

## Funding for Equipment after age 18

### ACCESS FUND

Helps individuals with disabilities purchase necessary assistive devices and medical equipment to improve their quality of life.

#### **Eligibility**

- resident of Waterloo Region
- individuals of any age with a disability
- maximum funding request \$7500
- Note: the fund does not cover partial funding in partnership with other funders
- Applications are accepted online during a 2-week period
- Recipients are chosen via a lottery system
- You can request to be added to an email list for announcements about when the fund is accepting applications

### CERIDIAN CARES

Devices that may qualify for funding include: medical equipment, special therapies and home adjustments for barrier free living

#### **Eligibility**

- 18+ years of age
- Canadian resident
- an individual or family in need of financial assistance related to the types of items supported by Ceridian Cares
- for the Basic Essentials grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "[Low Income Cut Off](#) before tax" level as defined by Stats Canada
- for the Quality of Life grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "median total income in their province or territory" as defined by Stats Canada

Grants typically range from \$200 to \$4,000 with a maximum grant of \$5,000.

Ceridian Cares will not provide grants to the same recipient in consecutive years

### MARCH OF DIMES CANADA ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM

Devices that may qualify for funding include: wheelchairs, scooters, replacement batteries, walkers, knee ankle foot orthosis (KAFO), ankle foot orthosis (AFO), home and bath aids, floor patient lifts, basic aids for daily living and repairs to existing devices

#### Eligibility

- individuals with an ongoing physical disability that requires the use of an assistive device
- 19 years of age or older
- permanent resident of Ontario
- in financial need (e.g. individual income below \$22,920)

### MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CANADA

Helps individuals with neuromuscular disorders to obtain a wide range of assistive devices to aid with mobility, breathing, sitting and positioning, accessibility, communications, and sleeping.

#### **Eligibility**

- must be a registered client of Muscular Dystrophy Canada
- equipment costing less than \$200 is not eligible

Maximum funding \$2620 per item

MDC request a \$200 contribution from clients toward all equipment requests (a Health Care Professional may request that the fee be waived)

### ONTARIO FEDERATION FOR CEREBRAL PALSY (OFCP)

Devices that may qualify for funding include wheelchairs, positioning and ambulation aids, bathroom and home accessibility aids, orthotics, communication and writing/reading aids and modifications to electronic aids for daily living

#### **Eligibility**

- individuals with a diagnosis of cerebral palsy (require a signed letter from a doctor, occupational therapist or physiotherapist stating that the applicant has CP)
- must be a member of OFCP – one-time membership fee of \$10 applies
- valid Ontario health card

Fund up to \$2500 per year to fund up to 25% of the total cost of a device on their approved list of items