



The Housing Toolkit

Helping individuals with Autism and their families navigate the Prince Edward Island housing support system.

The Housing Toolkit | Acknowledgments

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What is the Housing Toolkit?

The Housing Toolkit helps individuals with autism and their families learn how to access housing and funding in Prince Edward Island.

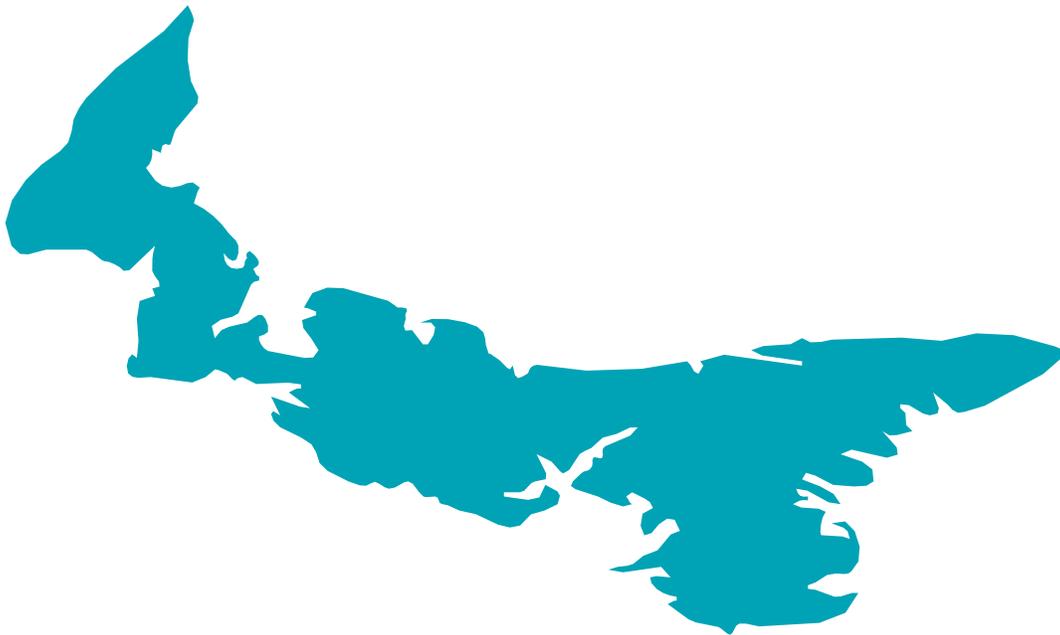
The Housing Toolkit explains:

- Who to reach out to for help
- How to reach out for help
- How an individual qualifies for help
- Housing Options
- Funding Options
- Support Options



