



Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program FAQs

Program overview

Application process and timelines

The deadline to submit your application, including the required supplementary documents, is November 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Alberta time. The application period has been established to support timely review of proposals and funding decisions, allowing successful projects to move forward as soon as possible.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications by the published deadline to support timely review and funding decisions. Extensions are not currently anticipated.

Application submission and documentation

To be considered for the ALI Grant Program, applicants must submit:

- Completed application form, signed by the organization's duly authorized signing authority (e.g., the executive director or CEO);
- Financial statements for the applicant's most recent completed fiscal year, including all accompanying schedules, notes, and auditor's reports (where applicable).

Applicants must submit a completed and signed application form, along with all required supplementary documents, in a single email to ALIGrantProgram@gov.ab.ca. The email subject line must follow the format: [Project Name] – Application.

To support a fair and consistent assessment process, applicants should ensure all required information and documents are included in their submission. Unsolicited attachments that are not required as part of the application package will not be reviewed during the assessment process.

Applications must be complete at the time of submission. Incomplete applications will not be assessed. Applicants are responsible for ensuring all required sections, documentation, and signatures are complete before submission.

Multiple applications

Organizations can submit more than one application, provided each application is for a distinct project and meets all program requirements. Each application will be assessed independently.

Projects should have clearly defined objectives, activities, budgets, and outcomes. Applicants should consider whether their initiatives are best presented as a single integrated project or as distinct projects with separate applications.

After submitting

The Ministry may contact applicants to clarify information already provided in their application; however, applicants will not be permitted to submit missing required information, documentation, or signatures after the application deadline.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring their applications are complete and accurate before submission. If changes are required, applicants should contact the ALI Grant Program before the application deadline to discuss their options. Applications cannot be revised after the deadline.

Individual feedback will not be provided to unsuccessful applicants. All funding decisions are final, and no appeals will be considered.

Resubmitting

Organizations may continue to pursue existing funding opportunities or submit a new application through the ALI Grant Program. Organizations should not resubmit proposals that have already been submitted to government for consideration through another funding process.

The ALI Grant Program is intended to support new proposals that align with its objectives and eligibility requirements. Proposals already submitted through other government processes will not automatically be considered under this program.

Existing/previously funded projects

Existing programs or services may be eligible where the proposed project represents a meaningful new phase, adaptation, expanded scope, evaluation activity, scale-up opportunity or other innovation. The ALI Grant Program is not intended to fund routine delivery of an existing service or normal operating costs. Applicants should clearly explain what is new or different about the proposed project and the outcomes or evidence it is intended to generate.

Projects previously funded through government grants or special funding programs may be eligible where the application clearly demonstrates a new phase of work, expanded scope, evaluation activity, scale-up opportunity, or additional innovation. Funding will not be provided for activities that have already been completed.

Eligibility

Program eligibility

Proposed projects must be delivered in Alberta and primarily benefit Albertans, however organizations based outside Alberta, including national organizations, may be eligible to apply if they meet the legal registration and organizational eligibility requirements outlined in the ALI Grant Program Guidelines.

Operating in Alberta

This includes having operated in Alberta for at least one full calendar year, which means the organization has maintained an ongoing operational presence in Alberta for at least one full calendar year through activities, programs, services, projects, partnerships, research, or other organizational work conducted within the province. Organizations do not necessarily need to be incorporated in Alberta, provided they meet the legal registration requirements and all other applicant eligibility criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines.

The ALI Grant Program is a grant funding opportunity and is not a procurement process, Request for Proposals, or Request for Expressions of Interest. Organizations do not need to qualify as a vendor to apply. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the program guidelines.

Technology companies

Technology companies may apply directly, provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Program Guidelines. Applicants should demonstrate how their proposed project will benefit Alberta's assisted living system. Partnerships with continuing care providers, operators, or other organizations are encouraged where they support the successful implementation and evaluation of the proposed innovation.

Applicants should clearly demonstrate how their project aligns with one or more Strategic Investment Streams and delivers benefits within Alberta's assisted living system.

Partnerships and collaborative applications

Consortiums

[Alberta.ca/InnovationInCare](https://alberta.ca/InnovationInCare)

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Applications must be submitted by a single eligible organization that will act as the lead applicant and assume responsibility for the application and any resulting grant agreement. If a consortium is not a legal entity, it does not meet the ALI Grant Program eligibility criteria.

Organizations may apply in partnership, provided one eligible organization serves as the lead applicant and identifies partner organizations within the application.

Multiple projects

Organizations may be involved in multiple projects. Organizations may submit more than one application provided each application is for a distinct project. Organizations may also participate as partners or collaborators on other applications. Applicants should clearly describe the role and contribution of all partner organizations within each application.

