

WHO is the program for?

Even if the requests come from recreational organizations and municipalities, this program is dedicated to people with disabilities as here under defined.

« A person limited in the performance of normal activities who is suffering significantly and permanently, from a physical or mental deficiency, or who regularly uses a prosthesis or an orthopedic device or any other means of palliating his/her handicap » Act to secure the handicapped in the exercise of their rights (R.S.Q.,c. E-20.1).

WHO can apply?

To be eligible for this program, the organization must be:

- A municipality, a band council or a northern village.
- A private, legally constituted non-profit organization with a recognized mission to provide recreational services.
- A legally constituted non-profit vacation camp with an operating license issued by Tourism Quebec.

WHAT recreational activities are accepted?

Recreational activities refer to:

- Relaxation, creative, personal development, training or proficiency training activities undertaken during a person's free time

Excluding:

- Work-related, educational, religious, family, babysitting, adaptation or rehabilitation activities.

Therefore recreational activities include:

- Cultural, scientific, technological, socio-educational, community, tourist, outdoor, physical and sporting activities.

OBJECTIVES

The program's objectives are to facilitate access to recreational and sporting activities for people with disabilities who need the services of a companion to take part in these activities.

Therefore, the 1st Component of the Companion Program will provide financial assistance to recreational organizations and municipalities who want to hire companions to help people with disabilities to take part in recreational and sporting activities.

This program is managed by the *SECRETARIAT AU LOISIR ET AU SPORT*, in partnership with the network of the Regional Association of Recreation for Disabled Persons. (*ARLPH*)



HOW to apply?

If you are the parent of a child with a disability, you are a person with a disability, or someone within the field, and you are wondering how to proceed, here are the components.

1st Component

You may apply for the 1st Component of this program by:

- Identifying the organization and the activities the person wishes to attend
- Contacting this organization

If the organization does not know about the "companion program"

First you provide the address and telephone number of AlterGo (ARLPHIM), in order for them to get the application form. **Then you can proceed with the next steps.**

IF THE ORGANIZATION KNOWS ABOUT THE "COMPANION PROGRAM"

You will have to complete the application form together with the organization, specifying limitations and specific needs of the person with a disability.

The organization will forward the application for financial assistance to AlterGo (Regional Association of Recreation for Disabled Persons).

IMPORTANT

The organization must send the completed form to AlterGo **by March 22, 2002.**

2nd Component

In certain specific cases in which the person cannot be served by eligible organizations under the 1st Component of the program, the Government can provide the person with direct financial assistance to help pay for the costs of the companion.

Only those who have received financial assistance in 2001-2002 under this 2nd component program, will be eligible for such financial assistance in 2002-2003 and may apply.

IMPORTANT

The application deadline is **March 22, 2002**

Other Aspects

The eligible recreational activities must take place in the province of Quebec between June 1st of this year and March 31st of next year.

Applications for financial assistance will be assessed by the Regional Committee according to established criteria and the budget available.

Subject to funding approval by the CONSEIL DU TRÉSOR

For further information

You may obtain more details about this program by contacting AlterGo (Regional Association of Recreation for Disabled Persons) at (514) 933-2739, ext. 223.



Program of FACILITATED ACCESS to recreation for PEOPLE WITH disabilities

(Companion Program)