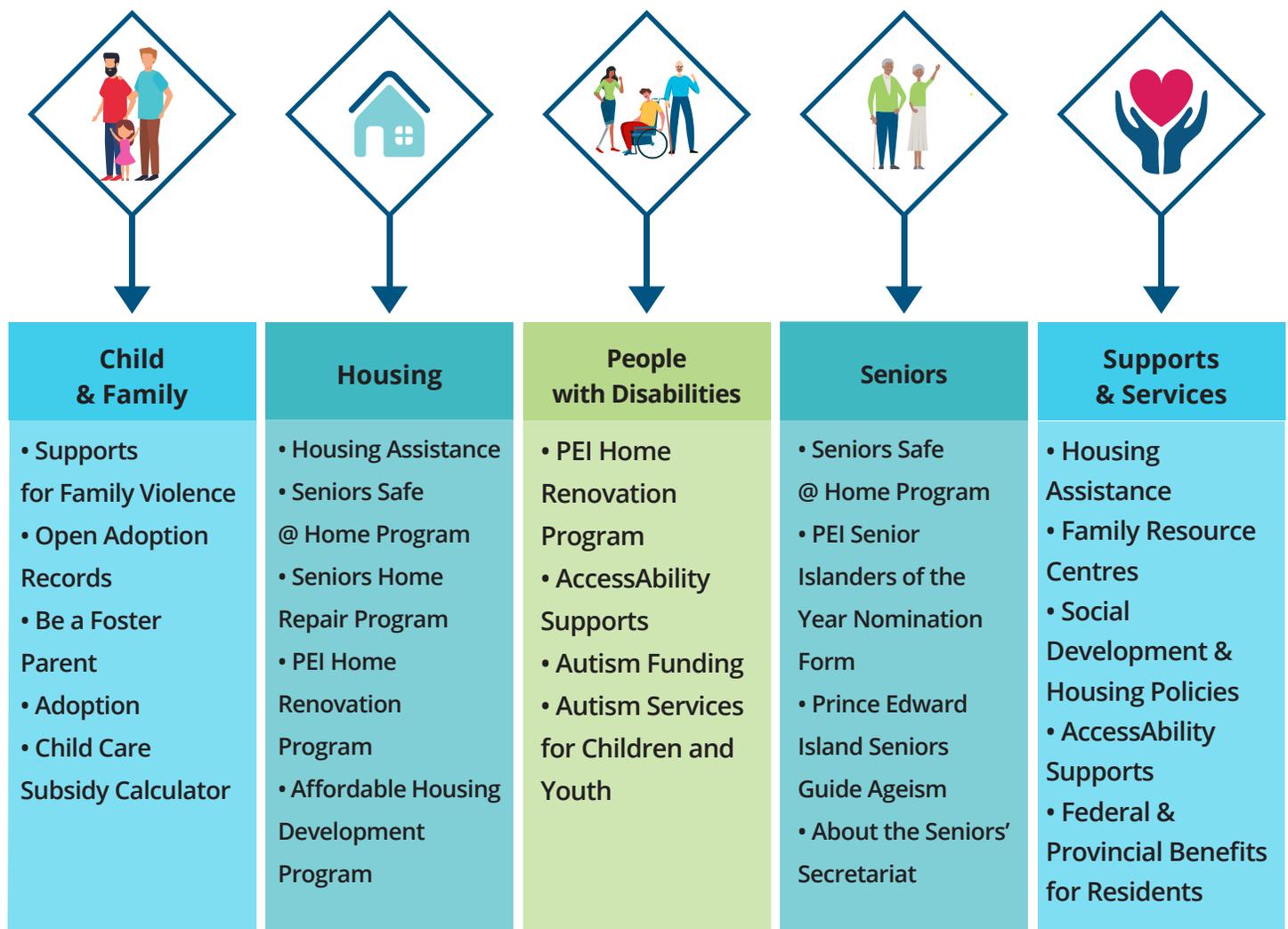
Prince Edward Island

The goal of the Housing Toolkit is to help explain the services and supports available in Prince Edward Island for individuals with autism and their support network.



