

# EquipCare BC

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## *Program Guidelines & Eligibility*

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### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The provincial government has provided the BC Care Providers Association \$10 million for EquipCare BC. The program will provide funding to immediately assist with infection and prevention control through to the end of the summer at which time the program will shift to funding for safety and quality improvements.

### **WHO CAN APPLY FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL FUNDING?**

To be eligible for program funding specific to infection prevention and control, all the following criteria must be met:

- Long-term care homes (excludes HA owned and operated)
- Assisted living operators (excludes operators not on the AL Registry)
- Operators in the province of BC

### **WHO CAN APPLY FOR SAFETY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDING?**

To be eligible for program funding specific to safety and quality improvement, all the following criteria must be met:

- Publicly funded long-term care homes (excludes HA owned and operated)
- Publicly funded assisted living operators (excludes operators not on the AL Registry)
- Operators in the province of BC

\*Currently, independent living and home health operators are not eligible for program funding.

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## HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

Period 1 Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Funding		
Operator	“Up To” Amount	Per
Assisted Living (AL)	\$100	Unit
Long-Term Care (LTC)	\$150	Resident

*Note:* Period 1 may re-open with additional funding should the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) needs continue. Once the IPC funding is complete, any unused amount will formulate the “up-to” limits for the Safety and Quality Improvement component of the program and determined under the advisement of the committee.

## WHEN CAN I APPLY?

The first application period opens April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for infection prevention and control. Dependent on the status of the response to COVID-19, the next application period is set to open in September 2020 and may expand to include funding for safety and quality improvement items.

## WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The application process remains the same for infection prevention and control, safety and quality improvement requests.

**Begins:** When the Terms & Conditions are accepted, and the application is received prior to the closing date of the funding period.

**Ends:** When the applicant receives a decision on grant funding.



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## WHAT IS THE FUNDING PROCESS?

The funding process remains the same for infection prevention and control, safety and quality improvement requests.

**Begins:** When the grant recipient receives the funding approval to proceed with purchases and implementation.

**Ends:** When the grant recipient receives the funding and completes a satisfaction survey.



## BEFORE STARTING THE APPLICATION

1. Read the Terms & Conditions [here](#).
2. Review the IPC Eligible Items List [here](#).
3. Review the FAQ's [here](#).

## APPLICATION LINK

Apply online [here](#).