

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE **THRIVE PROJECT**



BRITISH COLUMBIA
CENTRE for EXCELLENCE
in HIV/AIDS



A community-driven investigation of the home and community care needs of older adults living with HIV.

RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

People living with HIV can apply for financial resources. There are different provincial and federal programs available for older adults living with HIV. If you need more information, please contact the agencies listed at the end of this brochure.

ELIGIBILITY — PROVINCIAL LEVEL

Make an appointment at Disability Office at the Ministry of Development and Poverty Reduction or call 1-866-800-0800

🎯 Ask for support to fill out the disability application. There are 2 reports:

1. Physician's report, which must be filled out by your General Practitioner, or HIV Specialist.

2. Social Worker's report, includes social aspect of your life

🎯 Acknowledge you will wait 3 months while the Ministry makes a decision on your disability application

🎯 Get the designation as Senior or as Disabled person or person with multiple barriers. Give workers permission to access your personal and financial data

- Open Federal file
- Check banking accounts
- Tax and tax returns
- Trust Funds



PAYMENTS

Disability Assistance Rate Table

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/bc-employment-and-assistance-rate-tables/disability-assistance-rate-table>

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

- 🎯 Up to \$1,183.42 if you are single
- 🎯 Up to \$2,073.06 if you and your spouse have the Persons with Disabilities designation
- 🎯 Up to \$1,609.08 if you are a single-parent family with two children
- 🎯 General Supplements (18 programs)
- 🎯 Health Supplements (14 programs)

Steps to apply for Disability Assistance

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/disability-assistance>

ELIGIBILITY FEDERAL LEVEL

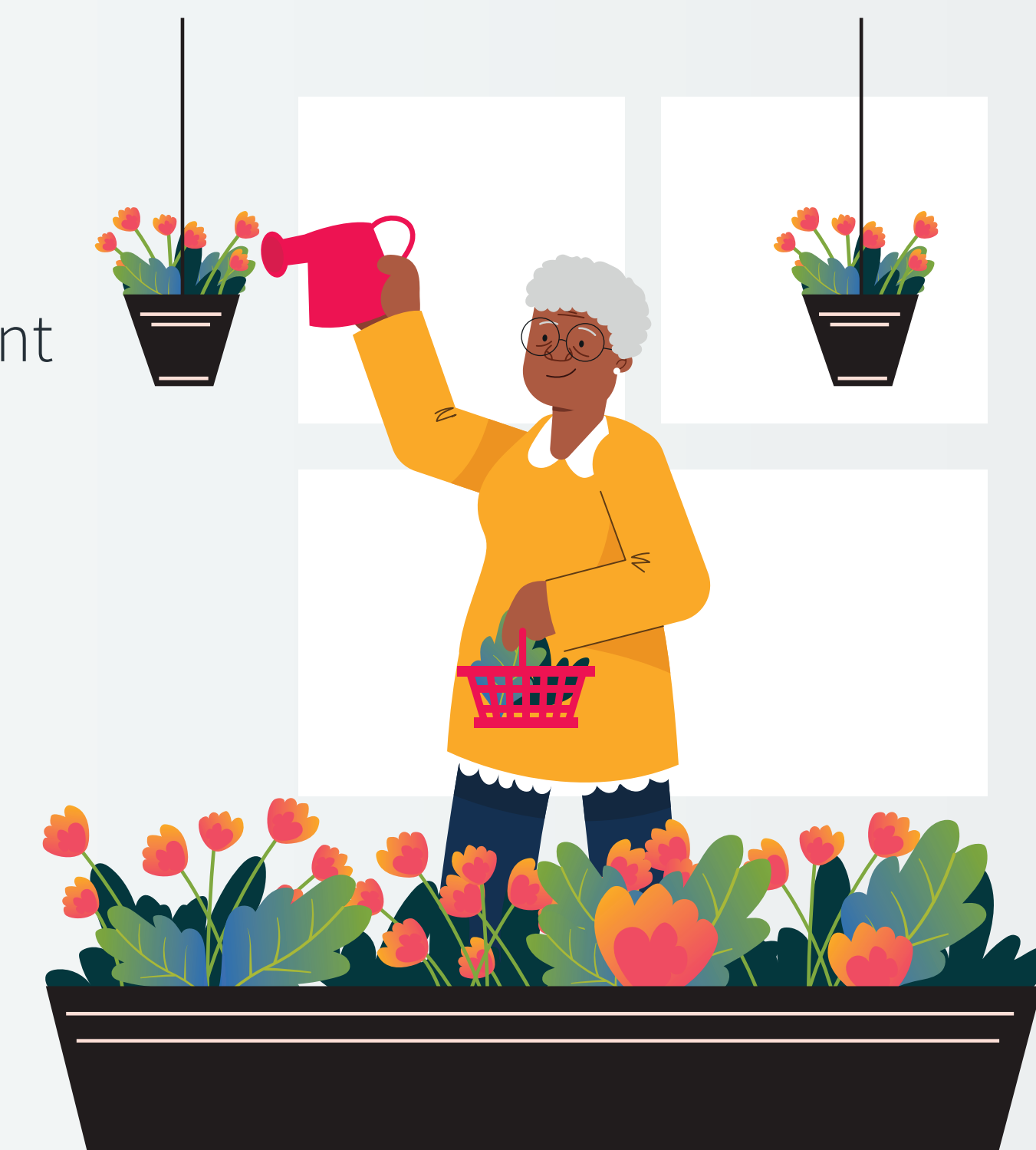
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- ☉ Old Age Security (OAS). see website of interest section
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TRANSPORTATION

- ☉ Bus pass (See disability webpage)
- ☉ Handy Dart (www.sparc.bc.ca)
- ☉ Taxi voucher for 50% off parking permits
- ☉ Easter Seal program (www.eastersealsbcy.ca)
- ☉ ICBC rate (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/seniors/transportation/taxis>)
- ☉ Gas rebate (See disability web page)
- ☉ BC Ferries (<https://www.bcferries.com/accessibility>)



WEBSITES OF INTEREST — PROVINCIAL LEVEL

- ☉ BC Disability, visit (<https://www.bcdisability.com/>)
- ☉ Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/social-development-poverty-reduction>)
- ☉ AIDS Vancouver (aidsvancouver.org)
- ☉ Doctor Peter Centre (drpeter.org)
- ☉ Friends for Life (vancouverfriendsforlife.ca)
- ☉ Canadian Aboriginal Network (caan.ca/en)
- ☉ Heart of Richmond (heartofrichmond.com/)
- ☉ Better at Home Project (betterathome.ca/)
- ☉ A Loving Spoonful (<http://alovingspoonful.org/>)
- ☉ New Horizons (www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html)
- ☉ West End Senior Network (wesn.ca)
- ☉ McLaren Housing Society (<http://mclarenhousing.com/>)
- ☉ Wings Housing Society (<https://wingshousing.org/>)

FEDERAL LEVEL

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For details, please visit

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions.html>

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