

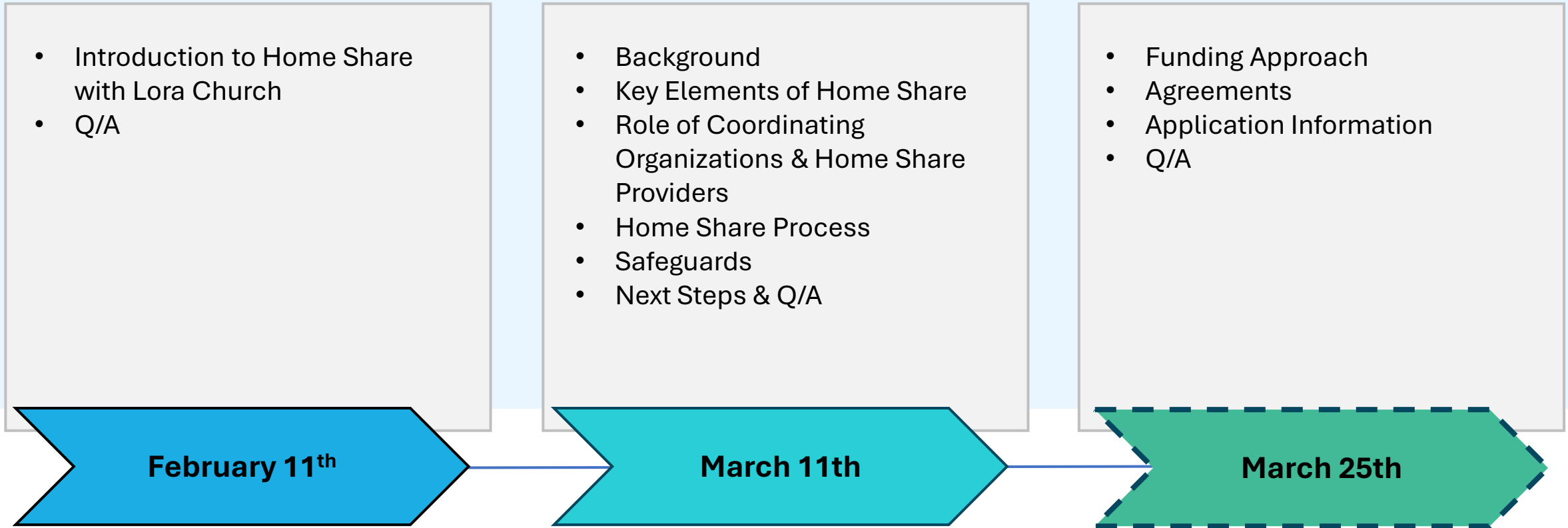
Disability Support Program (DSP)

Home Share Webinar

March 25th, 2025

Home Share Service Provider Sessions

There will be three service provider sessions on Home Share. Lora Church's presentation on February 11th covered an introduction to Home Share, and the presentation on March 11th provided an overview of Nova Scotia's Home Share model. Below is an overview of all three sessions:



Agenda

- 1 Funding Approach
- 2 Agreements
- 3 Application Information
- 4 Q/A

Summary of Previous Session

As a reminder, the most recent Home Share Webinar shared the following information:

- **Key Elements of Home Share**
 - Service Structure & Actors Involved
 - Home Share Capacity, Flexibility, and Additional Supports
- **Role of Coordinating Organizations & Home Share Providers**
 - Expectations from the Program Descriptions
- **Home Share Process**
 - Participant and Provider Journeys through Home Share
- **Safeguards**

Home Share is a new service offering where there will be additional responsibility for Coordinating Organizations. The approach to funding for Home Share Coordinating Organizations will be different than that of Service Providers opting to offer IF management.

Today, we will provide an **overview of the Home Share funding model**, as well as information on **how to apply** to become a Coordinating Organization.

Funding Approach

Funding for Coordinating Organizations

Service Providers interested in becoming Coordinating Organizations will also have the responsibility of managing the IF of a participant choosing Home Share through their organization. This means that Coordinating Organizations will be able to access funding in three ways:



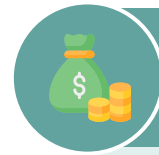
IF Management – Admin Fee

The CO will be managing the entire supports budget of a participant's IF, which includes Home Share, as well as other potential supports (e.g., day programming). The CO will receive the **additional 15% on all supports provided.**



Home Share – Start Up Funding

DSP will provide **base funding to organizations that take on Home Share,** eventually transitioning to a per-Participant funding model.



Other Sources

DSP has created a grant called the **Service Evolution Fund.** Organizations can submit a proposal for funding to adjust their service offerings to align with the Remedy and individualized funding.

