
Giving in Action Society

Giving in Action Society is a charitable organization established by Vancouver Foundation in 2006. The Society provides grants directly to individuals and families in BC through the Family Independence Fund and the Children and Youth with Special Needs Fund and is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.

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Family Independence Fund

The Family Independence Fund helps families throughout the province who have children or adults with developmental disabilities living at home.

Grants from the Family Independence Fund help with the ongoing care of the relative by providing support for projects such as home renovations – including lifts, elevators, ramps, flooring, door widening or vehicle modifications – that enable the individual with the developmental disability to live in the family home and access their community.

The Family Independence Fund defines a developmental disability as:

- Low IQ
- Manifests before the age of 18
- Concurrent with impaired adaptive functioning

Preference is given to families that indicate their request for support is part of a long-term plan for their relative. Note that families who receive support from other government-funded programs are still eligible for Family Independence Fund grants. However these additional funds must complement – versus duplicate – the government support.

The Family Independence Fund was established with financial assistance from Community Living of British Columbia (CLBC).

Children & Youth with Special Needs Fund

The Children and Youth with Special Needs Fund provides grants to families who have children or youth (newborn to 19 years) with special needs living at home.

The Fund offers one-time capital grants to help enhance or improve the individual's health, development or ability to participate in daily activities at home, in school and in the community. Eligible expenses may include such things as home renovations and vehicle modifications.

This Fund defines children and youth with special needs as those who have significant impairments in one or more of the following areas: health, cognition, communication, sensory motor, social/emotional/behavioural or self help.

The Children and Youth with Special Needs Fund helps address family needs that are not currently met through government-funded programs. If a family receives support from other government-funded programs, they can apply to the Fund for grants but only if the funds will complement – versus duplicate – the government support.

The Fund was established with financial assistance from the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development.

To Apply

For complete details on both the Family Independence Fund and the Children and Youth with Special Needs Fund, please visit www.givinginaction.ca