

Local Community Accessibility Grants Questions and Answers

The following Question and Answers (Q&A) have been prepared to support applicants in responding to any questions that they may have. Other questions should be referred to accessibility@sparc.bc.ca.

Q. Can a library work with a local government by presenting a joint application?

A. Yes. A local government that has not already received funding from the program can apply with a library and they would receive \$25,000 each.

Q. Can a library federation apply on behalf of multiple libraries?

A. Yes. Each eligible library in the application would receive \$25,000 each.

Q. Can a post-secondary library apply?

A. Not at this time as this would count as a post-secondary institution.

Q. Can a local government who has already applied apply a second time?

A. Not at this time as we want to provide an opportunity for organizations who have not yet benefitted from funds.

Q. Where can an organization get support to become compliant with the Accessible BC Regulation?

A. The Accessible Organizations Project (AOP) is funded by the Government of BC and managed by Disability Alliance BC. Part of the AOP is to identify Sector Hubs that have Prescribed Organizations as members and work with the Hubs to help the Prescribed Organizations meet a number of requirements relating to accessibility that are listed in Part 3 of the [Accessible BC Act](#). For detailed information, please visit <https://bcaccessibilityhub.ca/index.php>.

Q. I have an accessibility plan, but have not updated yet, can I still apply for funding?

A. Yes. To receive funding, eligible organizations must meet the Accessible BC Regulation requirements (accessibility plan, accessibility committee, and feedback mechanism).

Q. Is this new funding provided by the government?

A. This is existing funding from the envelope of \$5,000,000 available to support local governments with one-time grants of \$25,000 if they are compliant with the Accessible BC Regulation. This funding is now being made available to public libraries.

Q. Can Library Federations apply on behalf of individual libraries for funding?

A. Yes, Library Federations can apply for funding for the following eligible individual public library members. If a library is not listed it is because the library is deemed to be ineligible for funding by not following the Accessible BC Regulation (i.e. has an accessibility plan, accessibility committee, and accessibility feedback mechanism). If an excluded library can demonstrate it meets the requirements of the Accessible BC Regulation, then it would be eligible for funding.

Eligible Libraries

The IslandLink Library Federation

[Alert Bay Public Library](#)
[Pender Island Public Library](#)
[Powell River Public Library](#)
[Salt Spring Island Public Library](#)
[Kootenay Library Federation](#)
[Beaver Valley Public Library](#)
[Castlegar & District Public Library](#)
[Cranbrook Public Library](#)
[Creston Valley Public Library](#)
[Elkford Public Library](#)
[Ferne Heritage Library](#)
[Grand Forks & District Public Library](#)
[Greenwood Public Library](#)
[Invermere Public Library](#)
[Kaslo & District Public Library](#)
[Kimberley Public Library](#)
[Midway Public Library](#)
[Nakusp Public Library](#)
[Nelson Public Library](#)
[Penticton Public Library](#)
[Radium Hot Springs Public Library](#)
[Rossland Public Library](#)
[Salmo Valley Public Library](#)
[Sparwood Public Library](#)
[Trail & District Public Library](#)

North Central Library Federation

[Cariboo Regional District Library](#)
[Fort St. James Public Library](#)
[Fraser Lake Public Library](#)
[Granisle Public Library](#)
[Mackenzie Public Library](#)
[Prince George Public Library](#)
[Valemount Public Library](#)
[Vanderhoof Public Library](#)

Northeast Library Federation

[Chetwynd Public Library](#)
[Dawson Creek Municipal Public Library](#)
[Fort Nelson Public Library](#)
[Fort St. John Public Library](#)
[Pouce Coupe Public Library](#)
[Taylor Public Library](#)

Northwest Library Federation

[Hazelton District Public Library](#)
[Kitimat Public Library](#)
[Prince Rupert Library](#)
[Smithers Public Library](#)
[Stewart Public Library](#)
[Terrace Public Library](#)

Public Library Interlink

[Bowen Island](#)
[Burnaby](#)
[Coquitlam](#)
[Fraser Valley](#)
[Gibsons and District](#)
[Lillooet Area](#)
[New Westminster](#)
[North Vancouver City](#)
[North Vancouver District](#)
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