Start-Up Funding

There are fixed costs associated with setting up a Home Share service. Start-up funding will be available to Coordinating Organizations to cover these costs. Details on start-up funding can be seen in the table below:

Funded Item (per CO)	Cost	Description
Staff	\$120,000	1.5 FTEs at \$80,000 each
Staff Benefits	\$24,000	20% of staff costs
Staff Overhead	\$24,000	20% of staff costs

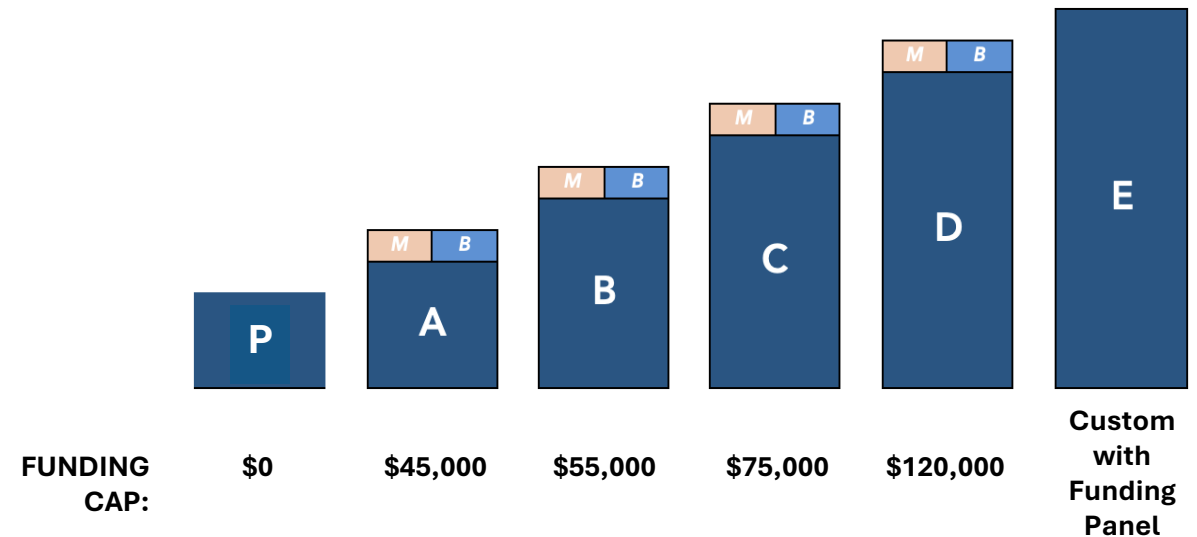
Additional Start-Up Considerations

- Coordinating Organizations can seek reimbursement for approved Home Share Provider training from DSP.
- DSP is in the process of planning a campaign to support the start-up of Home Share and the recruitment of Providers.

Rates

Based on an analysis of internal Participant case files and their support needs, DSP is setting maximum rates for Home Share supports.

- Level P Participants will not be eligible for Home Share.
- Participants in Level E will require a tailored costs approach.
 - This will be developed through the Innovation Panel and will be based on the Participant's support needs and available funding.



Home Share Rates

<div>The proposed Rate Schedule includes a Home Share rate for each Participant Level</div> <div>Respite Allocation is equivalent to 20% of the applicable maximum charge for a given Participant</div>			
Participant Level	Home Share Rate	Respite Charge	Total
Level A	\$26,000	\$5,200	\$31,200
Level B	\$36,000	\$7,200	\$43,200
Level C	\$52,000	\$10,400	\$62,400
Level D	\$68,000	\$13,600	\$81,600

The remaining funds within a participant's funding cap will be used on additional supports and services that are included in their plan and not related to Home Share (e.g., day programming).

Home Share Participant Funding Example



Meet Alice *(she/her)*

Alice is a DSP Participant who has included Home Share in her planning with her IPSC/LAC and has been assessed as Support Level A with no additional medical or behavioural needs.

- 1 Alice contacts a Coordinating Organization (CO) and meets a potential Home Share Provider who is a good match for her. She decides to proceed with this option and contacts her IPSC/LAC and Home Share becomes a part of her IF funding proposal.
- 2 Given Alice's supporting planning, assessment, and funding results, it is determined that her Home Share charge will be \$20,000. She signs her Home Share agreement with the CO and begins planning for her big move!
- 3 Alice directs DSP to send her Home Share funding (\$20,000) and Standard Household Rate (\$7,368) to the CO, who then ensures her Home Share Provider gets paid. This covers Alice's portion of the rent, as well as support costs.

