment Program: Canadian Red Cross ⁹⁵	Anyone with a referral from a health care provider can access the Health Equipment Loan Program. Anyone 65 and older who needs specialized equipment to help them maintain their independence, can access the Senior Rehabilitative Equipment Program.	The Canadian Red Cross offers 2 equipment loan programs: - The Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) loans mobility & bathroom aids at no cost. Equipment can include wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, tub transfer benches, commodes and raised toilet seats, crutches, canes. - The Senior Rehabilitative Equipment Program (SREP) provides customized mobility and bathroom aids to older adults who do not have a health card and are in a private home, apartment, Special Care Home, or Adult Residential Facility.
NL4	Special Assistance Program ⁹⁶	Eligibility is dependent on assessment by Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (NLHS) professional staff.	The Special Assistance Program provides basic medical supplies (such as dressings, catheters and incontinent supplies), oxygen and related equipment and supplies, orthotics such as braces and burn garments, and equipment such as wheelchairs, commodes or walkers to assist with activities of daily living for eligible individuals living in the community.

⁹³ Indigenous Services Medical supplies and equipment benefits: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1579620079031/1579620259238>

⁹⁴ Alberta Aids to Daily Living: <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-aids-to-daily-living.aspx>

⁹⁵ Senior Rehabilitative Equipment Program: <https://socialsupportsnb.ca/en/program/canadian-red-cross-equipment-loan-programs>

⁹⁶ Special Assistance Program: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/personsdisabilities/fundingprograms-hcs/#sap>

NS3	Health Equipment Loan Program – Bed Loan Program ⁹⁷	Individuals are eligible if they are: - residents of Nova Scotia with a valid Nova Scotia health card, and - meet the criteria for the program as deemed by a care coordinator.	The Health Equipment Loan Program's Bed Loan Program provides temporary loaned beds to individuals in need of specialized medical equipment. The program is funded by the Department of Health and Wellness and administered through the Nova Scotia Health Authority and the Canadian Red Cross – Nova Scotia region. The loaned beds are delivered and assembled in the client's home.
NS4	Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program ⁹⁸	Individuals must be: - residents of Nova Scotia with a valid Nova Scotia health card - 65 years of age or older at the time of application - have been assessed by an authorized health care provider - have annual net income which places the individual in Home Care Client Income Category A (\$31,661 or less if single, \$46,662 or less if married or common-law).	The Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program provides temporary loaned wheelchairs to older adults in need, enabling them to remain mobile and active.
NS5	Home Lift Program ⁹⁹	Individuals may be eligible: - if they are in receipt of Home Care Services from an agency, - based on an assessment that a mechanical lift is required to support Home Care Workers to deliver care safely within the client's home environment, - if they require a mechanical lift for use in the delivery of home care services regularly.	The Home Lift Program provides the loan of a mechanical lift system to support home care workers to safely deliver care and to support Nova Scotians to remain in their own home.
NS21	Personal Alert Assistance Program ¹⁰⁰	Eligible individuals must: - be aged 65+ OR aged 19+ and living with an acquired brain injury, - be a Nova Scotia resident, - live alone and have an annual net income of less than \$31,661, - have a history of recent falls, - use a cane, wheelchair or walker, - require home care services that will extend beyond 90 days, - sign an agreement with the Department of Health and Wellness.	The Personal Alert Assistance Program reimburses eligible older adults for costs of receiving services from a company that provides personal emergency response systems.

⁹⁷ Health Equipment Loan Program's Bed Loan Program: <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/health-equipment.asp>

⁹⁸ Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program: <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/wheelchair-loan-program.asp>

⁹⁹ Home Lift program: <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/home-lift-program.asp>

¹⁰⁰ Personal Alert Assistance Program: <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/personal-alert-service.asp>

PEI5	Seniors Independence Initiative ¹⁰¹	To be eligible an individual must: - be 65 years of age or older, - live independently or with a spouse, - have a net household income of up to \$32,753.00 for a single person or up to \$41,970.00 for a couple, - have combined assets not greater than \$100,000 excluding primary residence, land and vehicles.	The Seniors Independence Initiative provides up to \$1,800, depending on income, for practical services that make it easier for older adults to remain in their own homes and communities. Help is available for services such as light housekeeping, meal preparation, transportation, medical alert system, communication (including internet fees), grass cutting and snow removal.
QC6	Independent Living Tax Credit for Seniors ¹⁰²	An individual may be entitled to a refundable tax credit if they met the following requirements: - were a resident of Québec, - were 70 or older.	This is a refundable tax credit paid to older adults who incurred expenses for the purchase, lease or installation of eligible equipment or fixtures in their principal residence. It may also be granted to older adults who have stayed in a functional rehabilitation transition unit after hospitalization.
SK6	Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL) ¹⁰³	To be eligible, an individual must: - be a resident of Saskatchewan - possess a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Number - be referred for service by an authorized health care professional among other criteria - not receive benefits from other government agencies.	SAIL provides people who have physical disabilities and certain chronic health conditions a basic level of coverage for disability related equipment, devices, products, and supplies. SAIL's objectives are to ensure easy access to benefits by maintaining effective co-ordination with health professionals and provider agencies, and to help facilitate discharge from hospital so people can return to their homes.

To access these programs and funding options, individuals usually need to meet specific eligibility criteria which may vary over time.

Conclusion

The wider contexts older adults live in have impacts on their ability to successfully age in place. Canadian federal, provincial, and territorial governments have embraced the concept of age-friendly communities and have implemented a variety of programs and funding initiatives that are intended to make communities, transportation and living environments that support aging in place. These programs encompass initiatives to improve accessibility of spaces and transportation in communities. They also provide funding to communities to develop and implement local initiatives that support older adults living independently. Finally, governments in Canada offer programs that enable older adults to make their homes safer and provide access to equipment that supports independent living.

¹⁰¹ Prince Edward Island (2022). Seniors Independence Initiative. Retrieved from <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/seniors-independence-initiative>

¹⁰² Independent Living Tax Credit for Seniors: <https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/tax-credits/independent-living-tax-credit-for-seniors/>

¹⁰³ Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail>