



Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program Information Webinar

Alberta Assisted Living and Social Services
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Agenda

1. Program Overview
2. How to Apply
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Program Refresher



Overview of the ALI Grant Program

What is the Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program?

Purpose of the Program

The ALI Grant Program is a strategic investment approach supporting projects that improve outcomes for Albertans and strengthening Alberta's assisted living system.

Funding supports the development, testing, implementation, evaluation and scaling of innovative approaches.

Is this program only for seniors?

The program is **not** exclusively geared toward seniors. Alberta's assisted living system supports individuals across their lifespan, including seniors.

It supports projects that **identify a range of populations and communities** that may experience barriers to services or benefit from targeted approaches that strengthen Alberta's assisted living system.

Program refresher: where does your project fit?



Home and Community Care

Supports innovative approaches that help Albertans remain safe, independent, and well at home and in their communities, through new models of service delivery, caregiver supports, technology-enabled care, and coordinated community-based services.



Continuing Care Homes

Supports innovation that enhances quality of life, resident and family experience, safety, operational effectiveness, and person-centred care within Alberta's continuing care homes.



Community Living and Social Support

Supports community-based approaches that help Albertans maintain independence, wellbeing, and connection to their communities by improving access to supports, strengthening service navigation, and building community capacity.



Research, Evaluation, and Knowledge Mobilization

Supports research, evaluation implementation science, and knowledge mobilization that build evidence, support continuous improvement, and strengthen decision-making across Alberta's assisted living and continuing care system.

What Innovation Means

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

Examples of innovation may include:

- New service delivery approaches or care models
- New partnerships or collaborative structures
- New methods of supporting caregivers and families
- New uses of technology and digital tools

Can an existing program or service qualify as innovation?

Innovation does **not** have to mean creating something entirely new.

There needs to be a meaningful new phase, adaptation, evaluation or scale-up.

Project design & Scope

Can one project cover several sites?

An integrated multi-site project may be proposed in a single application. The funding limit applies to each application, regardless of the number of partners. Clearly describe each partner's role and contributions.

Can technology be part of a project?

Technology-enabled service or workforce solutions may be proposed where they support clear project outcomes.



ALI Grant Program Funding

Single-Year Projects:

\$50K to \$2M

Multi-Year Projects (up to 3 years):

\$250K to \$5M

Funding is designed to support both community-based innovations and larger system-level initiatives with broader impact, evidence and learning.

Will partial funding be considered if the whole project isn't funded?

Can multiple organizations partner on a grant application?

How to Apply



Steps to apply and key dates

Steps to Apply

1. Review Grant Guidelines

- Confirm organizational and project eligibility, funding requirements, and assessment criteria.
- Review **Strategic Investment Streams and System Outcome Areas** to determine how your project aligns with program priorities.

2. Prepare your application

- Download the application as a PDF and **open in Adobe Acrobat**.
- Complete all required sections of the Application Form, prepare the budget, and gather required supporting documentation.

3. Submit Your Application

- Ensure the completed application form is **electronically signed** by an authorized individual from your organization.
- **Email** your application and required documents to ALIGrantProgram@gov.ab.ca in a **single email**.

Deadline to Submit: Friday, November 6, 2026, at 4:00pm (Alberta time)

All applications must be complete and include all required information.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

How to Use the Application Form

Download the application form

Save the application form to your computer and open it in Adobe Acrobat. Opening the form in a web browser may cause errors or prevent you from saving.

Add rows where needed

In some sections of the application form, you can add additional rows if you need more space. **Click the “Add Row” or “Add Activity” button** found on the bottom of the section or sub-section.

Sections where you can add rows:

- 6.2 Project Workplan
- 7.1 Performance Measurement Framework
- 8.3 Partners and Collaboration
- 9 Risk Management
- 10 Project Budget

8.3 Partners and Collaboration (who you will work with)

Identify the organizations, agencies, communities or partners involved in delivering the project.

- Indicate whether each contribution is cash or in-kind and provide the estimated value of the contribution.

Partner	Roles and Responsibilities



Key Dates

Application Activity	Date
Begin Accepting Applications	October 7, 2026
Deadline for Applicants to Submit Questions	November 4, 2026 at 4:00 pm
Application Submission Deadline	November 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm
Evaluation and Recommendation	November and December 2026
Decision Notification	Early 2027
Anticipated Project Start Date	March 15, 2027

Questions? Email: ALIGrantProgram@gov.ab.ca

Questions received after November 4, 2026, at 4:00 pm will not receive a response.

No extensions will be considered.

