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Conservative Government launches Enabling Accessibility Fund Call for Proposals MP Colin Carrie encourages organizations to improve accessibility

News Release

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Oshawa, ON June 25, 2014 - Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, on behalf of the Honourable Candice Bergen, Minister of State (Social Development), today announced the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Call for Proposals for projects that increase accessibility in Canadian communities.

Organizations are encouraged to apply for funding through the EAF 2014 call for proposals for projects that will help improve accessibility in community facilities for Canadians with disabilities. The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, August 1, 2014.

Over \$8 million in funding is available through this year's call for proposals. All applications are reviewed against eligibility criteria, call for proposal requirements and program objectives.

Quick Facts

- Application information is available on Employment and Social Development Canada's website at www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability.eaf/.
- Since the creation of the EAF in 2007, our government has funded over 1,400 projects, helping thousands of Canadians gain better access to their communities' facilities, programs and services.

Examples of eligible projects could include:

- ✓ renovations to widen hallways and doorways;
 - ✓ installing elevators;
 - ✓ installing automated power doors;
 - ✓ replacing doorknobs that are difficult to grasp with accessible handles, and installing accessible washrooms and showers;
 - ✓ upgrading facilities that offer programs for adults and/or children with autism and other cognitive/intellectual impairments.
- Economic Action Plan 2013 extended the Enabling Accessibility Fund on an ongoing basis at \$15 million per year to improve accessibility in facilities across Canada, including workplaces.
 - Our government also supported the creation of a Canadian employers disability forum, expanded the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities, created a new generation of Labour Market Agreements for Persons with Disabilities, and expanded the Ready, Willing & Able initiative.

Quotes

“Our government has taken unprecedented action to strengthen programs for Canadians with disabilities. As part of our focus on creating jobs and opportunities, we invite organizations to begin submitting their proposals for projects that eliminate barriers and improve accessibility for people with disabilities in our communities. Our goal is to ensure all Canadians can participate in fully in their communities and contribute their many skills to society.”

-The Honourable Candice Bergen, Minister of State (Social Development)

“Our government is committed to creating jobs, economic growth and long-term prosperity all across Canada and right here in Oshawa. I hope organizations in our community will use this opportunity to submit their proposals for projects that help improve accessibility.”

-Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment

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