FUNDING BREAKDOWN *(ANNUAL)*

Participant Charge / Home Share Pay		Standard Household Rate		Total Home Share Provider Funds
\$20,000	+	\$7,368	=	\$27,368

**Standard Household Rate (SHR): \$7,368 reflects a monthly SHR of \$614. \$30 is removed from this monthly total for clothing and will flow directly to the Participant.*

Home Share Provider Funding Example

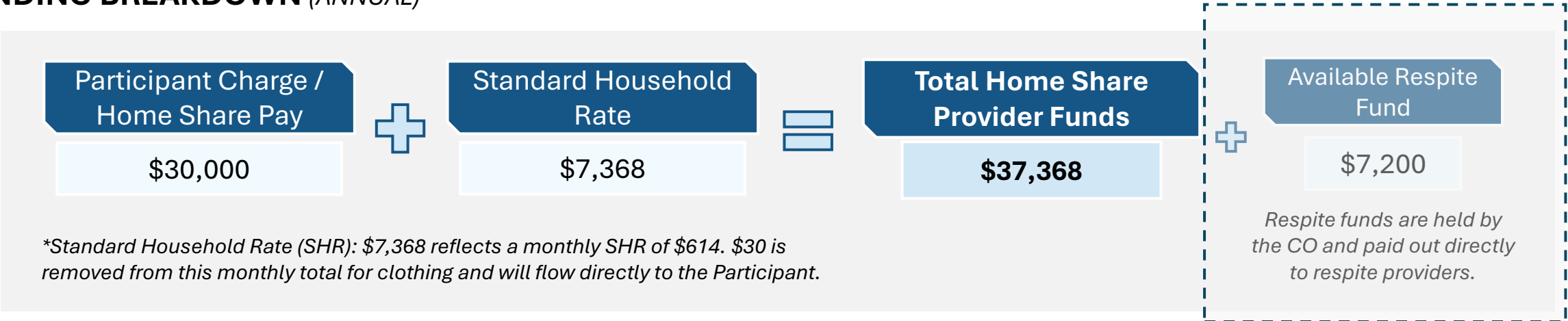


Meet Sam *(he/him)*

Sam is a member of the community who has undergone the required Home Share training, the Home Study process, and recently signed a Home Share agreement with a Coordinating Organization.

- 1 Sam will be supporting and sharing his home with Evan, a DSP Participant who is Support Level B.
- 2 Given Evan’s supporting planning, assessment, and funding results, it is determined that his Home Share charge will be \$30,000.
- 3 Sam **receives \$37,368 per year in compensation**. Included in this cost is the Home Share charge, as well as Evan’s *Standard Household Rate. This covers Evan’s portion of the rent, as well as support costs. Sam will also **have access to \$7,200 in respite** funds over the year.

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Home Share Coordinating Organization Funding Example

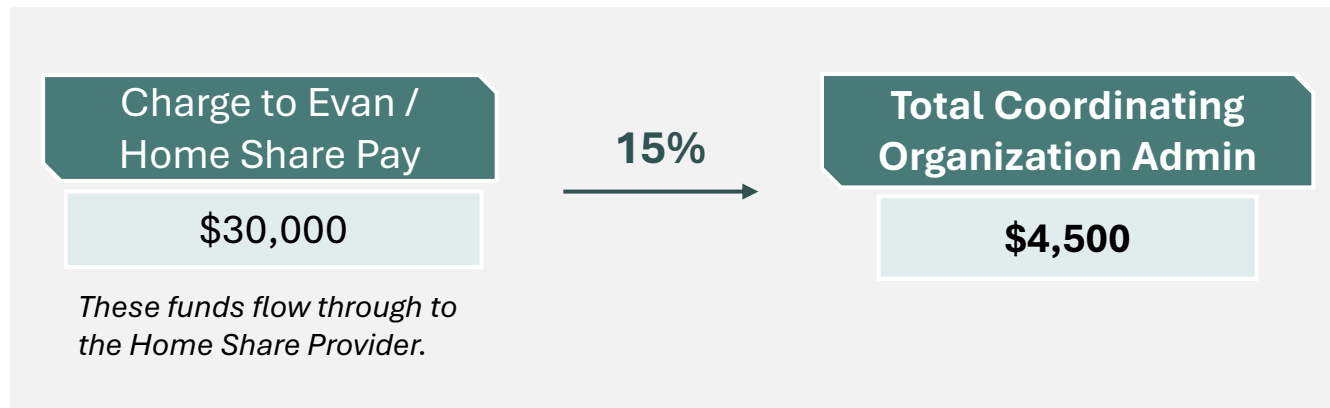


Unity Living Connections

Unity Living Connections is an organization interested in getting involved with Home Share and becoming a Coordinating Organization.

- 1 Unity Living Connections supports members of the community to become Home Share Providers and coordinates potential Home Share arrangements between them and interested Participants.
- 2 Sam (a Home Share Provider) meets Evan (a Participant) through Unity Living Connections. They decide to formalize their Home Share arrangement and Sam signs an agreement with Unity Living Connections.
- 3 For the duration of the Home Share arrangement, Unity Living Connections provides Sam with Home Share payments from the supports portion of Evan's individualized funding. Unity receives an additional 15% on top of the amount of support costs to manage these payments.

