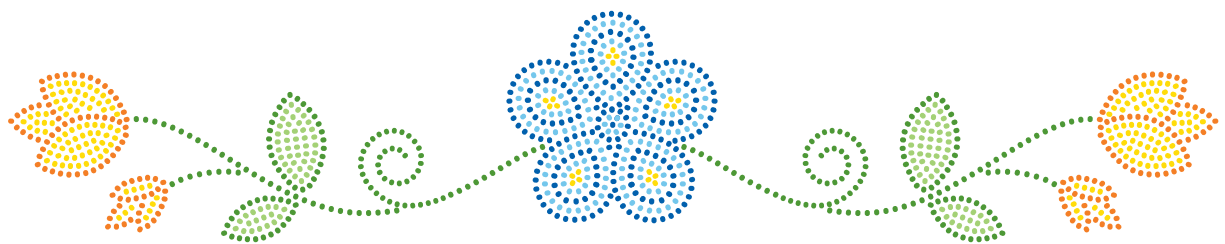




Métis Nation—Saskatchewan Disability Adaptation Program

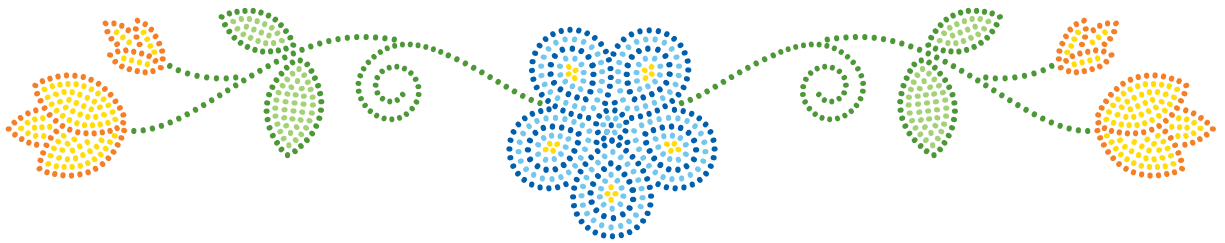
PROGRAM GUIDELINES – VERSION 1.0 August 2025

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The Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) Disability Adaptation Program (DAP) provides financial support to Métis citizens in Saskatchewan who require home modifications to improve accessibility, safety, and independent living. The program is intended for Métis citizens with disabilities or seniors who need physical adaptations to remain in their homes comfortably and safely.

DAP offers up to \$15,000 for South/Central citizens and up to \$18,000 for Northern citizens, per household, through a Forgivable loan to assist with eligible disability-related home adaptations. Funding is issued directly to licensed contractors upon completion of the approved work.

Please note: *This funding is not intended to replace existing programming or funding that is accessible for Adaptations to the home for disability. This funding is to work in conjunction with current programming and to assist those who are unable to access municipal or provincial support.*

We encourage all applicants to apply for and stack additional funding that may be available.

1. Program Parameters and Mandatory Criteria

1.1 General Parameters and Criteria

- Applicant must be a registered Métis citizen with the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan.
- The home must be the primary residence of the applicant or dependent/beneficiary.
- If the home is rented, the applicant must have the landlord's permission to proceed with adaptations.
- The home must be in the province of Saskatchewan
- Applicant must require the adaptations for reasons related to a physical disability or mobility issue.
- Proof of need may be requested, such as a medical letter, confirmation of mobility limitation (including in-person inspection), or a signed declaration from a Citizen Support Worker, Regional representative, or community member.
- Total Gross Annual Household Income must be \$120,000 or less.
- Applicants may only receive funding once per lifetime under this program.

1.2 Eligible Adaptations

All adaptations must be directly related to improving physical accessibility and safety in the home. Pre-approval is required for all modifications.

- Wheelchair ramps
- Stairlifts (straight or curved)
- Platform lifts
- Widened doorways
- Handrails and grab bars
- Accessible toilets
- Roll-in showers
- Sink adjustments
- Threshold modifications
- Home Adaptations to Accommodate Medical Equipment
- Other adaptations may be eligible upon request and approval of MN-S DAP

1.3 Ineligible Adaptations

The following adaptations and expenses are not eligible under the Disability Adaptation Program:

- Cosmetic renovations (painting, drywall, trim, etc.)
- General home repairs not related to accessibility
- Landscaping or fencing
- Air conditioning or Heating
- Appliances or furniture
- Additions, garages, or outbuildings
- Adaptations completed prior to program approval

2. Evaluation and Approval Process

2.1 Application Process

- Applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis based on the date MN-S considers them complete.
- Applicants will receive communication from MN-S within 5 business days of their application being received.

