Ontario recreation funding

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Organization	Eligibility	Contact
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Canadian Tire Jumpstart provides funding for children in financial need to participate in organized sport and recreation programs.	☐ Ages 4-18☐ Financial need	Phone: 1-877-616-6600 Email: canadiantirejumpstart@cantire.com Website: www.canadiantire.ca/jumpstart
Canadian Music Therapy Trust Fund Will subsidize music therapy services at the Music Therapy Centre (1175 Bloor St W, Toronto, ON M6H 1M9)	□ All ages	Phone: 416.535.0200 E-mail: info@musictherapytrust.ca Website: www.musictherapytrust.ca □ Families contact organization directly for application
Ceridan Cares Will fund children's programs, camp, art supplies, books, athletic programs.	☐ All ages ☐ Financial need	Email: info@ceridiancares.ca Website: www.ceridiancares.ca □ Application available online
Chai Lifeline Canada Chai Lifeline Canada addresses the social, recreational, and psychological needs of families of children with serious illness. The organization also funds trips and	☐ Families of children with serious illness	Phone: 647-430-5933 Email: mrothman@chailifeline.org Website: www.chailifelinecanada.org
family retreats for children and youth with chronic or serious illness.		
Choices that can Change Lives Fund (Community Living Toronto) Provides small grants that create opportunities to help individuals and families pursue dreams and goals when all other resources are exhausted.	 All ages Financial need Families and individuals receiving service from or attending a Community Living Toronto program. A current member of Community Living 	Phone: 647.729.1180 Email: sylvie.labrosse@cltoronto.ca Website: www.choiceschangelives.ca
Grants can cover a range of activities such as music lessons, camp or recreational activities, extra respite support, gym membership, speech or occupational therapy.	 Toronto. Applicants must have the ability to self-manage the grant, if funded. Applicants must have exhausted all other funding options. 	

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Nadine "Dee" Chiu Memorial Fund (Community Living Toronto) Helps families or individuals receiving supports and services from Community Living Toronto to pay for community-based programs or to buy assistive devices which are not covered – or fully funded – by government.	 □ All ages □ Receiving services from Community Living Toronto □ Financial need 	Phone: 647.729.1178 E-mail: abradley@cltoronto.ca Website: http://cltoronto.ca/resources/
Holland Bloorview Family Support Fund This fund was created to support Bloorview clients and families who need financial help to support the health and well-being of their family. Funding allocations are based on the physical safety for the child, stress on the family, and financial need.	□ Up to age 19 □ Registered Holland Bloorview client □ Physical or developmental disability	Phone: 416-425-6220 ext 6303 Email: Cameron.jenkins@hollandbloorview.ca Website: http://hollandbloorview.ca/ClientFamilyResourc es/FamilyResourceCentre/Money Application available online Application available in Resource Centre
KidSport Ontario KidSport provides subsidies for sport programs to children in financial need. Grants range from \$50 to \$250 and go towards registration and/or equipment costs. Applications must be submitted 45 days prior to activity start date.	☐ Up to age 18☐ Financial need	Phone: 1-866-641-7767 or 416-426-7177 Email: ontario@kidsportcanada.ca Website: www.kidsportcanada.ca □ Application available online □ Application available in Resource Centre
Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy - Day Activities Funding Assistance Program Provides financial support to persons with cerebral palsy to participate in day programs and recreational activities of their choice. Applications must be submitted between September 1st and June 1st each year.	☐ All ages☐ Cerebral palsy☐ Member of the Ontario☐ Federation for Cerebral Palsy	Phone: 416-244-9686 or 1-877-244-9686 Email: activity@ofcp.ca Website: www.ofcp.ca/day.php Application available online Application available in Resource Centre





Camp and Respite program funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
AMICI Camping Charity Provides funding to families who don't have the financial means to provide their child with a summer camp experience. Apply directly to the charity for assistance with summer camp fees.	☐ Ages 7-16☐ Financial need	Phone: 416-588-8026 Email: info@amicicharity.org Website: www.amicicharity.org Application available online
Autism Ontario – One-to-One Support Worker Reimbursement Fund Refunds families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders up to \$600 for the cost of a support worker needed for their child to attend a community summer camp or March Break program.	□ Up to age 18 □ ASD	Phone: 416-246-9592 or 1-800-472-7789 Website: http://www.autismontario.com/camp □ Application available online
Kids in Camp Kids in Camp is a registered charity which subsidizes camp experiences for children and youth. KIC works with accredited camps of the Ontario Camps Association. Camp directors submit funding request on campers' behalf.	☐ Up to age 18☐ Financial need	Phone: 416-948-5437 Email: info@kidsincamp.com Website: www.kidsincamp.com ☐ Application submitted by camp director
Muscular Dystrophy Canada: Community Services Fund Individual chapters can assist with extra costs related to adapted recreation programs, medical equipment or as medical travel, respite care, therapies etc.	☐ All ages ☐ Muscular Dystrophy	Phone: 1-800-567-2873 ext. 160 or 416-488-2699 Email: infoontario@muscle.ca Website: http://www.muscle.ca/we-can-help/financial-assistance/ Application available online





