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## FASD respite funding will help families in need of relief

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Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) is working with the Vancouver Foundation and the Ministry of Children and Family Development to distribute funds to families of children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

The purpose of these grants is to support families with children experiencing the effects of FASD, to provide respite or relief needs in a wide variety of forms – including time away (funding for care), special events, groceries, physical and/or mental wellness supports, etc.

Grants will total \$3080.00 per year for two years to selected families. 402 two-year grants are available in BC, divided between Vancouver + lower mainland and the rest of the province.

The application process will be low-barrier (simple, confidential forms, no supplemental medical documents, formal diagnosis not required). CSFS will gather/receive grant applications from across BC, including all regions OUTSIDE the lower mainland. Successful applicants will be selected by way of a randomized selection process.

For more information (and the site where the forms will be live on February 9<sup>th</sup>), please visit <a href="https://www.csfs.org/news/fasd-grant-program-funding-available">https://www.csfs.org/news/fasd-grant-program-funding-available</a>.

## Criteria:

- Funding is per family, not per child
- For ages 0-19 (under 19)
- Must live in BC (for funding from CSFS, must live outside the lower mainland)

## **Timeline**

- Feb. 9 8:30AM Applications open & accepted two ways: online and over the phone
- Mar. 2 4:30PM Applications close
- Mar. 2 to Mar. 9 Randomized selection occurs

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