

Labour Program (Human Resources and Skills Development)

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Canada Education Savings Program

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/learning/education_savings/index.shtml#b

Overview:

The Government of Canada offers two incentives to encourage parents, family, and friends to save for a child's post-secondary education:

1. Canada Education Savings Grant.

On the first \$500 you save every year in your child's [Registered Education Savings Plan](#) (RESP), the Canada Education Savings Grant will give you:

- up to \$200, if your net family income is \$39,065 or less
- up to \$150, if your net family income is between \$39,065 and \$78,130, or
- up to \$100, if your net family income is more than \$78,130.

When you save more than \$500 annually, the Canada Education Savings Grant could add up to \$400 on the next \$2,000.

Please note that the family income amounts are updated every year.

The maximum amount of grant per child is \$7,200.

Your child can use the money for full-time or part-time studies in an apprenticeship program, CEGEP, trade school, college or university.

2. Canada Learning Bond:

- Your child could get \$500 to help you start saving early for your child's education after high school, and an extra \$100 each year up to age 15. That's up to \$2,000 (plus interest) in bonds for your child's education.
- You don't have to put any of your own money into the RESP to get this bond.
- An extra \$25 will be paid with the first \$500 bond to help cover the cost of opening an RESP.
- The bond can be used to pay for full- or part-time studies in an apprenticeship program, a CEGEP, trade school, college or university.
- In order to qualify for the Canada Learning Bond, your child must have been born after December 31, 2003
- Visit <http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/saving/clb/hda.shtml> for information about the application process.

- you get the National Child Benefit Supplement as part of the Canada Child Tax Benefit, commonly known as “family allowance” or “baby bonus.”

Contact Information:

Toll Free: 1-800-O-CANADA (1-800-622-6232) TTY: 1-800-926-9105
Canada Summer Jobs

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<http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/programs/scpp.shtml>

What is the Canada Summer Jobs Program?

Canada Summer Jobs is a Government of Canada initiative that provides funding to help employers create summer job opportunities for students. It is designed to focus on local priorities, while achieving tangible results for both students and their communities.

Canada Summer Jobs aims to:

- Provide work experience for students;
- Support organizations, including those that provide important community services; and
- Recognize that local circumstances, community needs, and priorities vary widely.

Canada Summer Jobs focuses on encouraging not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers, and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees to create jobs that not only meet their needs, but also benefit students looking to gain work experience.

The application period for Canada Summer Jobs 2010 is closed. The deadline for applications was February 26, 2010. Applications received or postmarked after the closing date will not be assessed.

Applications are now being assessed and employers will be notified of the decision regarding their application in May 2010.

What are the criteria for assessing the proposals?

- service to local communities;
- jobs that support local priorities (categories of local priorities are *special events* (e.g., sporting, cultural, or other events of local, provincial, territorial, national, or international scale), *location* (e.g., rural, remote, or high-unemployment areas), and *sector* (e.g., not-for-profit, tourism, or agricultural sectors));
- jobs that provide career-related experience or early work experience;
- a salary that contributes to the student's income;
- an employer who provides supervision and mentoring;
- project activities that are directed toward members of, and support the vitality of, an official-language minority community; and
- an employer who intends to hire priority students (students with disabilities, Aboriginal students, and students who are members of visible minority groups).

Hire a Student!

Through various programs and services, our summer employment officers will help employers get great visibility for their job postings. This pamphlet outlines the services that the Service Canada Centres for Youth (SCCYs) offer to employers

For more information, contact:

1-800-935-5555 (TTY: 1-800-926-9105)

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/programs/scpp.shtml>

Employee Sponsored Training

http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/est/desc_est.shtml

What is the Employer Sponsored Training Program?

Employer Sponsored Training (EST), a component of Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) measure, is an employment program of Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC) that provides financial assistance to eligible employers to support approved training activities for employees who have been identified as facing a loss of their employment.

***Note:** If you reside in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, NWT and Nunavut, you may contact your own Provincial or Territorial Department responsible for LMDAs and apply for programs similar to the Employment Benefits and Support Measures (EBSM).

What is the objective of this program?