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Respite Flexible Funding (Kerry's Place) Families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders can apply for funding to help cover the cost of respite workers, camp fees, and recreation programs or social groups.		Up to age 17 ASD	Phone: 905-841-6611 Email: info@kerrysplace.org Website: http://www.kerrysplace.org/Public/Childrens-Respite-funding Application available online
PAL Assist Fee Subsidy Program (Three to be Foundation) The Fee Subsidy Program allows families to apply for a grant for therapeutic or recreational programs for their child diagnosed with a neurological disorder, in the amount of \$250. The therapeutic program must be provided by a registered health professional.		Up to age 18 Neurological disorders	Phone: 416-664-9938 Email: pal@threetobe.org Website: http://www.threetobe.org/assist/
Tim Hortons Foundation Provides children in financial need the opportunity to go to a Tim Hortons overnight camp.	0	Up to age 18 Financial need	Phone: 519-448-1248 Website: http://www.timhortons.com/ca/en/childrens- foundation/index.php Applicant must be referred by local agencies and schools
Toronto Respite Network (Flex Funding) Funding is meant to remove barriers to providing innovative respite care options that meet the unique needs of an individual and his/her family. Can cover cost of -Respite or Camp fees (consecutive weekdays during Summer and School Break only) up to 20 days, at a maximum of \$750 per week -Transportation (to and from a Respite program) -Enhanced Staffing in a respite program		All ages Needs based Goes through Respite Network Facilitator and respiteservices.com	For a list of member agencies and their contacts http://www.respiteservices.com/Toronto/index.aspx?ArticleID=36

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Recreation equipment funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
Ability Gives Program (Ability Online) Contributes to <i>life changing experiences</i> in children and youth with disabilities by helping families acquire necessary equipment/aids. The device/equipment requested will make a significant difference in the life of a child/youth. (Does not fund services/therapy) Grants are limited to personal mobility aids, therapeutic equipment and communication.	□ 18 and under □ Applicants must be active members of Ability Online (and have been active members for a minimum of 3 months) who reside in Canada	Phone: 416-650-6207 E-mail: information@abilityonline.org Website http://www.abilityonline.org/public/ability- gives-program-and-eligibility Family must be willing to post their child's story and picture on our web site (first names only). Written or video testimonials welcome.
Easter Seals Society Financial assistance is available for specialized mobility and access equipment such as mobility aids, assistive technology, and adaptations to homes and vehicles for wheelchair accessibility.	☐ Up to age 18☐ Physical disability	Phone: 416-421-8377 Email: info@easterseals.org Website: www.easterseals.org Application available online Application available in Resource Centre
Nadine "Dee" Chiu Memorial Fund (Community Living Toronto) Helps families or individuals receiving supports and services from Community Living Toronto to pay for community-based programs or to buy assistive devices which are not covered – or fully funded – by government.	□ All ages □ Receiving services from Community Living Toronto □ Financial need	Phone: 647.729.1178 E-mail: abradley@cltoronto.ca Website: http://cltoronto.ca/resources/
President's Choice Children's Charity Helps children with physical or developmental disabilities pay the costs of mobility equipment, environmental modification or therapy.	□ Up to age 18 Physical or developmental disability □ Financial need (Household income \$70,000 or less)	Phone: 1-877-525-4762 Email: pccharity@loblaw.ca Website: http://www.presidentschoice.ca/en CA/community/pc cc.html Application available online Application available in Resource Centre
War Amps CHAMP Program CHAMP covers 100% of the cost of recreational limbs and devices for its members. Recreational limbs may be needed for musical instruments, swimming, skiing, or other activities.	☐ Up to age 18☐ Amputee	Phone: 1-800-267-4023 or 613-731-3821 Email: champ@waramps.ca Website: www.waramps.ca/champ/financial assistance.html Application available online

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Muscular Dystrophy Canada: Community Services Fund	All ages Muscular Dystrophy	Phone: 1-800-567-2873 ext. 160 or 416-488-2699 Email: infoontario@muscle.ca
Individual chapters can assist with extra costs related to adapted recreation programs , medical equipment or to	, ,	Website: http://www.muscle.ca/we-can-help/financial-assistance/
support such needs as medical travel, respite care, therapies etc.		☐ Application available online

