

Passport Funding Program

The Passport Program is a funding program in Ontario that helps adults with a developmental disability (age 18+) participate in their communities and develop independence.

Purpose

The program provides direct funding to adults (or their families) to help cover:

- Community participation supports (e.g., day programs, classes, volunteering)
- Employment or skill development (e.g., training, job coaching)
- Independent living skills (e.g., learning to cook, take transit, budget)
- Respite for caregivers
- Personal development and recreation (e.g., gym membership, art class, social group)

What the Funding Can Be Used For

Passport funds can cover things like:

- Program or class fees
- Support worker wages
- Transportation costs (e.g., transit passes, mileage)
- Community participation activities
- Administrative costs related to managing the funding

Who Is Eligible

You may qualify if you:

- Are 18 or older,
- Have been confirmed eligible for adult developmental services through Developmental Services Ontario (DSO), and
- Live in Ontario.

How to Apply

1. **Contact your local DSO** to confirm eligibility.
2. Once eligible, you'll be added to the Passport waitlist.
3. When funding becomes available, you'll receive an allocation and can choose to:
 - Manage the funds directly, or
 - Have an agency to manage them for you.

How to Receive More Than \$5,500

It is possible to receive more than \$5,500 per year in annual Passport funding. Once you confirm your eligibility for Passport funding, you can complete an application package to

access additional developmental services and support, including funding above \$5,500, up to a maximum of \$44,275.

How Passport Funding is Determined

All Passport recipients receive the minimum funding amount of \$5,500 annually.

Additional funding amounts are based, in part, on the information that you provide during the application process. This process is used to help DSO decide the amount of funding you will receive using information about:

- The type of service you need
- The amount of service you need
- What kind of support(s) you and your family are already receiving

A consistent and automated process takes the information you provided to DSO during your application and creates a score for you based on your assessed level of need. Each person's score is matched against a [funding table](#) that identifies the amount of Passport funding a person is eligible to receive. This is intended to ensure funding decisions are consistent and fair across the province.

Your level of priority for additional Passport funding is not based on how long you have waited for funding.

Please contact our [Access Services](#) if further support is required. We are here to help!