Employer Sponsored Training (EST) objective is to assist employees to acquire the skills that will allow them to remain employed, or, if they are laid off, that will shorten the period of their unemployment. Training activities supported under EST must be clearly linked to prevention of job loss for targeted employees or the provision of skills that will shorten the duration of unemployment.

Who delivers Employer Sponsored Training

- Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) has [Labour Market Development Agreements](#) (LMDA) with all provinces and territories that define how its employment programs known as [Employment Benefits and Support Measures](#) (EBSM) are to be delivered by each province or territory.
- In [Nova Scotia](#), [New Brunswick](#), [Newfoundland and Labrador](#), [Prince Edward Island](#), [Québec](#), [Ontario](#), [Manitoba](#), [Saskatchewan](#), [Alberta](#), the [Northwest Territories](#), [Nunavut](#), [British Columbia](#), and the [Yukon](#) provincial and territorial governments deliver similar employment programs. By clicking on the name of the province or territory, you can obtain information about its employment programs.

Eligibility Information

Am I eligible for participation in Employer Sponsored Training (EST)?

Employer

- The EST component is restricted to employers who are likely to close or downsize operations or who must affect changes in the workplace that will leave some of their employees without employment.

Eligible Sponsors

- Among employers eligible for EST assistance are private sector/for-profit businesses (including sole proprietorships); not-for-profit organizations; municipal governments; band or tribal councils; cooperatives; and public health and educational institutions that are affected by one or more of the following circumstances:
 1. Reduce business activity;
 2. Significant changes in market conditions;
 3. New legislative or regulatory requirements for workers.

What else do I need to know?

- **How do I apply?** EST is not intended to provide direct financial assistance to employees facing a loss of their employment. Direct assistance to individuals is provided through Employment Benefits such as Job Creation Partnerships, Targeted Wages Subsidies, Skills Development and Self-Employment.
- The maximum duration of an EST project is normally one year. In exceptional circumstances, this duration may be extended to a total of three years.
- Under EST, employers are required to make a financial contribution. This normally amounts to at least 50% of the expenses associated with the EST activities.
- Approval of an extension of an EST agreement beyond the normal one year maximum duration must be based on a detailed assessment of the continued risk of job loss.
- Funding may be provided to cover the following eligible costs: training needs analysis; skills assessment; development and adaptation of training content; adaptation of training materials; purchase of training contracts or tuition fees; training for trainers; evaluation tools; salaries of employees in training or delivering training; overhead costs for employees in or delivering training.
- The maximum Service Canada contribution is normally \$100,000 per EST agreement.

Please Note:

- If you reside in **Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, NWT, Nunavut, British Columbia or the Yukon**, you may contact your own

Provincial or Territories Department responsible for LMDAs and apply for programs similar to the Employment Benefits and Support Measures (EBSM).

To find out how this service offering is delivered in your province, eligible employers should communicate with their [Service Canada Centre](#).

Grant for Occupational Health and Safety Programs

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/health_safety/prevention/grants/program.shtml

What is the purpose of the grant for Occupational Health and Safety Programs?

This grant assists organizations and individuals who have previously developed, or are currently developing, programs in the field of occupational health and safety. The goal of this grant is to support and enhance the objectives of the Labour Program's occupational health and safety program. The maximum duration of an agreement is one year. There will be no renewals, but applications may be made in consecutive years.

The maximum level of financial support available to all recipients of this grant is \$15,000 per year. The maximum amount payable to any one recipient is \$15,000 (per fiscal year/total). Funds can be distributed to one organization or subdivided among a number of organizations.

The maximum duration of an agreement is one year. There will be no renewals, but applications may be made in consecutive years.

Who is eligible for this program?

Corporations, organizations, groups, or individuals that produce a product or deliver a service for the federal jurisdiction, and support the Labour Program's priorities.

Applications for funding must clearly demonstrate that projects meet the following criteria:

- support the Labour Program's mandate;
- be national in scope;
- apply to the [federal jurisdiction](#); and
- support, enhance or develop programs in the field of occupational health and safety.

This grant program is not intended for proposals that are local in nature, fall outside the federal jurisdiction, or are for commercial benefit.

Application Deadline

The deadline to submit applications is December 14, 2009.

How to Apply

Download the Accompanying Guide and Application Form in order to prepare your application.