Strategic investment streams

Multiple investment streams

Projects may align with more than one strategic investment stream. Applicants should identify the stream that best reflects the primary focus of their project. If a project has elements that align with multiple streams, applicants are encouraged to describe those connections within their application while selecting the stream that is most closely aligned with the project's primary objectives and intended outcomes.

Palliative and end-of-life care

Palliative and end-of-life care is identified as a priority area under both the Home and Community Care Strategic Investment Stream and the Continuing Care Homes Strategic Investment Stream. Applicants should select the Strategic Investment Stream that best reflects the primary focus, setting, and intended outcomes of their proposed project.

Persons with developmental disabilities

The ALI Grant Program is intended to support innovative projects that strengthen Alberta's assisted living system and improve outcomes for Albertans, including persons with developmental disabilities. Applicants should clearly demonstrate how their proposed project aligns with the objectives of the program, one or more Strategic Investment Streams, and the intended System Outcome Areas. Applications will be assessed based on their alignment with the program's eligibility and assessment criteria.

Limitations

The ALI Grant Program is not intended to fund standalone capital construction projects or the purchase of land or buildings. However, renovation or construction costs may be eligible where they are directly related to and necessary for the implementation of an approved innovation project.

Innovation in the Assisted Living Grant (ALI) Program

Innovation includes the development, adaptation, implementation, evaluation, or scaling of new or improved approaches, services, programs, technologies, partnerships, or practices intended to improve outcomes, quality, efficiency, access, or client experience.

Innovation may include new service delivery approaches, new care models, new partnerships or collaborative structures, new methods of supporting caregivers and families, new uses of technology and digital tools, adaptation of successful practices from another jurisdiction or sector, or improvements to existing programs that demonstrate meaningful impact and measurable results.

Community and Continuing Care Technology Innovation Roadmap

The ALI Grant Program and the Community and Continuing Care Technology Innovation Roadmap are complementary initiatives. The Roadmap identifies broader opportunities for technology and innovation across the continuing care system, while the ALI Grant Program supports practical projects that develop, test, implement, or evaluate innovative approaches.

Projects aligned with the Roadmap may be eligible for funding, provided they meet the ALI Grant Program's eligibility and assessment requirements. Major enterprise or province-wide technology implementations and system integration initiatives are not eligible for funding under the program.

Budget and co-funding

Co-funding requirements

Applicants are required to contribute a minimum of 10% of total eligible project costs. The applicant contribution may include a combination of cash and eligible in-kind contributions.

Eligible sources of applicant contribution may include:

- Applicant funds
- Partner contributions
- Municipal funding
- Other provincial funding, where permitted
- Federal funding, where permitted
- Philanthropic or charitable funding
- Private-sector contributions

Applicants must identify all confirmed and anticipated funding sources in the project budget.

Reduced contributions

A reduced contribution may be considered in exceptional circumstances where the applicant demonstrates that the minimum contribution requirement would create a material barrier to the project proceeding. Applicants requesting an exception must provide a rationale as outlined in the program guidelines.

All complete applications that meet the program's submission requirements will proceed through screening and assessment, including applications that request a reduced applicant contribution. Applicants should ensure the co-funding section of the application form is completed, including any request for an exception and supporting rationale. Requests for a reduced contribution will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.

In-kind contributions

The applicant contribution may include both cash and eligible in-kind contributions. However, in-kind contributions may account for no more than 50% of the required 10% applicant contribution. At least 50% of the required contribution must be provided through cash or other eligible funding sources.

Eligible in-kind contributions must represent a real and identifiable contribution to the delivery of the proposed project. Examples may include project-specific staff time, specialized expertise, dedicated equipment or technology, facilities or resources used specifically for the project, or donated goods or services. In-kind contributions must be directly attributable to the project, reasonably valued, supported by appropriate documentation, and not funded or claimed through another source.

Applicants should refer to the program guidelines for eligible and ineligible in-kind contributions.

Funding from other sources

The application form allows applicants to identify other revenue sources as either confirmed or pending. Applicants should accurately identify the amount and status of each applicable revenue source in Section 10.1 - Revenue Sources of the project budget.

Pending funding may be included, however, applicants should consider how the project would proceed if the funding is not secured. The status and certainty of proposed revenue sources may be considered as part of the assessment of the project's feasibility and financial viability. Applicants may also be asked to provide documentation confirming contributions identified in the application.

Eligible expenses

Professional development and staff backfill may be eligible where they are directly related to the project. Eligible expenses may include professional development directly related to project objectives and costs associated with backfilling staff reassigned to the project, where justified and approved. Salaries and benefits for existing positions performing normal organizational functions are not eligible. Costs must be reasonable, directly related to project activities and consistent with the eligible and ineligible expenses outlined in the program guidelines.

