

LIGHTS will enable families/networks of support to explore alternative residential options, collaborate with others and /or combine funds from different sources to develop living situations for their family or network member who has an intellectual disability.

Eligibility Criteria to Access LIGHTS Funding:

- Applicant and family must have first completed the initial screening process.
- Applicant must be on the Community Needs List¹ for residential supports and services. (It is not required that Community Living Toronto be the applicant's Lead Agency).
- Applicant and family must have the capacity to self manage a living situation.
- Applicant and family must be seeking government funded residential resources.
- Applicant and family must be willing to reapply for funding on an annual basis.
- Applicant and family must be willing to contribute a minimum of 20% of what has been requested in their funding application to LIGHTS. This 20% includes "in kind"² contributions and must be in addition to all other funding or sources of income, the Applicant currently possesses. For example: ODSP, SSAH, Passport Funds etc.

¹*Community Needs List: The centralized database of all individuals waiting for residential and day supports in the Toronto region, managed through Developmental Services Ontario (DSOTR).*

For more information please visit www.dsontario.ca or 1-855-372-3858

²*In kind: Includes contributions of real estate, trust funds etc. Ongoing, regular residential support [in place of a caregiver/support worker], provided by family is not considered in kind.*

Appeals Process:

If a family disagrees with a decision made in regards to their eligibility they may appeal this decision in writing to the LIGHTS Facilitator within thirty days of the said decision.

The appeal will be reviewed by the LIGHTS Steering Committee and Advisory Board within 30 days of receipt and their conclusion will be final and binding.

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Statement on Funding:

Applications for LIGHTS funding will be prioritized according to the date the application package is completed with all necessary information.

Receipt of LIGHTS funding will not impact the Applicants eligibility for Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) funding in the future or their status on the Community Needs List.

There is no guarantee that the LIGHTS funding requested or received will equate to MCSS funding that may be received in the future.

LIGHTS funding shall not be combined with MCSS residential funding, services or supports.

There is no guarantee of Ministry funding or the continuation of LIGHTS funding beyond the 5 year maximum funding period.

Families who accept funding from LIGHTS agree to the following conditions:

- LIGHTS funding is provided for a period of twelve months after which time it may be renewed annually for a maximum of 5 years, while families concurrently pursue MCSS funding options.
- Plans and budgets submitted to LIGHTS will be followed. Changes to these plans and budgets will be submitted to the LIGHTS Facilitator within 30 days for review and approval.
- Funding is not guaranteed once the annual agreement term expires.
- Families will remain on the Community Needs List for residential supports and will submit their residential plans to MCSS when funding is available.
- Families will accept government funding if granted and disclose all related information to the LIGHTS Facilitator immediately. At this time, families will relinquish remaining LIGHTS funds and further LIGHTS funding will cease.
- Families will enter into Partnership Agreements with other families if receiving LIGHTS funding.

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