

Government Funding for Communication Assistive Devices/Systems

Here's what we could find about available government funding for communication assistive devices. You can either call or visit the website of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and sign up to have your parish informed when a new round of funding applications will be received. They are not currently receiving applications but they do as funding is available.

Over 25 churches received funding in 2012 (that's across the country, so depending on how many actually applied, this may or may not be an encouraging number!)

<http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca> or 1-866-268-2502 (this phone number gets you directly to the Enabling Accessibilities program)

If visiting the website, click on "Funding: Enabling Accessibilities" and then click on "small projects."

The Small Project Component provides grant funding to projects that improve the accessibility of existing facilities. Projects may include:

- the renovation, construction and retrofitting of buildings;
- the modification of vehicles for community use; and
- the provision of accessible communication technologies, such as audio induction loop systems and screen readers.

All projects funded through this component must create or enhance accessibility for people with disabilities within Canada.

"The Enabling Accessibility Fund supports community-based projects across Canada that improve accessibility, remove barriers and enable Canadians with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their communities."

Important Note: The Communications Committee (Diocese of Algoma) was not able to get an answer as to whether or not there is any partnership between Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.