Where technology is directly related to implementation of an innovative project. Eligible technology expenses may include software, hardware, digital tools, remote monitoring equipment and technology-enabled care solutions required for project implementation. Routine software licensing, renewals or replacement of existing technology that does not form part of an innovative project approach is not eligible. Major enterprise or province-wide technology implementations or system integration initiatives that would normally be addressed through broader government procurement or digital modernization processes are also not eligible. Applicants should refer to the program guidelines for complete eligible and ineligible expense requirements.

Research and evaluation projects

Research and evaluation activities may be eligible where they align with the objectives, eligibility requirements and Strategic Investment Streams of the ALI Grant Program. The Research, Evaluation and Knowledge Mobilization strategic investment stream specifically supports projects that generate, evaluate and share evidence to strengthen Alberta's assisted living system. Research or evaluation activities may also form part of projects submitted under other Strategic Investment Streams where they support the project's objectives and intended outcomes.

Budget details

The budget should cover the entire proposed project period and align with the project's activities, work plan and deliverables. Budget items should be clearly itemized and provide enough detail to identify the specific expenses proposed. For example, staffing costs should identify full-time equivalent (FTE) and associated salary costs, and equipment or technology costs should identify the specific items being purchased.

Amounts should be rounded to the nearest \$1,000. Only eligible expenses should be included, and total project revenues and expenditures should balance.

Assessment and funding decisions

Funding allocations

The ALI Grant Program does not have a predetermined funding allocation. While applications will be assessed on their individual merits, funding decisions will consider the overall balance of investments across strategic investment streams, system outcome areas, geographic regions, priority populations, and project scope to support a diverse portfolio of projects across Alberta.

Application form

The application form is intended to help applicants fully describe their proposed project and provide the information required to assess applications fairly and consistently. Given the scale of the investment and the range of projects expected, the Ministry requires sufficient information to assess eligibility, project quality, organizational readiness, anticipated outcomes, and value for money. Applicants are encouraged to provide clear and concise responses that are proportionate to the scope and complexity of their proposed project. Individual feedback will not be provided to unsuccessful applicants. All funding decisions are final, and no appeals will be considered.

Approvals

Meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding. Funding decisions will consider the assessment process outlined in the program guidelines, program priorities and available funding. The Ministry may approve all or part of an application. If partial funding is offered, the Ministry will discuss any necessary adjustments to the project's scope, activities, budget, deliverables and other requirements with the applicant before the grant agreement is finalized.

Application development and support

Meeting with ALI Grant Program staff

To ensure a fair and consistent process for all applicants, the ALI Grant Program does not offer individual project consultations or advice on specific proposals. Questions about program requirements, eligibility, and the application process may be directed to ALIGrantProgram@gov.ab.ca. Applicants are encouraged to review the program guidelines and program webpage before submitting questions.

System outcome areas

Projects may contribute to more than one system outcome area. Applicants should identify all system outcome areas that are relevant to their project and select the primary outcome area that best reflects the project's intended impact, where required in the application form.

Applicants should identify the system outcome area(s) that best align with their proposed project and select the short-term outcome(s) from the program guidelines that reflect the results the project is expected to achieve. Applicants must also identify one or more performance indicators that demonstrate progress toward the selected outcome(s). In addition, applicants are required to identify project-specific performance measures and establish performance targets that will be used to measure and report on project results. Performance indicators, measures, and targets should be relevant, measurable, and appropriate to the scope and intended impact of the project.

Section 7.2 of the Application Form provides applicants with the optional opportunity to identify additional qualitative or quantitative outcomes, indicators, or targets specific to the proposed project and will also be used to measure project success. Not every project is expected to contribute to every short-term outcome or performance indicator. Applicants should select the outcomes and indicators that are most relevant to the scale and intended impact of their proposed project.

Grant administration and reporting

Beginning project activities

Projects may only begin after the grant agreement has been executed and the approved project start date has been reached, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Ministry. Grant funding cannot be used for expenses incurred before the approved project start date, activities completed before funding approval or retrospective activities or costs.

Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to complete the reporting requirements established in their grant agreement. Interim and annual/final reporting may include information on project activities, milestones, deliverables, outcomes and indicators, performance measures and targets, challenges and opportunities, and financial expenditures. Reporting expectations will be proportionate to the project's size, scope, and complexity. Organizations receiving more than \$500,000 in grant funding must also submit an audited financial statement at the end of the grant.

Program evaluation activities

The ALI Grant Program will be evaluated to measure program effectiveness and accountability. By submitting an application, applicants acknowledge and agree to participate in evaluation activities if requested. Successful applicants may be required to provide information and feedback through surveys, interviews, focus groups or other evaluation methods as part of the program evaluation process.