

Community Living BC (CLBC) is a provincial crown agency, mandated under the Community Living Authority Act, that funds supports and services through service agencies for adults with developmental disabilities and their families in British Columbia. CLBC is working to create communities where people with developmental disabilities have more choices about how they live, work and contribute. (from [CLBC website](#))

Children under six with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) currently receive \$22,000 from the BC government to support intervention services. Once a child turns six, this funding is significantly reduced to \$6000. Once a child turns nineteen, funding is finished. ASD is a lifelong condition that affects each individual differently. It is important to think proactively about how support needs will be met, not only at 19 years of age but throughout the lifespan. CLBC services isn't a continuation of autism funding and services CLBC provide is not autism specific, rather, to all adults with developmental disability across the board. Therefore, if your child previously received autism funding from the BC government in the past, there is no guarantee he/she will receive CLBC funding.

Who Can Get CLBC Services?

You can get help from CLBC if:

- You are over age 19 and you have a developmental disability that started before you turned age 18.
- Or if you are over age 19 and you have a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or ASD, and have a very hard time doing things on your own like shopping and managing money. (from CLBC website)

CLBC uses specialized tests to decide who can get CLBC support. Facilitators can provide more information to you and your family about these tests.

CLBC Developmental Disability Support

CLBC's main program provides services and supports for adults with a confirmed diagnosis of a developmental disability. Although ASD is usually considered a developmental disability, CLBC defines a developmental disability as a significant intellectual disability. An individual with ASD may be eligible for this program as long as they also have significantly impaired intellectual and adaptive functioning.

Criteria for CLBC Developmental Disability Support

An adult who has:

- Significantly impaired intellectual functioning

- Significantly impaired adaptive functioning
- These limitations must have started before age 18 (from [CLBC website](#))

CLBC provides supports for individuals with a developmental disability in two ways:

1. Individuals may request Individualized Funding (IF). Qualifying individuals are allocated a set amount of funding per year to be used to purchase support services. This allows the individual and/or their family to choose who provides service and what types services are delivered. The service providers are paid directly with the funds received from CLBC.
2. Individual may choose to have their funding go directly to a organization who delivers service.

What You Need To Apply

- Report or document that states a confirmed diagnosis of a developmental disability.
- [An adaptive functioning report.](#)
- Please contact CLBC for a complete list of requirements.

Personalized Supports Initiative

Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI) is a CLBC program that provides services and supports for adults with a confirmed diagnosis of ASD or FASD. CLBC offers funds for services, and also provides support from organizations that receive money directly from CLBC. PSI is separate from CLBC's main program that provides support for people with developmental disabilities.

Criteria for PSI Eligibility

An adult who does not have a developmental disability but has:

- significant limitation in adaptive functioning and either
- a diagnosis of FASD or
- a diagnosis of ASD (from [CLBC website](#))

According to CLBC, adaptive functioning means “how well a person handles common demands in life and how independent they are compared to others of a similar age and background.” CLBC will perform an adaptive functioning assessment in order to assess eligibility and to decide how much support they need to offer.

Click [_](#) for more information on adaptive functioning assessments.

What You Need To Apply

- Report or document that states ASD or FASD diagnosis.
- An adaptive functioning report.

CLBC will also use one of three assessment tools to confirm eligibility: Scales of Independent Behaviour Revised, Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, or Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System.

Contact a CLBC facilitator to find out more information about the required documents and the application process.

CLBC Contact Numbers

Tri Cities, Burnaby, & New Westminster	Port Moody	604-933-2000
Central & Upper Island	Nanaimo	250-729-2500
Vancouver Coastal	Vancouver	604 660-3323
Surrey/Delta	Surrey	604-501-8310
North Interior	Kamloops	250-377-4444
Upper Fraser	Abbotsford	604-870-5800
North	Prince George	250-565-6890
South Interior	Kelowna	250-712-3610
South Vancouver Island	Victoria	250-952-4203
Provincial Lead	Vancouver	604-664-0840

For further information and additional resources, visit the [CLBC website](#).

You can also click [here](#) to view a simplified booklet that describes what CLBC is and the services it offers.

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Have a question? Looking for further information? Our friendly and knowledgeable Information Officers provide personalized support through email, phone, and in-person.

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