For more information contact: Human Resources Development Canada
Labour Branch
Occupational Safety & Health and Fire Prevention
Hull, Quebec K1A 0J2

Labour-Management Partnerships Program

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/labour_relations/partner_program.shtml

The Labour-Management Partnerships Program (LMPP) is a contribution program administered by the [Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service](#) and is designed to encourage effective labour-management relations in the workplace or at the sectoral level. LMPP provides funding assistance that supports efforts by unions and employers to jointly explore new ways of working together.

The initiatives supported by LMPP aim to improve labour-management relations and promote productive, innovative, equitable and accessible workplaces.

Projects are generally submitted jointly by unions and employers or by organizations representing the interests of both parties. Applications from unions and employers in federally regulated private sector workplaces are given priority. Unions and employers in provincially regulated workplaces may also be eligible for funding if the proposed project addresses significant sectoral, regional or national issues.

Projects are assessed against specific program criteria and priorities which emphasize:

- New knowledge and its application to the joint development of new approaches to work and work-related issues.
- Ensuring that funded projects are innovative and help foster positive labour-management relations. These projects must also have the potential to provide practical results, such as information or tools (for example, a report, video or course module) that will be useful for other workplaces.
- Consideration is given to the soundness of the project plan for achieving the desired result, the nature of the methodology used, the appropriateness of the proposed time frame and budget, and the proposed information communication and dissemination plan.

Funding is available to a maximum of \$100,000 per project, over a period not exceeding two years (24 months). LMPP funding covers up to one-half of the costs associated with the project.

Single Applicant Form:

<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/eforms/forms/2006/lab1169e.pdf>

Group Application Form:

<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/eforms/forms/2006/lab1170e.pdf>

Labour Market Partnerships

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/epb/sid/cia/grants/lmp/desc_lmp.shtml

What are the objectives of the LMP?

Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) is an employment program of Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRDC) that provides funding to organizations to encourage, support and facilitate labour force adjustments and human resource planning activities which are in the public interest.

Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) funds projects that encourage and support employers, employee/employer associations and communities in developing and implementing strategies for dealing with labour force adjustments and meeting human resource requirements. Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) *addresses labour market issues through partnerships.*

*** Please Note:** If you reside in **New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, NWT and Nunavut**, you may contact your own Provincial or Territories Department responsible for LMDAs and apply for programs similar to the Employment Benefits and Support Measures (EBSM).

Who delivers Labour Market Partnerships (LMP)?

- Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC) has Labour Market Development Agreements (LMDAs) with all provinces and territories that define how its employment programs known as Employment Benefits and Support Measures (EBSM) are to be delivered by each province or territory.
- Service Canada delivers Labour Market Partnerships and other Employment Benefits and Support Measures in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince-Edward-Island, British Columbia and the Yukon.
- In New Brunswick, Québec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, provincial and territorial governments deliver similar employment programs. By clicking on the name of the province or territory, you can obtain information about its employment programs.

Who is eligible to benefit from this program?

If you reside in **New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, NWT and Nunavut**, you may contact your own Provincial or Territories Department responsible for LMDAs and apply for programs similar to the Employment Benefits and Support Measures (EBSM).

Individuals: Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) does not provide financial assistance directly to unemployed Employment Insurance eligible individuals.

Organizations: Businesses, organizations, municipalities, band/tribal councils, public health and educational institutions; and, provincial/territorial governments* are eligible to receive funding as sponsors.

- Proposed activities must focus on an identified labour market issue and be assessed as likely to have a positive impact on the labour market. All activities must involve partnership. Within these parameters, Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) may support activities related to human resource planning and labour force adjustment.
- Activities funded under Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) may include related research, development of human resource strategies, promotion of beneficial human resource and adjustment practices (best practices), coordination of community-based approaches to addressing labour market issues, short-term adjustment services for workers facing lay-off, and development of economic (employment) development plans and community marketing plans.
- Projects (activities) must have defined start and finish dates, and not be part of a sponsor's day-to-day operations.
- Other criteria may apply.

