



ARC Assists Adults with Disabilities & Seniors

What We Do:

Accessibility Resources & Connections (ARC) assists with information, guidance and funding options for permanent assistive devices, home and vehicle modifications that are designed to increase accessibility and personal independence. Please note, ARC is unable to assist in a funding search for those items that are considered specialized recreational/leisure devices or utilized for prevention and treatment/rehabilitative purposes (e.g. specialized mattress & cushions, TENS machines, exercise equipment, foot orthotics, urinary, ostomy and colostomy supplies, compression hose, artificial limbs, CPAP machines, braces or cosmetic prostheses, etc.). **For a complete list of devices/modifications eligible for an ARC funding search, please see Page 3.**

Quotes:

Two quotes must be provided for any assistive device that requires a funding search. One of those quotes must be for a **used** assistive device through an authorized vendor (not through private sale). The number of vehicle and home modification quotes will vary depending on the funding source. For example, the Ontario March of Dimes, Home and Vehicle Modification Program requires a minimum of two quotes from contractors/vendors. **Exception:** If the Ministry of Health, Assistive Devices Program is funding 75% of an assistive device, only one vendor quote is required as the remaining 25% is a set cost by MOH, ADP for all vendors.

Why Used Equipment?

ARC must show due diligence in providing the best price available when approaching government-funding agencies, disease and injury specific organizations, and community groups for donations. **Used equipment must be through an authorized medical equipment vendor to be eligible for a funding search.**

After all funding applications are submitted and the amount of the contribution required is known, ARC can approach the community for a **maximum of \$3,000**. Soliciting donations from the community can be a long process. If the individual lives in an area where there are few service clubs or if the clubs are unable to donate due to unavailable funds, ARC will investigate alternative funding options, if any.

ARC cannot guarantee all funds will be obtained. There may be an amount still owing on the equipment or renovation. If an amount is still owing, it is the individual's responsibility to:

- 1) Pay the remaining balance to the vendor, &/or
- 2) Notify the vendor directly to cancel the order.

ARC will work collaboratively with the individual and their Community Team to provide recommendations.





Documents required for Funding Search

To initiate a funding search through ARC, **all** of the following documentation must be submitted:

- Occupational Therapist Letter of Assessment or Letter from physician or RHCP stating disability, how disability relates to the device, how it will increase their patient's independence/safety, etc. (This letter is also required for device repairs, battery replacement, etc.)
- Client's Notice of Assessment or most recent year's Income Tax filing form (and for their spouse, if applicable). **No funding application will be actioned unless verification of client income is received.**
- Ministry of Health, ADP approval form or denial (if applicable). **Do not send in ARC Referral Form until MOH ADP has provided this required document.**
- One Vendor Quote (if MOD ADP eligible)
- Two Vendor Quotes, one of which is for used equipment through an authorized vendor.
- ARC Referral & Consent Form
- Copy of any funding applications that have been submitted.

Please forward the documentation to:

Independent Living Services Simcoe County
Accessibility Resources & Connections
e-mail: arc@ilssimcoe.ca or Fax: 705-737-1874

OR by mail:

15 Cedar Point Drive, Unit 10 Barrie, ON L4N 5R7

Questions?

Call 705-737-3263 ext. 239 Toll Free 1-800-465-1133



Eligible & Ineligible Assistive Devices for Funding Search by ARC



Eligible

- Bath/Shower Chair
- Batteries for Scooters, Power Wheelchairs
- Bedrails
- Canes
- Charger for Scooters, Power Wheelchairs
- Commode
- Crutches
- Easy turn pivot disc
- Grab Bars
- Hand Held Shower on Glide Bar
- Hearing Aids
- Hospital Bed Tray
- Hospital Bed
- Patient Lift
- Pressure Cushion - when MOH approved
- Large Button/Braille phone
- Lift Chair
- Raised Toilet Seat/Versa Frames
- Reacher
- Riser Blocks for Furniture
- Scooter - MOH ADP approved only
- Transfer Bench
- Transfer Pole
- Transport Wheelchair
- Walker/Rollator
- Wheelchair cushioning
- Wheelchair



Ineligible

- Alerting systems
- Assistive listening devices other than hearing aids
- Braces
- Braille, Large Print, and Audio Books
- Colostomy supplies
- Compression stockings
- Computers/Electronics
- CPAP machines
- DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System), Braille readers
- Dentures
- Devices for exercises
- Devices for treatment or prevention purposes
- Flashing/Talking Clocks, Alarms, Watches, Monitors, Magnifiers
- Glasses
- Hearing Aid Batteries
- Leisure devices
- Lighting
- Orthotics
- Ostomy supplies
- Pressure cushions, mattresses & inserts
- Prosthetic devices
- Repairs to devices not accepted under ARC
- Respiratory or dialysis equipment
- Scooters that will be used intermittently or as alternative means of transportation
- Special recreation devices
- Speech amplifiers
- TENS machines
- Urinary supplies



Eligible & Ineligible Home Modifications for Funding Search by ARC



Eligible

- Stair Glide
- ▲ Walk In/Roll In Shower
- ▲ Inside/Outside Ramp
- ▲ Inside/Outside Railings
- ▲ Inside/Outside Platform Lift
- ▲ Widening of Doorways
- ▲ Replacement of doors to sliding/folding
- ▲ Rearrangement of bathroom to permit safe use
- ▲ Deck if integral part of an access ramp or lift
- Environmental controls (e.g. door opener, use of telephone)



Ineligible

- Purchase of home
- Whirlpool baths
- Swimming pools
- Hot tubs
- Upgrades or repairs to home
- Construction of additional rooms
- Household appliances
- Second accessible entrance
- Cosmetic improvements to home that are not in need of repair



Eligible & Ineligible Vehicle Modifications for Funding Search by ARC



Eligible

- Lift
- Ramp
- Hand Controls
- Foot Controls
- Specialized seating
- Raising the roof of vehicle
- Barrier free modifications to garages/car ports



Ineligible

- Purchase of vehicle
- Vehicle upgrades (e.g. heated seats, leather, etc.)
- Vehicle repairs unless associated with accessibility equipment