Building a Strong Application



Who Can Apply

A wide range of organizations can apply, including:

- Not-for-profits and registered charities
- For-profit organizations
- First Nations
- Métis Settlements
- Municipalities and local authorities
- Public institutions

Key Requirements:

- **Legally** established and in **good standing**
- Operating in Alberta for **at least 1 full calendar year**
- Project **delivered in Alberta** that primarily benefits Albertans

Eligibility and multiple applications

Can national organizations apply?

Yes, if they meet all eligibility requirements.

Partnerships are encouraged, but only one eligible organization can act as the lead applicant

Can we submit multiple projects?

Multiple applications may be submitted. Each application is assessed on its own merits.

Building a strong application



Why this project?

Establish the need and your evidence-informed approach.



What will you do?

Describe your plan, how it will be implemented and the outcomes you expect to achieve.



Can you deliver it?

Demonstrate your organization's readiness and ability to succeed.



What could affect success?

Identify key risks and how you will manage them.



How will funding be used?

Demonstrate responsible use of grant funding

Completing the Project Budget

- Budgets should align with your project activities, work plan, deliverables, and outcomes.
- Include sufficient detail so assessors can understand and evaluate each expense.
- Only include eligible expenses that are reasonable, necessary, and directly related to the project.
- Total project revenues and expenditures must balance.
- Budget figures should be rounded to the nearest \$1,000. Multi-year projects must include a budget for each project year.

How to Complete the Expenditure Budget

10.2 Expenditure Budget

Category	Budget Item Description (e.g. Project Manager, Remote monitoring software, etc.)	Year 1 (Mar. 15, 2027 to Mar. 31, 2028)	Year 2 (Apr. 1, 2028 to Mar. 31, 2029)	Year 3 (Apr. 1, 2029 to Mar. 31, 2030)	Total
Personnel	Project Manager 2 1.0 FTE	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$750,000
Personnel	Administration support	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
Technology	Resident interaction system, purchasing	\$48,000	\$0	\$0	\$48,000
Renovation	Electrical system upgrades to install resi	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,000
Professional Services	Consultant to evaluate project	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
Training	Staff training on the new system	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Total Project Cost*					\$931,000

*Total Project Cost must equal the combined total of the Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program funding request and all applicant, partner, and other confirmed funding sources.

Co-Funding and Applicant Contribution

Minimum contribution: at least 10%
of total eligible project costs.

- Eligible in-kind contributions can cover up to 50% of that required contribution.
- At least 50% must come from cash or other eligible funding sources.
- Routine operating costs and general overhead do not qualify as in-kind contributions.

Exemption to the minimum contribution:

- A reduced contribution may be considered where the 10% minimum creates a material barrier.
- Applicants requesting an exception must provide supporting rationale.
- Approval is case-by-case and not guaranteed.

The 10% contribution is the minimum requirement, and partnerships can help bring additional funding, expertise and resources to strengthen the project.

How to Complete the Co-Funding

10.3 Project Funding and Applicant Contribution

Identify all funding sources that will support the project, including the requested Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program funding, applicant contributions, partner funding, municipal, provincial or federal contributions, philanthropic funding, private-sector funding, and eligible in-kind contributions.

The total project funding identified below must equal the total eligible project cost.

Funding Source	Cash Contribution (\$)	In-Kind Contribution (\$)	Status
Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program request	\$837,900	N/A	-
Applicant Contribution	\$51,500	\$41,600	Confirmed
Partner Contribution(s)			
Municipal funding			
Other provincial funding			
Federal funding			
Philanthropic/Charitable funding			
Private sector contribution			
Other			
Total Project Funding	\$889,400	\$41,600	

10.4 Co-Funding Compliance Verification

Total eligible project costs: \$ 931,000

Minimum required applicant contribution (10%): \$ 93,100

Total proposed applicant contribution: \$ 93,100

Of which:

• Cash/other eligible funding: \$ 51,500

• In-kind contribution: \$ 41,600

• In-kind as a percentage of required contribution: (cannot exceed 50%) 45

Select one:

☒ The proposed applicant contribution meets the minimum 10% applicant contribution requirement.

☐ The proposed applicant contribution is below the minimum 10% requirement. I am requesting consideration of a reduced applicant contribution and have completed Section 10.7.

10.5 In-Kind Contributions

In-Kind Contribution	Contributor	How Value Was Calculated	Amount (\$)
Will dedicate 0.35 Project Manager FTE towards project activities in year 1	ABC Applicant	Total PM FTE (120,000K) * 0.35 FTE	\$41,600
Total			\$41,600

Contribution and expense questions

Can the 10% minimum be reduced?

An exception may be considered where the minimum creates a material barrier. Provide supporting rationale; approval is not guaranteed.

Can specific expenses such as recruitment incentives, consultant fees, professional services, or technology costs be included in the project budget?

Potentially, if reasonable, project-specific and permitted by the Grant Guidelines.

Questions?



Thank-you