Employers/Sponsors: Employers/Sponsors seeking funding under Labour Market Partnerships (LMP) should complete the application form Employment Programs - Application for Funding (EMP5209) and submit it to their local Service Canada Centre. All projects valued at or above \$500,000 per annum are awarded through a call for proposal process. For more information about the process in your province or territory consult the Call for Proposals for Employment Programs page on the Service Canada web site.

Contact Information:

Service Canada Web Site (www.servicecanada.gc.ca)

General enquiries: 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622 6232)

Teletypewriter (TTY): 1-888-576-8502

Grant for Organizations that Write Occupational Health and Safety Standards

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/health_safety/prevention/grants/writing.shtml

What is the purpose of this grant?

This grant assists organizations in the development and writing of national occupational health and safety standards. The goal of this grant is to support and enhance the objectives of the Labour Program's occupational health and safety program.

The maximum level of financial support available to all recipients of this grant is \$12,000 per year. The maximum amount payable to any one recipient is \$12,000 (per fiscal year/total). Funds can be distributed to one organization or subdivided among a number of organizations.

The maximum duration of an agreement is one year. There will be no renewals, but applications may be made in consecutive years.

Who is eligible to qualify for this grant?

This grant is restricted to Canadian

- individuals,
- groups,
- organizations, or
- corporations

That produce a product or deliver a service for the federal jurisdiction, and support the Labour Program's priorities.

Eligibility

Applications for funding must clearly demonstrate that projects meet the following criteria:

- support the Labour Program's mandate;
- be national in scope;
- apply to the [federal jurisdiction](#); and
- relate to the writing of occupational health and safety standards.

This grant program is not intended for proposals that are:

- local in nature,
- fall outside the federal jurisdiction, or

- are for commercial benefit.

Social Development Partnership Program-Disabilities

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/sdpp/call/disability_component/2009_2012/overview.shtml

What is the purpose of the SDPP-D?

To increase the effectiveness of the not-for-profit sector in meeting the social development needs and aspirations of people with disabilities, the Disability component of the Social Development Partnerships Program supports innovative solutions to removing barriers through improved access to programs and services.

The SDPP-D uses grants and contributions to support activities that respond to the evolving needs of people with disabilities such as improving services, promoting accessibility or increasing an understanding of the situation of people with disabilities. The fund allows the Department to support not-for-profit organizations' efforts that identify and test best practices and innovative tools, gather information and create knowledge and on trends and concerns that affect Canadians, foster networks, improve coherence and national coverage of issues while responding to local needs and conditions for program and service improvements, and improve the quality and responsiveness of the Government's social policies and programs.

Overview:

The Disability component of the Social Development Partnership Program (SDPP-D) provides \$11 million per year in grants and contributions to help ensure that people with disabilities benefit from the same quality of life as all Canadians. The Program supports innovative ways of removing barriers through improved access to programs and services and encourages a wide range of community-based initiatives to address social issues and barriers that people with disabilities face.

SDPP-D provides funding through grants and contributions to the not-for-profit sector for projects that meet the social development needs and aspirations of people with disabilities.

To promote the voice of people with disabilities, **grants** are provided to national disability organizations to:

- assist in building their capacity,
- increase their effectiveness, and/or
- encourage their viability as critical partners in furthering the disability agenda at the national level.

SDPP-D also provides **contribution funding** to not-for-profit organizations through: [Social Development Projects](#), [Accommodation Projects](#), and the [Community Inclusion Initiative \(CII\)](#).

Social Development Partnerships – Children and Families

By providing funding to not-for-profit organizations, the Social Development Partnerships Program (SDPP) helps to improve the lives of children and families, people with disabilities and other vulnerable Canadians.

The Program invests in organizations that support the well-being of Canadians – from developing a better understanding of the issues Canadians face, to providing greater access to information, programs and services. For example, organizations carry out projects to help families taking care of elderly parents while raising children; to help youth who are at-risk of dropping out of high school, and to increase participation, opportunities and accessibility for people with disabilities.

There are two funding components:

- Children and Families, and
- [Disability](#)

In addition, the SDPP provides funding for early childhood development in official language minority communities.

The Children and Families component of the SDPP invites not-for-profit organizations to apply for funding through calls for proposals. Each call for proposals has specific eligibility criteria, funding priorities and funding levels.

Organizations may apply for funding only when a call for proposals is open.

