

## Overview

The following document provides an overview of six active DSP funding streams under the DSP Remedy support model, including their funding objectives and current funding ranges. This summary information is intended as a quick reference; for further details on current DSP funding, please review the associated policy documents and training materials.

### Funding Quick Sheet Overview

**Funding Stream:** Individualized Funding Supports Stream

**Fund Recipient:** Eligible DSP Participant

**Funding Ranges:** \$0 – \$180,000\*

**Review & Approval Roles:** EFAC, EFAC Team Lead

**Funding Stream:** DSP Innovation Fund

**Fund Recipient:** community groups, non-profits, public-benefit organizations, municipalities

**Funding Ranges:** \$500,000 Annual Funding Budget

**Review & Approval Roles:** Regional Advisory Council, Provincial Advisory Council, DSP ED

**Funding Stream:** Sparks/Discretionary Funding

**Fund Recipient:** Individuals, families, or community members working with a LAC or IPSC

**Funding Ranges:** \$0 – \$500

**Review & Approval Roles:** LAC, IPSC, LAC Team Lead

**Funding Stream:** Special Needs Funding

**Fund Recipient:** Eligible DSP Participant

**Funding Ranges:** \$0 – \$5,000\*

**Review & Approval Roles:** EFAC, EFAC Team Lead, DSP Specialist

**Funding Stream:** Rapid Access Funding

**Fund Recipient:** Eligible DSP Participant/Family Member/Support Network under in a crisis scenario

**Funding Ranges:** \$0 – \$10,000\*

**Review & Approval Roles:** LAC, IPSC Regional Leadership Team

**Funding Stream:** Service Evolution Fund

**Fund Recipient:** DSP Service Provider, Service Provider Representative Organizations

**Funding Ranges:** \$1,000,000 Annual Funding Budget

**Review & Approval Roles:** Regional Closure Specialist, Provincial Closure Lead, DSP ED

\* Funding ranges may exceed initial ranges based on review and determination by DSP Leadership

# Funding Reference Sheet

Below is a quick reference sheet outlining the types of funds available for specific situations covered under the established DSP funding streams. For further information please access related funding policy documents.

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## I need funding/support for:

- Purchasing personalized supports that work for my specific needs
- Purchasing in-home services to maintain independence while living at home
- Accessing medical support services for disability related health needs
- Attending community-based day programs
- Acquiring behavioural support services to coping strategies

**Consider:**

**Individualized  
Funding Supports**

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## I need funding/support for:

- Reducing or removing barriers to joining community activities
- Promoting inclusion in ongoing community activities and cultural events
- Providing peer support opportunities that foster creativity and choice
- Getting projects started and testing out innovative inclusion ideas
- Collecting and sharing data and community insights on ability-related needs

**Consider:**

**DSP Innovation  
Fund**

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## I need funding/support for:

- Accessing financial support to open doors to community inclusion
- Connecting with community programs that otherwise might be inaccessible
- Participating in short-term opportunities or skill development programs
- Obtaining specialized equipment that enables greater independence
- Accessing a specific activity or event that expands my access to community

**Consider:**

**Spark/Discretionary  
Funding**

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## I need funding/support for:

- Accessing items and services not covered by Individualized Funding
- Obtaining essential dental care services
- Consulting with dietitians for specialized nutritional guidance
- Consulting with a Podiatrist for orthotics
- Covering funeral and burial service expenses
- Securing access to childcare services

**Consider:**

**Special Needs  
Funding**

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## I need funding/support for:

- Accessing short-term, temporary housing during crises (floods, evacuations)
- Allowing family members or caregivers to provide emergency respite care
- Covering emergency accommodations while finding housing solutions
- Purchasing short-term supports that help manage crisis situations

**Consider:**

**Rapid Access  
Funding**

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## I need funding/support for:

- Acquiring specialized training for staff on person-centred approaches
- Purchasing architectural assessments for renovations in line with the Remedy
- Planning workshops to shift services toward a community-based model
- Accessing communications/media support for public awareness opportunities
- Purchasing assistive technology tools that promote community inclusion
- Holding events that highlight inclusive practices and services

**Consider:**

**Service Evolution  
Fund**

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# Funding Stream Review

## IF Supports Funding

**Purpose:** Individualized Funding provides funds directly to participants, their DSP Provider, or their authorized representative to employ or purchase supports and other disability-related needs.

