

SSQIP Frequently Asked Questions

Q1	Which long-term senior residential care home providers are eligible to apply?
A1	Profit and not-for-profit non-government owned-operated long-term residential care providers in BC that have publicly funded senior residents*. *Currently, Assisted Living, Home Care and Home Support are not eligible for SSQIP funding.
Q2	How much can our care home apply for?
A2	Up to \$500 per funded senior resident by long-term residential care home provider for phase one of the program*. Long-term senior residential care home providers can apply once and carry forward any unused amounts into another funding period to cover short or long-term expected needs or start a new application. *Initial \$10 Million Grant
Q3	Is it more advantageous for my long-term senior residential care home to apply sooner rather than later?
A3	The program is designed so that your allocation of up to \$500 per funded senior resident is secured to September 30 th , 2019. There is no rush as funding can be spread throughout this period. You can apply when you have identified and cost out your needs. This funding is allotted to you and there will be at least three opportunities in a year to apply in the open application periods.
Q4	What time during the year are you open to accepting applications?
A4	The first application period will open in early to January 15 th , 2018 and close February 28 th , 2018 with an announcement pending for the next two open application periods in 2018.
Q5	Are there a maximum number of applications my long-term senior residential care home can submit?
A5	If not all capital purchases are approved in the open period, you have the option of carrying forward the same application or starting a new application at a later date. There is a limit of two applications per year with at least three opportunities to apply for funding. The carry forward option into another open application period does not count as another application.
Q6	Can I still apply to the program if I am eligible to receive funding from another source?
A6	Existing programs from Health Authorities or other funding sources are taken into consideration in the approval process for all or partial funding. You can apply, however the Terms & Conditions are set out whereby if an existing program is in place the capital purchase may not be funded or not deemed as high priority.
Q7	Is my long-term senior residential care home still eligible to apply if we have no co-funding?
A7	Yes, you are still eligible to apply.

Q8	Can my care home apply for something we have received a quote or assessment for but not yet purchased?
A8	The application must be for net new purchases whereby no other warranties, programs, grants, or funding sources exist. There are no retroactive payments or reimbursements for purchases made prior to receiving grant application approval.
Q9	How long will my care home have from the date of application approval to make the purchase and implement?
A9	Grant recipients are to provide proof of purchase such as invoices and receipts within 90 calendar days of the purchase and implementation. Exceptions where requested will be assessed.
Q10	What are the recognition and communication protocol requirements if I am a grant recipient?
A10	Grant recipients are required to recognize the BC Ministry of Health and BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) for providing support of the purchase to improve senior safety and quality of life wherever the opportunity for recognition is possible and participate in communications protocol where requested. For further information, please refer to the Terms and Conditions or speak to BCCPA staff.
Q11	What if my long-term senior residential care home has a request that is not on the eligible list?
A11	BCCPA has conducted a province wide needs assessment and the items on the list represent many of the needs. If there is something you are not sure about, please contact the Programs Department for direction before starting an application.
Q12	My long-term senior residential care home has private pay beds in residential care as well as Assisted Living clients. Am I still eligible to apply for funding?
A12	Grant recipients must confirm that the capital purchases or rentals will primarily be used for publicly funded senior residents in long term care.
Q13	Can the funding be used to cover costs essential to the capital purchase such as maintenance or training?
A13	Currently, SSQIP is available for capital purchases or rental funding only.
Q14	My organization has multiple sites that are eligible to apply. Does each site need to submit an application?
A14	Yes, an application must be created for each eligible site or location.
Q15	After our care home is approved for funding, and we have purchased and implemented the capital, other than providing the receipts what else may be required?
A15	We may request onsite inspections which will be conducted by BCCPA, an appointed representative or a third party to follow-up with intended outcomes or to validate capital purchases or rentals.

Q16	My long-term senior residential care home has both seniors and older adults. How do I know which residents we can include in the “up to” eligible amount calculation?
A16	Publicly funded residents in long-term care are to be included in the application for review. In the online application, please add a note in the section for additional comments or upload a supporting document. Indicate the number of funded residents to be considered in the “up to” eligible amount. The more information you provide, the stronger your application will be.