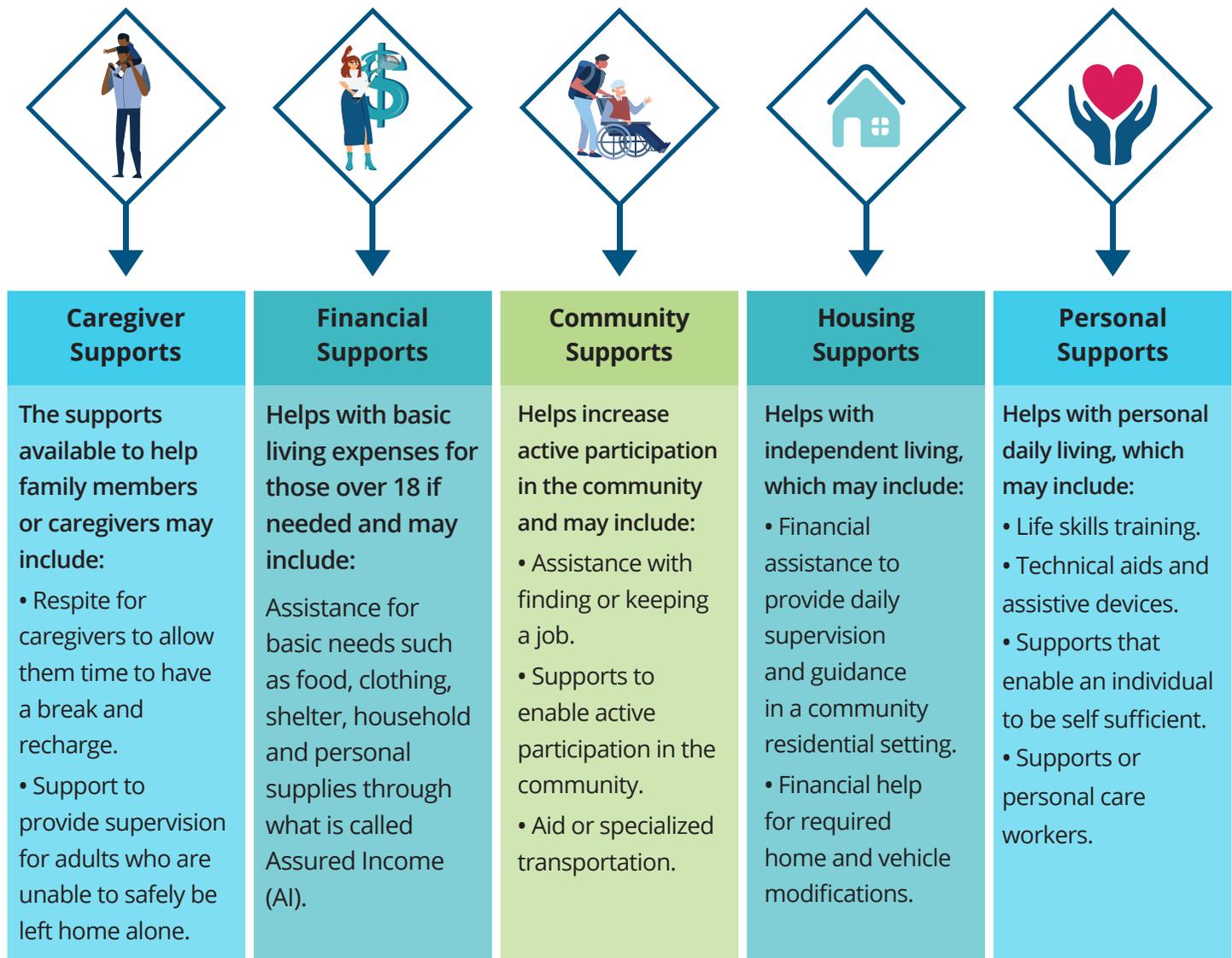
The Department of Social Development & Housing (DSDH) is part of the Government of Prince Edward Island. DSDH helps individuals and families through 5 different programs. Check out the “Navigating the DSDH Toolkit” for more information.

The Department of Social Development & Housing



The AccessAbility Support (AAS) Program is part of the Department of Social Development & Housing supports. They help individuals who are eligible with receiving support, funding, and housing.