### Funding Ranges\*

\$0-\$180,000

**Funding Eligibility:** Individualized Funding is available to participants who meet eligibility criteria, including completion of a functional assessment, support level assignment, and support plan development. After receiving EFAC approval and signing a funding agreement, participants can access financial support for a wide range of disability support and community inclusion needs.

### Approval & Decision Pathway:

After an individual has been assessed, an LAC or IPSC will support the individual to develop a Support Plan.

The plan outlines the costs of services and supports required for the person to live in the community of their choice

An EFAC will review the Support Plan and confirm that the cost can be met within the participant's support level.

The EFAC Team Lead may approve a funding amount up to the maximum for the participant's Support Level

## DSP Innovation Fund

**Purpose:** The Innovation Fund, managed by regional advisory councils supports creative approaches to build community inclusion, fostering dignity and choice for persons with disabilities.

### Funding Ranges

\$500,000 Annual Budget

**Funding Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include community groups, non-profits, municipalities, and public-benefit organizations. For-profits may apply if projects serve public interests. Funding supports inclusion, dignity, and choice for people with disabilities by reducing barriers and promoting equity.

### Approval & Decision Pathway:

Proposals are submitted to Regional Advisory Councils

Regional Advisory Council reviews applications and makes recommendations to Provincial Advisory Council

Provincial Advisory Council makes recommendations on applications to DSP ED who reviews and provides final approval

Applicants receive decision letter from the Regional Advisory Council with funding details and reporting requirements

## Sparks/Discretionary Funding

**Purpose:** A small amount of non-recurring, "one-off" funding that is available for persons with disabilities or community members that opens doors to community inclusion initiatives and expands access to supports.

### Funding Ranges

Up to \$500

**Funding Eligibility:** Sparks Funding is one-time, short-term funding. Available to individuals, families, or communities working with a LAC or IPSC. The funding provides targeted allocation of funds that creates a "multiplier effect" towards personal goals, without replacing existing government services.

### Approval & Decision Pathway:

The need is identified by LAC/IPSC working with individual

LAC/IPSC consult with Team Lead & Team/Peer Review on the proposed funding and if it meets the eligibility and purpose.

Final approval on Sparks Funding provided by the Team Lead

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## Special Needs Funding

**Purpose:** Special needs funding provides funds for items and services that eligible DSP participants can access through the *Basic and Special Needs Policy*, which are not provided through Individualized Funding.

### Funding Ranges\*

\$0-\$5,000

**Funding Eligibility:** Special needs funding is available to DSP participants who meet the eligibility criteria. When submitting a request for special needs funding, the participant must provide their EFAC with the following information: cost estimates, rationale for the request, supporting documentation (if applicable), and details on any alternatives explored.

### Approval & Decision Pathway:

*A special need for a participant is identified by LAC/IPSC using the DSP Policy Guide*

*Documentation is collected and submitted to the EFAC for review.*

*Special needs request is assessed and determined by DSP Policy Approval Thresholds*

*For approved special needs requests the funding is dispersed through the participants chosen method*

## Rapid Access Funding

**Purpose:** Rapid Access funding serves as emergency funds, addressing urgent needs that cannot be met by existing supports. It provides non-recurring funds during imminent or ongoing crises, bridging the gap toward long-term solutions.

### Funding Ranges\*

\$0-\$10,000

**Funding Eligibility:** Rapid access funding can be used for short-term temporary housing solutions during crises, immediate comfort or distress items outside standard support funding, or resources to allow family and support networks to provide support in crises.

### Approval & Decision Pathway:

*An urgent/crisis support need for a participant is identified by LAC/IPSC*

*If under 10k, LAC/IPSC consult with a representative from the Regional Leadership Team for approval*

*If over 10k, LAC/IPSC consult and approval required from Provincial DSP Leadership*

*Funding approval provided to LAC/IPSC for Rapid Access Funding*

## Service Evolution Fund

**Purpose:** The fund is designed to support service providers through operational and service changes required under the Remedy, and prioritizes community inclusion, local support, and sector collaboration.

### Funding Ranges

\$1,000,000 Annual Budget

**Funding Eligibility:** Grants are open to existing and approved DSP service providers (or representative organizations) focused on delivering community-based support for persons with disabilities. Applications must demonstrate alignment with the values outlined in the Remedy.

### Approval & Decision Pathway:

*Service Provider submits proposal to Regional Closure Specialist*

*Proposal reviewed and assessed by Regional Closure Specialists and Provincial Closure Lead*

*Recommend proposals submitted to DSP ED for review and funding approval*

*Successful applicants receive funding letter from DSP with funding details and reporting requirements*