

# EquipCare BC

## Program Guidelines & Eligibility

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The provincial government has renewed an additional two years of grant funding to the BC Care Providers Association in the amount of \$14 million for EquipCare BC to promote safety and quality of life improvements for seniors and those who care for them in publicly funded long-term care and assisted living homes.

### WHO CAN APPLY FOR FUNDING?

To be eligible for program funding, all the following criteria must be met:

- Home operates in the province of BC.
- Includes non-health authority owned and operated homes.
- Includes publicly funded long-term care homes.
- Includes publicly funded assisted living operators as listed on the [Seniors' Assisted Living Registry](#) under the "Seniors" residence type SN.

*Further Note:* Currently, health authority owned and operated homes, private pay, independent living residences, and home health operators are not eligible for program funding.

### HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

Grant Funding Limits		
Operator	"Up To" Amount*	Per Public
Assisted Living (AL)	\$300	Unit
Long-Term Care (LTC)	\$300	Bed

*Note:* The "up to" eligible amount only applies to public funded units or beds.

\*The "up to" eligible amount may vary for Period 2 dependent on the number of applications and funds remaining from Period 1.

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## WHEN AND HOW MANY TIMES CAN I APPLY?

Application Period	Intake Opens	Intake Closes	# of Applications Permitted	MOH Reporting Due
1	June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	1 per site for the “up to” eligible limit.	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
2	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	1 per site for the “up to” eligible limit.	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

**Note:** If the Period 1 application is missed, amounts do not carry forward to Period 2.

## WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

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

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



**Note:** Period 2 applications are considered for adjudication only if there are no outstanding documents, and the grant payment was issued for Period 1. Priority is given to homes that did not apply in Period 1.

## WHAT IS THE FUNDING PROCESS?

**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.



**Note:** For grant funding eligibility, invoices and proof of payment documents cannot pre-date April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for Period 1 and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, for Period 2.