Call for Proposals – SDPP – Children and Families

The call is now closed. We are not accepting applications at this time.

Future call for proposals: date to be announced

The following information may help you prepare for the next call for proposals. Note that each call for proposals has specific eligibility criteria, funding priorities and funding levels.

- [Social Development Partnerships Program Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Policy on Transfer Payments](#)
- [Financial Administration Act](#)
- [Access to Information Act](#)
- [Privacy Act](#)
- [Treasury Board Travel Policies and Directives](#)

Approved Projects

- [Approved Projects - Call for Proposals 2009](#)

HRSDC funding opportunities

For information about other HRSDC funding opportunities, see [Funding Programs](#).

Contact us

The Social Development Partnerships Program is administered by the [Community Development and Partnerships Directorate](#)

Contact: [Community Development and Partnerships Directorate](#)

[< - Community Partnerships main page](#)

Wage Earner Protection Program

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/labour/employment_standards/wepp/about.shtml

What is the WEPP?

If you are an employee legally entitled to work in Canada, you have certain protections under the *Wage Earner Protection Program (WEPP) Act* concerning payment of your wages, vacation, severance and termination pay if your employer becomes bankrupt or subject to a receivership under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. This section provides you with detailed information about those rights and the steps you can take to recover outstanding wages.

Expanding coverage of the WEPP to include severance and termination pay will provide increased financial support to Canadians when they are not paid what they earned because their employer has gone bankrupt. The inclusion of severance and termination pay means more Canadian workers will qualify for WEPP support and will also allow higher average monetary claims.

The expanded WEPP coverage applies to employees whose employer went bankrupt or entered into receivership on, or after, January 27, 2009.

The Wage Earner Protection Program provides guaranteed and timely payment of wages, vacation, severance and termination pay that are owed to eligible workers, up to an amount equalling four weeks' of maximum insurable earnings under the *Employment Insurance (EI) Act* (currently about \$3,323).

Individuals whose employment is terminated as a result of a bankruptcy or receivership will need to file a proof of claim with the trustee or receiver as soon as possible. Employees' claims are reduced by any amount paid to them by a trustee or receiver and are subject to a reduction (offset) in the amount of 6.82% prescribed by the WEPP Regulations.

Who is eligible to qualify for this program?

You may apply if:

- your employment has ended;
- your former employer has filed for bankruptcy or is subject to a receivership;
- you are owed wages, vacation pay, termination or severance pay from the former employer; and
- amounts were earned during the six months immediately before the date of the bankruptcy/receivership or, in the case of termination or severance pay, your employment was terminated in the six-month period ending on the date of bankruptcy or receivership.

You are generally **not eligible** if, during the period for which you are owed wages, you:

- were an officer or a director of the former employer;
- had a controlling interest in the business of the former employer;
- were a manager whose responsibilities included making binding financial decisions impacting the business of your former employer, and/or making binding decisions on the payment or non payment of wages by your former employer; or
- were not dealing at arm's length with any of these persons.

In addition to establishing the Wage Earner Protection Program, the insolvency reform legislation enacted a new "limited super-priority" provision within the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (BIA) which puts unpaid wage claims ahead of secured creditors over the current assets of the bankrupt employer's estate, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per claim.

An individual who does not qualify for payment from the Wage Earner Protection Program may be able to pursue the wage claim through the limited super-priority and the existing preferred creditor status up to a \$2,000 cap.

You are encouraged to contact the trustee or receiver appointed to your employer's bankruptcy or receivership to obtain more information on pursuing a wage claim under the new limited super-priority provisions.

Subrogating my claim to the Government of Canada

When a worker applies for payment from the Wage Earner Protection Program, he or she automatically agrees to sign over his or her wage claim to the Government of Canada, up to the amount of the payment received from the Program.

The Government of Canada will undertake to recuperate amounts it paid under the Program from the estate of the bankrupt employer, when assets are distributed through the bankruptcy process.

Questions and Answers for Applicants to the WEPP

1. What is the Wage Earner Protection Program (WEPP)?

The Wage Earner Protection Program (WEPP) is a new Government of Canada program that provides timely payment of eligible wages for workers whose employer declared bankruptcy or became subject to a receivership.