Government funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
Children's Fitness Tax Credit All children age 16 and under are eligible for up to a \$500 Fitness Tax Credit Claim for participation in (qualifying) recreation programs that promote health and fitness. Children with disabilities (who receive the Disability Tax Credit) age 18 and under are eligible for an additional credit claim of \$500, for a total of up to a \$1000 Fitness Tax Credit Claim each year.	☐ Up to age 16☐ Up to age 18 for children with disabilities	Phone: 1-800-387-1193 Website: http://www.cra-arc.qc.ca/fitness/ □ Claim tax credit on income tax return □ Application available in Resource Centre
Special Services at Home This program helps families who are caring for a child with a developmental or physical disability. The family can use the funding to hire a worker to help the child learn new skills, or to pay for respite programs.	 Up to age 18 Physical or developmental disability Child is not receiving support from a residential program 	Phone: 416-325-0500 Website: http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/special needs/specialservices/index.aspx □ Application available online □ Application available in Resource Centre





Wishes and Trips funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
Wishes and Trips Children's Wish Foundation Grants wishes to Canadian children with high-risk, life threatening illnesses.	□ Ages 3-18 □ Life-threatening illness, technology-dependent, or chronic condition with long-term complications	Phone: 1-800-267-9474 or 905-427-5353 Email: on@childrenswish.ca Website: www.childrenswish.ca □ Refer a potential wish child by calling or emailing the organization
Dreams Take Flight Provides a one-day trip to Disney World for Canadian children with disabilities.	☐ Ages 6-11 ☐ Financial need ☐ Physical or developmental disability	Phone: 204-479-5267 Email: canada@dreamstakeflight.ca Website: www.dreamstakeflight.ca
Easter Seals Society – Family Vacation Experience Provides funding for up to \$500 per child for a family vacation within Ontario. To be considered for funding for a family vacation, you must have already searched for a recreational program for your child and been unable to find a program that can accommodate your child due to the severity of her/ his disability.	□ Ages 5-18 □ Medically fragile or severe disability □ Not attending an Easter Seals camp □ Child not able to attend a community recreation program	Phone: 416-421-8377 Email: info@easterseals.org Website: http://www.eastersealscamps.org/ □ Application available online
Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Vacation Funding Assistance Program The purpose of the Vacation Funding Assistance Program is to provide opportunities to people with cerebral palsy to have a vacation or attend a camp of their choice.	 All ages People with cerebral palsy Member of the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy 	Phone: 416-244-9686 ext. 223 or 1-877-244-9686 ext. 223 Email: vacp@ofcp.ca Website: www.ofcp.ca/day.php Application available online Application available in Resource Centre
Starlight Children's Foundation Provides wish-granting and fun activities for Canadian children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses and life-altering injuries to help improve their quality of life.	☐ Ages 4-18 ☐ Critical, chronic, or serious illness or conditions	Phone: 1.800.880.1004 Email: info@starlightcanada.org Website: www.starlightcanada.org □ Application available online □ Application available in Resource Centre
Sunshine Wish Foundation Provides wish-granting for Canadian children and youth with severe disabilities and life-threatening illnesses.	□ Ages 3-18 □ Life threatening illness or severe physical disability □ Child is able to communicate the dream with or without technical assistance	Phone: 519-642-0990 or 1-800-461-7935 Email: info@sunshine.ca Website: www.sunshine.ca Application available online Application available in Resource Centre

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Regional-specific funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
Toronto Welcome Policy A fee subsidy program which provides access to free City-operated recreation programs for individuals and families living below the low-income cut off.	☐ All ages☐ Financial need	Phone: 311 in Toronto Website: www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun/welcome policy.h tm Welcome Policy Application 416-338-2000 Free Recreation Program Options 416-338-4386 ☐ Application available online ☐ Application available in Resource Centre
Toronto Library Museum & Arts Pass The Museum and Arts Pass lets you and your family (2 adults & up to 4 children) explore the best of Toronto's museums and attractions for free.	☐ All ages☐ Toronto Public Library card	Phone: Contact your local library Website: http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts- passes/index.jsp

Municipal Fee Assistance for Recreation Programs

Provide subsidies for individuals in financial need to access municipal recreation programs

Vaughan: 905-832-8500. Applications forms available at Vaughan community centres and www.vaughan.ca.

Markham: 905-475-4731 or email customerservice@markham.ca for more information

Richmond Hill:905-884-0855 ext. 224 or email community@richmondhill.ca

Brampton:905.874.2313 or activeassist@brampton.ca

Mississauga:905-615-4100

Caledon: Assistance available through Caledon Community Services (905-951-2300) or email info@ccs4u.org

Ajax:905-427-8811

Oshawa:905-432-1984 (Inclusion services) Assistance available through Canadian Tire Jumpstart. Contact a Program

Supervisor at any Oshawa recreation facility for more information.

More Tips:

- Ask the director of the recreation program or head of the equipment company to find out if they can help with costs. Organizations often have their own in-house subsidies or discounts, such as a discount when more than one child in a family attends the program.
- Ask if the recreation program, camp, manufacturer or distributor has information about other contacts for funding.
- Contact local service clubs such as the Rotary, Kiwanis, or Lions Clubs. Local clubs may be able to fund recreation programs and equipment.
- To find camps, which offer subsidies, visit http://www.ontariocamps.ca/search and select the option "Has subsidies."

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