

# **MINISTER JEREMY NIXON ANNOUNCES FUNDING INCREASE**

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**ALBERTA'S GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTING THE SOCIAL  
SECTOR WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$26 MILLION THIS YEAR TO  
ADDRESS WORKFORCE CHALLENGES AND INCREASING  
OPERATIONAL COSTS.**

Thousands of Albertans rely daily on services provided through disability programs, homeless shelters and family violence prevention programs. That is why Alberta's government is providing the sector with an additional \$24 million.

Currently, many individuals on the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program are having a hard time finding and keeping staff. With this additional funding, service providers, families and persons with disabilities will be able to find workers more easily, as wages will become more competitive.

Alberta's government depends on the efforts and dedication of disability workers to make sure Albertans with disabilities get the help they need.

The Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services funds 179 Persons with Developmental Disabilities service providers and 69 Family Support for Children with Disabilities service providers. About 20,600 front-line social service workers will be supported with this investment, including about 19,500 disability support workers, 1,000 homeless shelter workers and 175 family violence prevention workers.

An additional \$2 million will be provided to disability service providers to help with increasing operational costs such as utilities and insurance. As inflation continues to increase cost pressures, this funding will help organizations keep their doors open so that Albertans receive the supports they need. The last time Alberta's disability and family violence prevention sector received an increase for operational costs was in 2014.