

Senior Citizen Financial Programs

Provincial Programs

Alberta Community Development
Seniors Services & Housing Division
Income Support Program

www.gov.ab.ca

- **Alberta Seniors Benefit**

1-800-642-3853

Offers income support. May pay for some or all costs for Alberta Health Insurance premiums for middle & lower income seniors.

- **Special Needs Assistance for Seniors**

1-800-642-3853

Helps seniors having major financial problems. Seniors can ask for a lump-sum cash payment, to a ceiling limit.

Human Resources &
Employment Alberta

- **Alberta Widows' Pension Program**

www.gov.ab.ca

(780) 422-4080

A provincial pension for widows and widowers age 55-64 who have little or no other income.

Federal Programs

Government of Canada

www.mbnet.mb.ca

- **Veteran Affairs**

Provides for economic, social, mental and physical well-being to Canadians and allied war veterans and their dependents.

9700 Jasper Ave, Edmonton, AB T5J 4C3

Edmonton: (780) 495-3762

Calgary: (403) 292-4048

Or call toll-free: 1-800-866-1240

Human Resources Development Canada

Income Security Programs

www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

1-800-277-9914 English

1-800-277-9915 French

- **Canada Pension Plan**

For those who have paid into the plan while employed. Retirement pension is given any time after age 60 years. You must send in an application form to get it started.

- **Old Age Security**

A monthly payment for persons 65 years of age or older who meet residency rules.

- **Guaranteed Income Supplement**

An extra monthly amount for persons 65 years of age or older who receive Old Age Security pension and have little or no other income. It is based on a person's marital status, last year's income and residence status.

- **Spouse's Allowance**

Monthly benefits paid to spouses who receive Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement. Based on both incomes. Spouse must be 60-64 years of age and meet residency rules.

- **Widowed Spouses' Allowance**

Monthly benefit for widows/widowers of a legal or common-law marriage who have little or no other income. Must be 60-64 years of age and meet residence rules.

For further assistance call:

The Seniors Information Line

1-800-642-3853

Alberta Cancer Foundation

Provincial Financial Assistance Program

For cancer patients who have little or no income. Short term help towards costs that may arise as a result of cancer.

Contact social worker.

(780) 432-8704

(403) 670-2221

Wings of Hope Rescue Mission

Provides breast cancer patients with a demonstrated financial need, with some short-term limited financial help towards costs that may be a concern after all other financial options have been explored.

Contact social worker.

Financial assistance for the cost of medications used to treat symptoms of cancer & cancer treatment

Contact social worker to explore options.

For more information call:

Financial Resource Guide for People with Cancer

*Cancer can add a huge
financial burden to an
already difficult situation.*

*This Financial Resource
Guide will tell you what
type of help is available
and where to call to find
out more information.*



Alberta Cancer Board

Alberta Health and Wellness

Alberta Blue Cross Non-group Coverage

www.health.gov.ab.ca/services

Health benefits for Albertans who have their Alberta Health premiums paid to date. It can be used the first day of the fourth month after Alberta Health gets the written request.

Edmonton: (780) 427-1432

Calgary: (403) 234-9666

Or call toll-free 310-0000 and dial 427-1432

Canadian Cancer Society

www.cancer.ab.ca

Cancer patients who are in financial distress can get some help to cover travel costs. Help is based on financial need.

Call: 1-888-939-3333

Community Organizations

Ask groups and/or service clubs in your area for help. Examples: church/place of worship, union for benevolent funds, fraternities, and legions.

Human Resources Development Canada

Employment Insurance (EI) Sick Benefits

www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca

For those who have paid into EI for a time and are unable to work due to illness. Seventeen weeks is the maximum amount paid out.

Call: 1-800-206-7218

Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits

www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca

For those who have paid into Canada Pension, are UNDER 65 years of age, and have a physical or mental concern which is both severe and long term.

Health and Welfare Canada
Income Security Programs

CPP Disability

1-800-277-9914 English

1-800-277-9915 French

Alberta Human Resources & Employment Alberta

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)

www.gov.ab.ca

Funds and health benefits are given to adults with severe, long-term health concerns. You must meet financial and medical conditions.

Edmonton: (780) 415-6300

Calgary: (403) 297-8511

Or call toll-free: 310-0000 and ask for the AISH office nearest you.

Supports for Independence

(also known as Social Assistance/Welfare)

www.gov.ab.ca

Provides funds to assist persons with little or no assets and little or no income.

Contact the nearest office.

Edmonton: (780) 415-0733

Calgary: (403) 297-4575

Or call toll free 310-0000 and ask for the office nearest you.

Canada Customs & Revenue Agency

(previously known as Revenue Canada)

www.ccr-aadrc.gc.ca

Ask for a leaflet to find out if you can claim: disability tax credit, attendant care expenses, and medical expenses (travel expenses, private health plan premiums, wheelchairs, hearing aids, dentures, medication).

Canada Place

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1-800-959-8281