**PRESS RELEASE:**

**Accessibility Projects Grants Application Process Opens for 2025/26**

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As part of this year’s AccessAbility Week, taking place May 25th to 31st, Disability Alliance BC (DABC) has announced that the funding for the Accessibility Projects Grants has been renewed by the Province.

The Accessibility Projects Grants were first launched in 2018 to commemorate BC’s first AccessAbility Week, and since that time, over 95 projects have been funded throughout British Columbia. Each year, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction has provided $450,000 to DABC to distribute as community grants to improve and promote accessibility and inclusion in the province.

"Our province grows stronger and more vibrant when British Columbians of all abilities feel welcomed and supported,” said Dana Lajeunesse, Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility. “That’s why we’re excited to see organizations across B.C. empowered to remove barriers and create lasting opportunities for people with disabilities through the renewed Accessibility Projects Grants.”

Organizations may apply for up to $40,000 for year-long community engagement projects that will support lasting change for the more than 900,000 people (24.7% of population over age 15)[[1]](#footnote-1) in BC living with disability. Projects will focus on one of the following objectives:

* Accessible employment;
* Accessible emergency planning and response;
* Accessible arts, culture and tourism;
* Accessible sports and recreation;
* Accessible education and learning;
* Accessible community participation.

Applications will open on August 5th, and close on September 12th at 12pm Pacific Time. Granting decisions are made by a Committee of representatives from DABC and other disability and community organizations from around BC. Successful applicants will receive funding in December, and implement their accessibility project in 2026.

Eligibility criteria includes:

* Projects must be focused on community engagement rather than large capital costs such as accessibility improvements to buildings.
* Eligible organizations must be not-for-profit organizations with a volunteer Board chosen by its membership. They must be based in BC (or have a base of operations in and sufficient capacity to deliver services in BC) and must operate primarily for community benefit and have services open to the public rather than restricted to their membership.
* If an organization has received a grant in the past, they can reapply 5 years after their application was submitted (for example, if an organization applied in 2020 for a grant and did their project in 2021, they can reapply in 2025 to do a project in 2026).

To learn more about the grants and organizations that have received funding in the past, please visit: [Accessibility Projects Grants | DABC (disabilityalliancebc.org)](https://disabilityalliancebc.org/program/accessibility-projects/).

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