AccessAbility Support

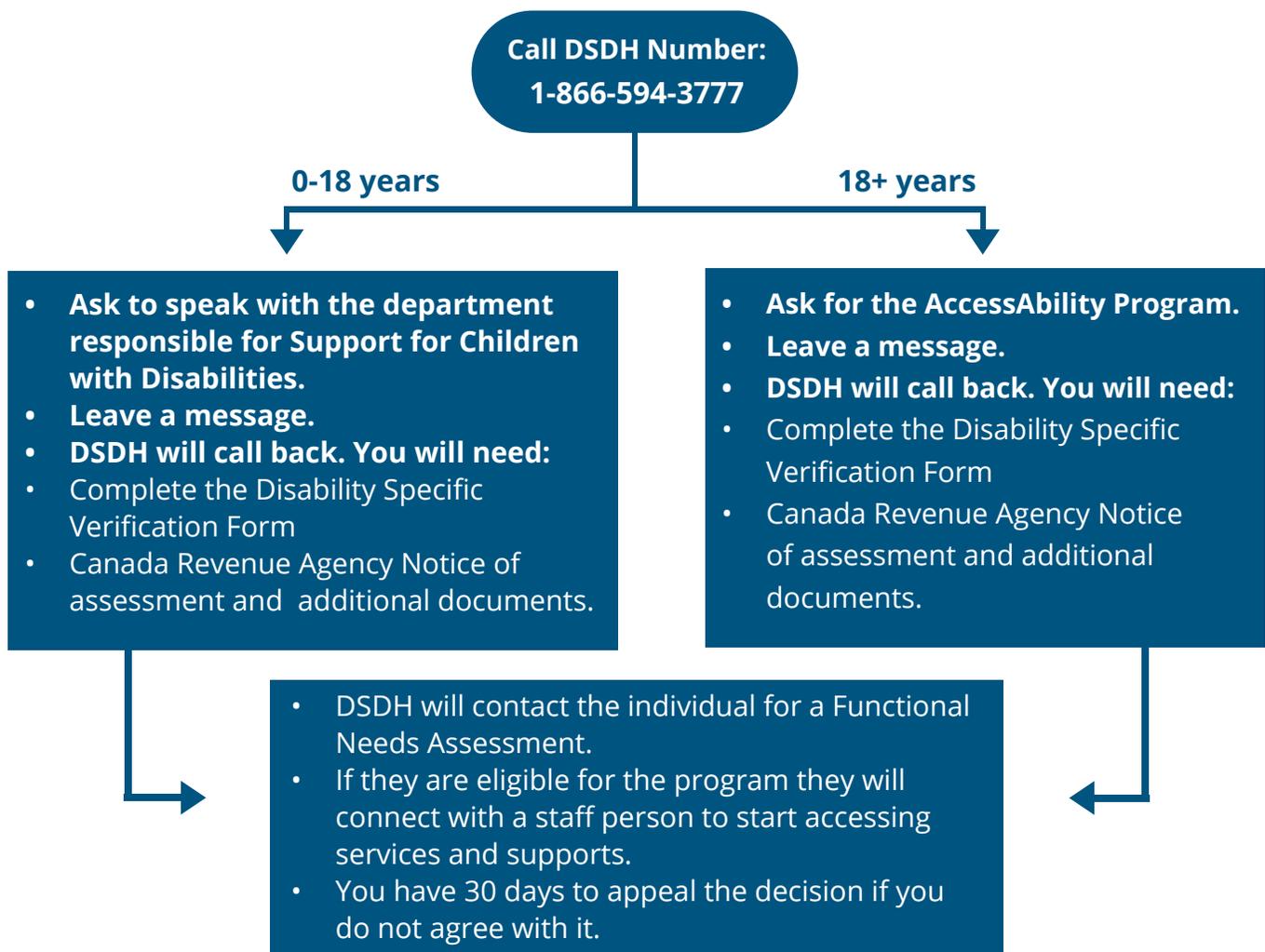


Who to contact:

When determining an individual's eligibility they must contact the Department of Social Development & Housing (DSDH) for an intake appointment to determine a care plan moving forward.

Department of Social Development & Housing

Learn how to contact the Department of Social Development & Housing (DSDH) for help



How to choose a housing option?

The Department of Social Development & Housing (DSDH) will connect you with a PEI Housing Navigator or AAS Support Navigator to determine what the best option is for them.

Criteria to receive funding/housing help:

1. Have a confirmed diagnosis of a developmental and/or intellectual disability, long term mental health illness, and/or physical disability.
2. Complete an AAS application and financial assessment through DSDH.
3. Be approved to receive support and funding to determine an individual's care plan.



What is Housing?

