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Subject: Seniors Care Grants

Message: Comrades: Please see the information below on the NS Senior Care Grant Program.

Seniors Care Grant 2022-2023

On July 28, 2022 Barbara Adams, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care announced that the \$500 Seniors Care Grant would continue for another year and the government would also provide a one-time \$250 energy heating grant to eligible seniors. Applications for both grants will open on September 1, 2022 and seniors who qualify can apply for a maximum of \$750 at the same time.

1. Eligibility for the Household Services Grant

- You need to be 65 or older in 2022 and meet the following criteria:
 - Have a household net income of \$37,500 or less
 - Live independently in your own home (you are not living with a caregiver, other than a spouse or partner)
 - Own a house (your name is on the property title) **OR** have a residential lease agreement with your name on it

2. Eligibility for the Home Heating Grant

- The same criteria as the Household Services Grant
- Your property is heated with oil, wood, electricity or other energy source

3. Eligible Household Services Include:

- Cooking and meal preparation (excluding the cost of groceries)
- Driveway maintenance like paving and regrading
- House cleaning
- Laundry (excluding dry cleaning)
- Lawn care and landscaping
- Medication and prescription delivery (excluding the cost of medication and pharmaceuticals)
- Small home repairs such as windows, doors, roof, plumbing, electrical, decks, fencing, siding, painting and heating
- Snow removal
- Transportation like taxis, ride shares, shuttles and other methods of transportation that pick you up directly from your house to travel to essential services
- Cost of telephone or internet services
- Eye exams
- Dental work
- Mental health supports
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Massage
- Foot care

4. **How to Apply**

- Applications are online **ONLY** at
<https://grantprograms.novascotia.ca/#/scg/en/start-page>
- Help will be provided to answer questions about proof of income, home ownership or lease agreement, and receipts for household services
- Once application has been approved, the reimbursement cheque will be available about 8 weeks later
- The government is providing \$29.1 million for these grants in 2022-2023

5. **Receipts Are Mandatory**

- Keep a copy of your household services receipts for your records
- Acceptable receipts include a:
 - Receipt on a piece of paper or notebook (written or signed by the service provider)
 - Receipts in a receipt book (written or signed by the service provider)
 - Receipts from a business
- Receipts need to include:
 - Name of the person receiving the service
 - Type of service received
 - Cost of the service
 - Date of the service
 - Name and address of the person or business providing the service
- You **ONLY NEED** to provide proof of income, home ownership or lease agreement and receipts for household services **IF** the Seniors Care Grant personnel contact you and ask you to provide receipts.
- You **DO NOT NEED** to provide proof of receipts upon application for the grants.