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## BACKGROUND

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Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance

### **MEASURING UP ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION FUND**

The Measuring Up Accessibility and Inclusion Fund will assist local community groups, particularly in the disability sector, work with their local municipal, business and community leaders to create accessible and inclusive communities.

The goal is to help communities become places where people with disabilities can fully participate and contribute. The core objectives are: Improved access to information, reduction of barriers, creation of jobs and increased opportunities for volunteerism.

#### **Criteria for selection**

Proponents are required to submit a comprehensive proposal that will be evaluated based upon the following elements:

- Collaboration with local, municipal government
- Consideration and inclusion of people with range and variety of disabilities
- Consideration and inclusion of individuals with ‘invisible’ disabilities (ie mental illness; learning disabilities)
- Involvement of community and business leaders
- A clear link toward assisting the community to meet the Province’s 10 by 10 Challenge
- Capacity building for emerging disability leaders
- Involvement of youth with disabilities
- Addressing job creation, training, personal supports, accessible tourism, post-secondary education opportunities for people with disabilities

#### **Applying for Funding**

- Any non-profit group engaged with the disability sector can apply for funding to build their capacity to participate in Measuring Up, an assessment and planning tool that helps communities address accessibility challenges.

- Grants of up to \$25,000 will be available, and will be allocated by 2010 Legacies Now with the assistance of an advisory committee from the sector. In some instances, grants exceeding \$25,000 may be awarded.
- Proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis, with evaluation and funding awarded twice per year. The first intake deadline is June 30, 2007 with initial funding allocated in July 2007.
- Proposals should be submitted to:

Measuring Up Accessibility and Inclusion Fund  
2010 Legacies Now  
Suite 400 – 1095 W. Pender Street  
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