- Housing is where someone lives.
- There are different options for where an individual can live.
- Department of Social Development & Housing (DSDH) can help an individual find a home to fit their needs.
- An NGO focused on supporting people with disabilities in your area may also be able to provide you with support when looking for housing options.

What are an individual's living options?

Licensed Options:

1. Community Care Home
2. Nursing Homes

Unlicensed Options:

1. Living with their family/support network
2. Living alone/with a roommate
3. Living with alternative family
4. NGO Living Option



Licensed Options:

The Housing Options below are funded by the AccessAbility Support Program. The support would include food, rent, and personal supplies for each individual and if not it can be accessed through Assured Income. There are over 36 Community Care Facilities and 9 Nursing Homes in PEI.

Licensed Home Option: Residential Facilities



Unlicensed Options:

- Unlicensed home options are different than Licensed Homes.
- An individual and their support network are responsible for finding housing.
- Assured Income may provide a certain amount of money to help pay for support workers, rent, food, and utilities if not already included in an individual's AccessAbility Support plan.

Unlicensed Housing Options

Live on your own/with a roommate

- Live in an apartment by yourself or with a roommate.
- Receive funding to help with basic needs through social assistance.

Non-Profit Living Option

- Live in a home created and run by a PEI non-profit organization.
- Receive funding to help with basic needs through social assistance.

Live with an Alternative Family (AFLA)

- Live with another family other than your own.
- Have a supportive family environment to help you if needed.



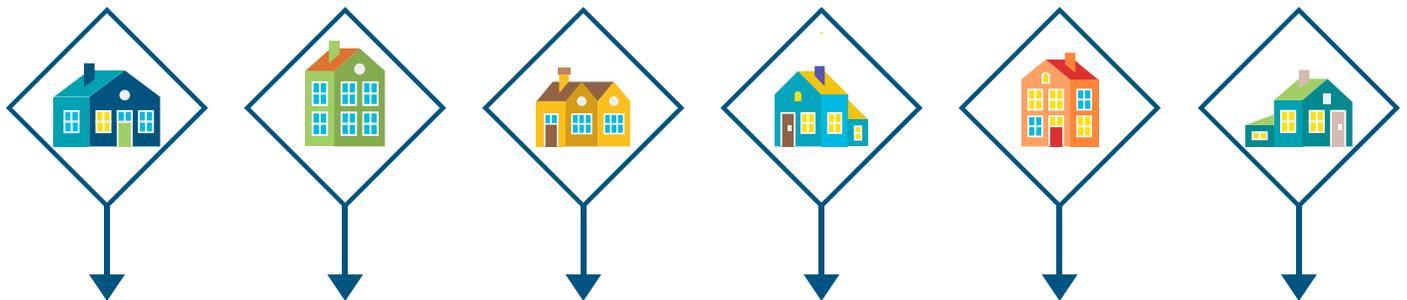
Live with your family/support network

- Live with your family or support network.
- Receive funding to help with basic needs through social assistance.

The Housing Toolkit | Non-profit Housing Options

Six different non-profit organizations have created housing options to accommodate individuals with varying disabilities in PEI. Below are the list of the 6 non-profit organizations and the type of residential services they offer.

Non-profit Housing Options



Queens County Residential Services	Community Inclusions	Inclusions East	MacIntyre House	Community Connections	Stars for Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Family Program • Independent Apartment • Group Home • Small Option Home • Life Bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Living • Group Home • Small Option Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Home • Transition Home • Small Option Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Option Home • Group Home • Supported Apartments • Associated Family Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Home • Support Living Option

Housing Support in PEI

- PEI Housing is responsible for public housing and housing support programs for persons with disabilities for the province of PEI.
- You may be recommend to PEI Housing supports as an option for you or your family depending on what your needs are.

Housing PEI's contact information:

1. Department of Social Development & Housing:

- **Phone Number:** 1-902-620-3777
- **Toll-Free Phone Number:** 1-866-594-3777
- **Email Address:** DeptSDH@gov.pe.ca
- **Address:** 2nd Floor, Jones Building, 11 Kent Street, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8



PEI Housing:

The Government of PEI has options for living as well as financial programs to support families and individuals with disabilities in need of help.