PLEASE NOTE:

MN-S reserves the right to discretion when reviewing and approving all applications. Program approval is conditional on available funding and may be withdrawn at any time.

2.2 Funding and Payment

- Funding will be provided in the form of a Forgivable loan
- All funding will be paid directly to licensed contractors upon completion of approved work and submission of final invoice(s).
- With MN-S Approval, contractors can invoice for a 25% deposit for materials
- With MN-S Approval, contractors can submit progress invoices throughout the project.
- Homeowners are asked to obtain two quotes per adaptation from eligible contractors.
- Any costs exceeding the approved funding amount will be the responsibility of the homeowner.
- Work must not begin until formal written approval is issued by MN-S.
- Homeowners may be required to submit photos or allow a final inspection to confirm that all work was completed to program standards.
- Program funding is stackable with other external funding sources (e.g., federal, provincial, or MN-S programs)

2.3 Contractor Eligibility Criteria

Please refer to our DAP Contractor Guide for full criteria and payment requirements for contractors.

- Contractors must be licensed and registered in the jurisdiction of the work being performed.
- It is the responsibility of the contractor to obtain all required permits for the work being performed.
- Contractors must provide GST and PST numbers. If the contractor is exempt from collecting GST or PST, they must provide a formal exemption certificate or letter, signed by the contractor.

3. Transfer of Funds

- MN-S will provide a Forgivable Loan Agreement stipulating the approved quotes and the Applicant's responsibilities in accessing the funding;
- Once executed, the Applicant may proceed with hiring their contractor(s). All work must be completed and invoiced within one (1) year of the FLA Agreement date;
- Once work is complete, invoices must be submitted to MN-S immediately. MN-S will require Applicants to sign Request for Payment Forms or verify payment through recorded voice confirmation, to ensure work was completely satisfactorily.
- MN-S will pay contractors directly within 30 days upon receiving acceptable invoices and signed Request for Payment forms.

Please refer to our DAP Contractor Guide for full details on contractor quotes, invoicing, and payment requirements.

4. Terms of Forgiveness

The DAP contribution amount will be provided in the form of a Forgivable Loan Agreement that will be completely forgiven upon completion of the project.

- The funding is used only for the approved accessibility adaptations
- The applicant complies with all terms outlined in program agreement

5. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to get approved?

A: Once your file is considered complete by MN-S you will have a response within 5 business days.

Q: What if I need more than the maximum funding in adaptations?

A: Any additional costs are the homeowner's responsibility.

Q: Can I apply if I previously received funding from other Housing programs (e.g., Emergency Repairs, First-Time Home Buyers, Home Efficiency, etc.)?

A: Yes, if you previously received funding under other housing programs, you are still eligible for DAP.

Q: Can I apply if I previously received DAP funding?

A: No, this is a one-time funding opportunity per household.

Q: How do I find a contractor?

A: Homeowners are responsible for obtaining two quotes from licensed contractors. MN-S can provide contractor listings for your area.

Q: Will MN-S inspect the work after completion?

A: Post-project inspections are not required unless MN-S determines it necessary.

Q: What if my application is denied?

A: There is no formal appeal process. However, applicants can inquire with MN-S Housing for clarification.

i. "Applicant" refers to the Métis citizen who applies for the DAP program. The Applicant must be listed on the land title or have written permission from the landlord and is responsible for all communication with MN-S.

ii. "Primary Residence" is the home that is ordinarily inhabited by the Applicant and meets the definition of "Principal Residence" as set out in the Income Tax Act of Canada.

iii. "Gross Annual Household Income" includes the total income of all household members aged 18 or older, who live in the home as economic family members or as unattached individuals not paying rent. Economic family members are individuals related by blood, marriage, common-law, or adoption. Unattached individuals paying rent may be excluded from income calculations; however, the rental income they provide must be included.