



Opportunities Fund

An Employment Program for Persons with Disabilities

Information for Employers and Project Applicants

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Opportunities Fund is to assist persons with disabilities in preparing for and obtaining employment or self-employment, as well as developing the skills necessary to maintain that new employment.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

Examples of suitable activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- encouraging employers to hire individuals with disabilities whom they would not normally hire;
- assisting individuals to start their own business;
- providing work experience to individuals that can lead to on-going employment;
- assisting individuals to increase their employment skill level;
- assisting individuals to integrate into the workplace through services tailored to meet their special needs; and
- providing the personal supports required to enable individuals to participate in employment and employment services.

ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING MUST:

- enhance the employability of the individual and help them move towards paid employment or self-employment;
- produce results that can be measured on the number of participants served and employed or self-employed;
- provide for the sharing of practices; and
- be complementary to initiatives funded through other sources.

As well, activities should:

- provide for the active participation of persons with disabilities and their organizations;
- raise funds from other public and private sector sources;
- encourage employers, unions, and other partners to develop employment opportunities;
- provide post-placement follow-up with participants and employers.





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ELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICANTS

The Service Canada Centre may support activities for persons with disabilities through project agreements with:

- businesses
- organizations
- band/tribal councils
- municipal governments
- public and educational institutions; and
- individuals

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in applying for the program, you should contact the Service Canada Centre nearest you.

Organizations or groups which operate in a large area (at least three provinces/territories) may contact the National Office of the Opportunities Fund at this address:

Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities
25 Eddy St.
Suite 201
Gatineau, Quebec
K1A 0M5
FAX: (819) 953-1921



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