

BACKGROUNDER

DISABILITY PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENTS

The Need

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) have requested between \$6 million and \$15 million in new funding each year over the past five years to meet new residential and day support needs for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Since 2003/04, between \$1 million and \$2.4 million was provided each year to meet these needs. As a result, the gap between the number of unmet needs for services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and the funding provided has continued to widen.

Currently, **440** individuals with intellectual disabilities are on a waiting list for specialized services, and residential and day programs in Saskatchewan. More than 300 individuals have an immediate need; others will require services that are not currently available, over the next few years. This number has increased steadily over the last decade and it is expected that without additional investment it will continue to increase.

The Program

This initiative addresses three challenges affecting the safety, security and quality of life of individuals with intellectual disabilities:

- Demand continues to exceed funding: 440 individuals are on a waitlist for specialized and basic residential and day programs;
- Day and vocational programs do not respond to the assessed needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities; and
- The number of Approved Private Service Homes is declining rapidly.

The program provides:

- **\$38.2M** in new operating funds and a **\$27.8 M** in one-time investments to eliminate the current waitlist for individuals with intellectual disabilities, including a strategy to serve individuals with complex needs;
- **\$7.7M** to implement day program standard changes that will ensure individuals have the appropriate level of supports; and,
- **\$2.5M** to improve Approved Private Service Home Supports to ensure recruitment and retention.

The Following 2 Tables Summarize the Required Operating investments and One-time Capital investments.

Summary of New Operating Funds – \$48.4M

Financial Implications						
	2008/09 \$000s	2009/10 \$000s	2010/11 \$000s	2011/12 \$000s	2012/13 \$000s	Total Annualized \$000s
New program budget required:						
- Residential and day supports	1,000	11,539	13,000	5,017	2,631	33,187
- Complex needs	0	5,336	(370)	0	0	4,966
Total Residential, Day Supports and Complex Needs	1,000	16,875	12,630	5,017	2,631	38,153
- Day program funding		3,854	3,839			7,693
- Increased APSH		1,422	569	569		2,560
Total new operating budget	1,000	22,151	17,038	5,586	2,631	48,406

(Note: all operating financial information is displayed in incremental year-over-year format.

Summary of One-Time Funds Required - \$27.8 M

Financial Implications					
	2009/10 \$000s	2010/11 \$000s	2011/12 \$000s	2012/13 \$000s	Total One-Time Commitment \$000s
Capital funding new and upgraded CBO infrastructure	12,250	11,000	2,750	1,750	27,800*
Total one-time funding required	12,250	11,000	2,750	1,750	27,800*

(Note: all one-time financial information is displayed in a per-year format) *rounded up

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A DISABILITY INCOME STRATEGY FOR SASKATCHEWAN

The following describes the main elements of a Disability Income Strategy to be pursued by the Ministry of Social Services in 2009-10.

Guiding Principles

- More dignified and less intrusive delivery of income support to persons with recognized work-limiting disabilities.
- Recognition of the disability-related costs of going to work and support for individuals with disabilities to enter and remain in the labour force.
- The plan will provide basic income support to individuals with work-limiting disabilities.
- The new plan will be provided with an identity separate from the Social Assistance Plan.
- Delivery of the new plan will be more dignified and less intrusive.
- Reporting requirements will be reduced.
- Opportunities will be provided for people to move in and out of the program as their need requires.

Community Consultation

D. Stubel, Executive Director, Office of Disability Issues will lead the consultation with community stakeholders during the development of these initiatives. The conversations will serve to keep stakeholders informed of goals and progress, and to solicit their advice on design and delivery options.