



Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program Information Webinar

Alberta Assisted Living and Social Services
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Program Overview

Why the Assisted Living Innovation (ALI) Grant Program exists and what it is designed to fund.

Investing in a Stronger Assisted Living System

Assisted Living Framework

An integrated system that helps Albertans live safely, independently and with dignity through coordinated housing, health, personal and community supports.

Assisted Living Framework Guiding Principles

- Person-centred and choice-focused services
- Supporting independence and aging in place
- Improved access to home and community-based supports
- Integrated service delivery
- Support for caregivers and families
- Innovation and technology-enabled care
- Equity and accessibility
- Sustainability and continuous improvement

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.

What Are We Trying To Achieve?

- Improve outcomes, quality of care, and quality of life for Albertans
- Help Albertans live safely, independently and with dignity
- Address practical needs across the assisted living system
- Develop and test innovative approaches
- Build workforce capacity and capability
- Support successful approaches to be adopted or scaled
- Strengthen Alberta's assisted living system over time

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
- 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
- Improvements to existing programs that demonstrate meaningful impact and measurable results

Strategic Investment Streams



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.

Assisted Living Innovation Grant Program Funding

Up To \$195M Over 3 Years

Supports projects ranging from \$50K to \$5M

Item	Amount
Total Program Funding	Up to \$195M
Program Duration	3 years
Year 1 Funding	Up to \$50M
Year 2 Funding	Up to \$65M
Year 3 Funding	Up to \$80M
Eligible Project Length	Up to 3 years
Single-Year Request	\$50K–\$2M
Multi-Year Request	\$250K–\$5M

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

How to Apply



Steps to apply and key dates

Steps to Apply

1. Review Grant Guidelines

They contain important information on:

- Program requirements
- Eligibility criteria
- System Outcome Areas and performance measurement
- Assessment
- Budget requirements
- Application process
- Funding terms and conditions

2. Prepare your application

- Confirm your organization is eligible
- Complete all required sections of the Application Form
- Gather all required supporting documentation

3. Submit Your Application

- **Deadline:** Friday, November 6, 2026, at 4:00pm Alberta time
- 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.

All applications must be complete and include all required information.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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
Grant 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.

Applications received after November 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm are not eligible for review.

Building a Strong Application



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

System Outcome Areas

1. Aging in Place

Albertans can remain safely, independently, and connected within their homes and communities.

Short-term outcomes:

- Increased access to home and community supports
- Strengthened caregiver capacity and resilience
- Improved independence, well-being and social connection

2. Right Care, Right Place

Albertans can access the right services, at the right time, and in the most appropriate setting.

Short-term outcomes:

- Improved access to coordinated services
- Improved care transitions and continuity
- Improved client, family and caregiver experience

3. Sustainable and Innovative Assisted Living System

The assisted living system is sustainable, responsive, innovative, and positioned to meet current and future needs.

Short-term outcomes:

- Increased workforce capacity and capability
- Increased adoption of evidence-informed practices, service models, or approaches.
- Increased evidence generation and system learning
- Enhanced quality and accountability

Application Requirements

Who Can Apply

Eligible Applicants

Not-for-profit organizations and societies

Registered charities

For-profit organizations

First Nations

Métis Settlements

Municipalities and local authorities

Public institutions

Provincial agencies

Applicants Must

Be legally established and in good standing

Have operated in Alberta for at least one full year

Deliver projects that primarily benefit Albertans

Meet all program eligibility requirements

Important Considerations

Applications must be submitted by a single eligible organization

Partnerships and collaborations are encouraged

Organizations with overdue reporting requirements related to previous ministry grants may not be eligible for funding

Completing the Project Budget

- Include costs that are **reasonable and directly related** to the proposed project
- Ensure **costs clearly align** with the activities described in the application
- Provide **sufficient detail** to explain what each cost is for
- Review the Grant Guidelines for the complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses
- Include only costs expected to be incurred **after execution of the grant agreement**

Co-Funding and Applicant Contribution

Minimum contribution: 10%

- Applicants must contribute 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.
- Example: \$100,000 eligible project costs require \$10,000 applicant contribution, which can include up to \$5,000 of in-kind contributions.

In-kind Contributions

- In-kind support must be project-specific, reasonably valued and supported by documentation.
- Routine operating costs and general overhead do not qualify as in-kind contributions.
- Applicants must disclose all confirmed and anticipated funding, including the funding source, amount requested or secured and intended use of the funding in the application.

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

Co-Funding and Applicant Contributions

Eligible Co-Funding May Include:

- Applicant funds
- Partner contributions
- Municipal funding
- Other provincial funding, where permitted
- Federal funding, where permitted
- Philanthropic or charitable funding
- Private sector contributions
- Funding from Alberta Innovates or other eligible funding partners

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.

Application Assessment





Application Assessment

Screening: Eligible to proceed

- Meets mandatory application requirements
- Eligible organization
- Application is complete and submitted by the deadline

Assessment Criteria

Primary Assessment Criteria

- Strategic Alignment
- Project Quality

Secondary Assessment Criteria

- Organization Readiness
- Stewardship and Value

Third Party Reviewer

- Independent experts may support the review of applications.
- Reviewers provide technical or subject matter expertise.
- Reviewers do not make funding decisions.

ALI Grant Program Evaluation



Independent program evaluation

An external evaluator will support an overall evaluation of the ALI Grant Program to assess results, impact and lessons learned.

Participation is required

Funded organizations will be expected to participate in program evaluation activities as requested.

Evaluation activities

These may include providing project data, participating in interviews or surveys, and sharing experiences, results and lessons learned.

Using what we learn

Findings will help identify effective approaches, support knowledge sharing, and inform future program and investment decisions.

Thank-you

