

Seniors Care Grant

The Seniors Care Grant provides eligible Nova Scotia seniors with \$750 to help with the cost of home heating, household, and healthcare services.

Applications open on **September 1, 2024**, and close on **March 31, 2025**.

Who is eligible

To qualify for the grants, you must:

- be 65 years of age or older by March 31, 2025
- have an annual household net income of \$45,100 or less
- live in a home or apartment that you own or rent
 - have your name on the property title, Land Titles Initiative Certificate of Claim, or residential lease agreement, or a Band administrative letter issued by a First Nation community (reserve).
 - If you are selected for an audit and you do not own your property, you must provide one of the above documents as proof. If you are the owner of your property, you do not need to provide anything when audited.
- have paid, or will pay, for household and healthcare services and home heating **between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025** – keep receipts, as described on the right.

Acceptable receipts include those:

- on a piece of paper or in a notebook (*written or signed by the person or business providing the service*)
- in a receipt book (*written or signed by the person or business providing the service*)
- from a business

Receipts must include:

- name of the person receiving the service
- type of the service received
- cost of the service
- date of the service
- name and address of the person or business providing the service



What services are eligible

Eligible services include those that help you stay in your home, and make it safer and more comfortable, including:

- cooking and meal preparation (excluding the cost of food)
- grocery and meal delivery (excluding the cost of food)
- healthcare services – such as eye exams, dental work, mental health supports, physical therapy, occupational therapy, massage therapy, chiropractic services, foot care, dieticians, nutritionists, audiology, and speech and language pathologists
- home cleaning, organizing, and help with downsizing or moving
- home heating – such as furnace oil, natural gas, propane, firewood, wood pellets, electricity and repairs and regular maintenance for home heating systems.

NOTE: You can also apply to Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) for additional assistance when it opens to applications in October.

- laundry
- medication and prescription delivery (excluding the cost of medications and prescriptions)
- outdoor work – such as driveway maintenance, landscaping, lawn care, snow removal, stacking wood, and tree removal
- phone, cell phone and internet services (excluding the cost of devices)
- small home repairs – such as windows, doors, roof, plumbing, electrical, decks, fencing, siding, and painting
- transportation – such as taxis, ride shares, shuttles, and other methods of transportation - and public and community transit – such as the bus, Access-A-Bus, and ferry

How to apply

Applications can be submitted online, by mail, or by fax. The application is available online at **novascotia.ca/seniors-care-grant**, or you can get a paper application at Access Nova Scotia Centres and MLA offices or by calling **1-800-670-4357** to request one be sent to you.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2025. Funds can be used on home heating, household, and healthcare services between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. Only one person can apply for each household.

More information

If you have questions or need help with the application:

- call **1-800-670-4357**
- email **seniorsgrant@novascotia.ca**
- go to **www.novascotia.ca/seniors-care-grant**