FUNDING BREAKDOWN (ANNUAL)



- COs receive an **additional 15% on the cost associated with Home Share**, as well as any other support funds they provide on the participant's behalf.
- They do not receive 15% on the **Standard Household Rate** as this is seen as the participant's **contribution to food and rent outside of supports provided**.

Agreements

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As part of this work, there will be three agreements between Coordinating Organizations, Participants, and Home Share Providers – with details and responsibilities outlined below.



Agreement between the Coordinating Organization and DSP

- This would govern the relationship between DSP and the CO, outlining expectations, the requirements for delivering the service, accountability, outcomes reporting, etc.
- This agreement template is being developed by DSP's Corporate Agreement Management (CAM).



Agreement between the Coordinating Organization and the Home Share Provider

- This would outline expectation between the CO and the HS Provider, including reporting and accountability requirements, provisions providing access to the home, payment information, etc.
- NSRAA is supporting the development of this agreement template based on BC Home Share contracts.



Agreement between the Coordinating Organization and the Participant

- This would outline details related to the nature/level of support required, costs, expectations of both parties, etc.
- Please note that separate agreements, between an organization and a Participant, may be required for IF and Home Share.

Please note that while there is no formal agreement between the Participant and the Home Share Provider, Coordinating Organizations may want to consider developing a template for HS Providers and Participant to document how they might want to live together, etc.

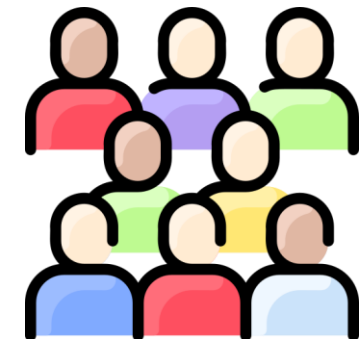
Community of Practice

Home Share is a service designed to evolve over time to meet the needs of local areas and regions.



DSP is supporting NSRAA to establish a community of practice for all approved Coordinating Organizations.

- This will provide a **forum for discussion, support, and professional development**, as well as links into DSP on how the service is evolving.
- It will be a key resource for determining where new resources might be needed, discussing common issues, and providing guidance to DSP on how to support a successful Home Share service.



Application Information

Timeline

This is the **timeline for Coordinating Organization (CO) application roll out.**

Recruitment for Home Share providers will happen once the COs are in place.

May '25

Selection

Applicants may be invited for an interview at the discretion of the Application Review Team.

June '25 – Ongoing

Home Share Goes Live

Once service agreements are signed, Coordinating Organizations can begin setting up their service offering and recruiting providers.

Apply

Service providers must indicate their interest in offering services by completing the application, opening next month and will be open for 6 weeks.

Sign Service Agreements

DSP will begin signing service agreements with successful applicants.

April '25

June 25'

Tools & Resources

Coordinating Organizations and participants will be **supported in this new service** through guidance, templates, and ongoing liaison with DSP (e.g., LACs/IPSCs).

Further guidance and templates will be developed with input from selected Coordinating Organizations.

Documents for Service Providers

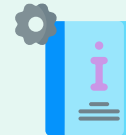


Home Share Program Description
(incl. Expectations for the
Coordination of Home Share)

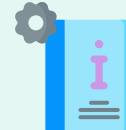


Home Study Toolkit

Tools & Templates for Participants



Easy to Read Guides – community
living options, working with service
providers, etc.



Templates for Service Agreements

Application



The Disability Support Program will **launch applications** for administering home share services **in April 2025**. The aim will be to have two (2) Coordinating Organizations per region.

The application focuses on ensuring that prospective Coordinating Organizations are **aligned with Nova Scotia's evolving philosophy on the delivery of disability services**. We are moving to a world where participants have choice over how they access their supports.

The application process will seek to assess providers' alignment with the *Remedy* shared values of **openness to new ideas, choice, valuing diversity, inclusion, and hope**.

Question Areas

- Organizational Information
- Indication of Interest
- Organizational Philosophy
- Home Share
- IF Management
- Supports Provision
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Reconciliation, and Accessibility (EDIRA)
- Community, Natural Supports, and Social Inclusion
- References & Certifications

Q/A

Feedback & Questions



**Thoughts?
Questions?**

- Please **type your questions in the chat** and our moderator will read your question aloud.
- If we are not able to get to your question today, please submit it through our question submission form.
- This will be linked in the chat at the end of this meeting – our goal will be to respond to these at the next Service Provider webinar.

Next Webinar

- At the next webinar on April 8th, we will be covering information on facility closure and participant transitions.
- This will include:
 - Closure and Transition Guides;
 - An overview of new DSP support roles; and,
 - Resources available for service providers.



Thank you!