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## **FAQ: COVID-19 EMPLOYMENT GRANT – HELPING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GET BACK TO WORK**

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This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) provide answers to common questions asked about the employment grant money service providers can apply for to help people who lost their jobs during COVID-19 to get back to work.

### **Q. What is the COVID-19 employment grant?**

Getting people back to work is part of the Province's COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

The Province has approved \$9.7 million of COVID-19 emergency funding to be used over two years to support CLBC-funded employment service providers to have the staffing resources needed to help people with developmental disabilities who lost their jobs during COVID-19 get back to work.

Inclusion BC will be administering this grant program, which is available to all CLBC employment service providers who meet the eligibility criteria. Starting in January 2021, grants will be available for CLBC employment service providers to apply for over a two-year period to aid in COVID-19 recovery.

### **Q: What makes my organization eligible for this funding?**

To be eligible for this funding, CLBC employment service providers must be up to date with their Periodic Report for Employment (PRE2020) reports. For example, if applying for the grant in January 2021, this means the organization will have submitted all PRE2020 reports up to October – December 2020 by January 8, 2021.

### **Q. How will this funding help service providers to support people get back to work?**

CLBC funded employment service providers can apply through Inclusion BC for grant funding to ensure they can hire, train or reallocate staff to support people to either reconnect to previous employment or to look for new work. The funding must be used to support people who are enrolled in employment services and are named on the provider's contract with CLBC.

### **Q: When will the funding be available?**

Applications for the grant funding will open on January 25. Inclusion BC will start to do outreach to all CLBC employment service providers about the grant starting on January 18, 2021. Applications will close for 2021 on February 15 at midnight.

### **Q: How do I apply for the funding?**

Inclusion BC has developed an online application process that will open on January 25 and close on February 15, 2021. Information and a link to the application can be found on their website at:

<https://inclusionbc.org/supported-employment-recovery-fund>.

**Q: Who do I talk to if I have questions about the employment funding grant?**

If you have questions about applying for the employment funding grant, please talk to Inclusion BC by calling 604-777-9100.

If you have questions about getting up to date with your PRE2020 reports so you are eligible to apply for this funding, please contact CLBC at [CLBC.EmploymentHELP@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CLBC.EmploymentHELP@gov.bc.ca)