2. Who is eligible for the WEPP?

Any worker who is legally entitled to work in Canada and meets all of the following criteria can apply if:

- his/her employment has ended;
- his/her former employer has filed for bankruptcy or is subject to a receivership;
- he/she is owed eligible wages by the former employer.

Workers are generally **not eligible** to receive a payment in respect of any wages earned during, or that otherwise relate to, a period in which the individual:

- was an officer or a director of the former employer;
- had a controlling interest in the business of the former employer;
- was a manager whose responsibilities included making binding financial decisions impacting the business of your former employer, and/or making binding decisions on the payment or non payment of wages by your former employer; or
- was not dealing at arm's length with any of these persons.

3. What are eligible wages?

The following amounts are considered eligible wages under the WEPP:

- Salaries, commissions, compensation for services rendered, vacation pay, gratuities accounted for by the employer, disbursements of a travelling salesperson properly incurred in and about the business of the former employer , production bonuses and shift premiums that were earned during the six-month period preceding the bankruptcy or receivership; and
- Severance pay and termination pay that relate to employment that ended in the six months preceding the bankruptcy or receivership.

4. How do I apply?

The bankruptcy trustee or receiver will provide you with information on the Program.

- You should file a proof of claim with the trustee or receiver as soon as possible. A proof of claim is a written statement that you submit to prove your claim. The trustee or receiver can help you complete the proof of claim form.
- The trustee or receiver will send documentation on what you are owed to both you and Service Canada.
- You must then apply for payment online, or in person to Service Canada.

5. Will I need to provide additional/supporting documents along with the application form?

No. Before you apply you should receive a copy of the information the trustee or receiver has provided to Service Canada regarding the amounts that are owed to you. This trustee form can assist you in completing your application form. However, you will

have to submit the *WEPP Supplementary Form – Additional Information Regarding Your Relationship to Your Employer* if you are related to decision-makers in the business.

6. What role do the trustees and receivers have in the Program?

Trustees and receivers have the responsibility to:

- Identify workers who are owed eligible wages;
- Determine the amounts owed to workers;
- Inform workers of the existence of the WEPP;
- Provide Service Canada and applicants with information necessary to establish eligibility for payment.

7. Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications must be submitted to Service Canada within 56 days of the date of bankruptcy or receivership. If there is good cause for missing this deadline, a written explanation for the delay must be provided.

8. How much will I receive?

The maximum amount you can receive under the Program is \$3,323 or the equivalent of four weeks maximum insurable earnings under the Employment Insurance Program. Your compensation will correspond to the unpaid eligible wages owed to you up to the maximum. Amounts that reflect the source deductions that would normally have been applied to your pay and amounts received after the date of the bankruptcy or receivership by virtue of your rights in respect of the eligible wages will be subtracted from your payment.

9. When will I receive my payment?

You can expect your application to be processed and your payment to be issued shortly after we have received your completed application along with the trustee/receiver information form. A complete application will assist with timely processing of your application.

You have the choice between receiving a direct deposit payment and having a cheque mailed to the address that you indicated on your application form.

10. Who do I contact for more information on the status of my application and on the Wage Earner Protection Program?

If you have any questions on the Wage Earner Protection Program and/or problems related to your application, please call the Service Canada dedicated information line at 1-866-683-6516 (TTY 1-800-926-9105). You will need to provide your Social Insurance

Number to the agent when inquiring about the status of your application. You can also **visit the Service Canada Web site.**

Further Information:

Further information about the Wage Earner Protection Program can be found at the Service Canada website, <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/wepp/index.shtml>.

New Horizons for Seniors

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml

By providing funding to non-profit and other organizations, the New Horizons for Seniors Program helps to ensure that seniors can benefit from, and contribute to, the quality of life in their communities, through active living and participation in social activities.

The Program funds projects that help improve the quality of life for seniors and their communities – from enabling seniors to share their knowledge, wisdom and experiences with others, to improving facilities for seniors' programs and activities, to raising awareness of elder abuse.

There are three kinds of funding: Community Participation and Leadership, Capital Assistance, and Elder Abuse Awareness.

For more information on the federal government's actions on seniors' issues, please visit Seniors Canada.

Organizations are invited to apply for funding through Calls for Proposals.