

# Community Living Self-Directed Funding Option

## *What is Community Living Service Delivery?*

Community Living Service Delivery (CLSD) is a branch of the Ministry of Social Services that works with people with intellectual disabilities and helps them access a variety of community-based services.

CLSD staff work to ensure that the physical, emotional, and social needs of people with intellectual disabilities are met and that they are able to live as independently as possible within their own communities.

## *What is Self-Directed Funding (SDF)?*

Self-Directed Funding (SDF) is a funding option. It is not a type of service or a program. Rather, it is an option where funding is provided directly to adults with intellectual disabilities so they can have increased choice and control over the supports and services that best suit their needs.

A person can access SDF for housing supports, day programming, or both. The person manages their own funding with the support of the representative(s) of their choice. With help from these supporters, people receiving SDF will identify their needs and develop a person-centred plan that describes how their needs can be met in the community.

## *Who can be a Representative?*

The representative(s) can be a family member, a network of supporters, a friend, or any trusted and interested person who can legally represent the individual in managing their SDF contract. The representative(s) will assist the individual in making decisions regarding their person-centred plan, managing funding, hiring support staff, and other tasks.

## *Who can apply?*

To be eligible for SDF an individual must:

- be a resident of Saskatchewan;
- be over the age of 18;
- meet the CLSD eligibility requirements and be accepted for services; and,
- have a representative or representatives to assist in carrying out the SDF plan.

## How do I apply for SDF?

People who wish to apply for SDF must:

- inform CLSD of their interest in an SDF option;
- complete an orientation to SDF;
- complete an Expression of Interest Form that outlines how the funding will be used;
- take part in a support-needs assessment using the Daily Living Support Assessment (DLSA); and,
- take part in a support-needs assessment using the Day Program Support Assessment (DPSA).

## How is the funding determined?

Funding for each person is determined by a combination of: DLSA and DPSA assessments, funding standards, and by developing a budget around the support requirements outlined in the individual's person-centred plan. Funding for SDF contracts is approved on an individual basis through a process that assesses urgency and priority of individualized needs.

It can take time to apply for and receive SDF. For some people, the planning process can take one to two years. Your Community Services Worker can provide you with an estimate of how long it may take to access funding and can assist you to apply for other sources of funding that you may be eligible for, in addition to SDF.

## Who can help me with information and planning?

The first step in applying for SDF is to contact the CLSD office nearest you.

The Ministry of Social Services has partnered with Inclusion Saskatchewan to provide the services of a Self-Directed Funding Facilitator. At no cost to you, this facilitator can help in developing your SDF plan, budget and other steps in the process.

To contact the SDF Facilitator, please call Inclusion Saskatchewan at (306) 955-3344 or look online at: <http://www.sacl.org/selfdirectedfunding>.

CLSD Community Services Workers work with the SDF Facilitator to assist individuals and their Representatives to develop and maintain their plan for SDF.

### *For further information, contact the Community Living Service Delivery office nearest you:*

Estevan	306-637-4550	Prince Albert	306-953-2668
La Ronge	306-425-4552	Regina	306-787-3848
Lloydminster	306-825-6410	Saskatoon	306-933-6300
Melfort	306-752-6100	Swift Current	306-778-8219
Moose Jaw	306-694-3800	Weyburn	306-848-2404
Nipawin	306-862-1704	Yorkton	306-786-1300
North Battleford	306-446-7705		