Government of PEI Housing Support Programs



Housing Options

1. Housing Assistance Program for Families
2. Housing Assistance Program for Seniors
3. Community Care Facilities & Nursing Homes



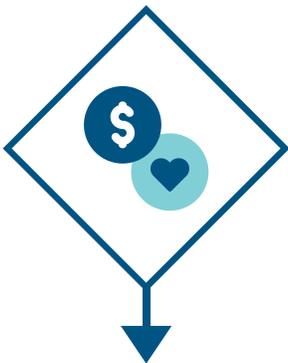
Funding Programs

1. Housing Assistance Program
2. PEI Home Renovation Program Housing
3. Senior Home Repair Program
4. Affordable Housing Development Program

Housing Options:

Housing PEI has a number of housing options to fit individual and families living needs.

Housing PEI - Housing Options



Housing Assistance for Families

Provides quality rental housing units for families and individuals with low incomes, poor housing conditions or other special circumstances that create a need for assistance and who may not otherwise be able to obtain adequate housing.



Community Care Facilities & Nursing Home

Live in a government licensed building with five or more other individuals. There are two types of facilities available in PEI.

- Community Care Home
- Nursing Home



Housing Assistance for Seniors

Provides seniors who are having trouble affording their current cost of living with quality rental units. Eligible to apply if:

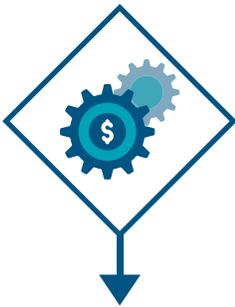
- Aged 60 and older
- 55 and older and have a disability.

Chosen based on your income, assets, health, age and present housing.

PEI Housing Assistance does not currently have barrier-free housing that accommodates the needs of individuals with autism and/or intellectual disability.

Funding Options:

PEI funding options to support families and individuals in need of financial assistance with rent, renovations, or emergency funds.



Housing Assistance Program	PEI Home Renovation Program	Seniors Home Repair Program	Affordable Housing Development Program
<p>Provides low income Islanders with appropriate housing at a reduced cost. Families, seniors, and individuals with low incomes, poor housing conditions or other special circumstances that create a need for assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most eligible applicants pay 25 percent of their income for rent. 	<p>The PEI Home Renovation Program provides financial assistance to help cover the cost of major structural renovations to their home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive up to a maximum of \$6,000 for eligible renovations to the structure, heating, plumbing, and electrical systems or to improve life safety. • Applicant with a permanent disability, up to a maximum \$8,000 may be available if the renovations improve the accessibility of the house. 	<p>Eligible seniors can apply for the Seniors Home Repair Program to help with the cost of repairs to their home. You could receive up to a maximum of \$2,000 in assistance for eligible repairs like a roof, windows and doors, or a furnace.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Affordable Housing Development Program is open to non-profit corporations, private entrepreneurs, development corporations, housing cooperatives, or municipalities. • The program will provide forgivable loans of \$45,000 per unit to increase the number of affordable housing options in the province.

If you are looking for more information, use this list of resources:

Department of Social Development & Housing (DSDH)

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/social-development-and-housing>

Persons with Disabilities

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/support-people-disabilities>

AccessAbility Program

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-housing/accessability-supports>

DSDH-Housing Assistance Programs

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-housing/housing-assistance>

Stars for Life-Housing

<https://starsforlife.com/what-we-do/housing/>

PEI Licensed Community Care Facilities

<https://peicommunitycare.ca/>

Queens County Residential Services

<https://www.qcrs.ca/>

Community Inclusion

<https://www.communityinclusions.com/>

Inclusion East

<https://inclusionseast.com/>

Community Connections Inc.

<https://communityconnectionsinc.com/>

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