

Workplace accessibility funding available to SMEs

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See below or visit: <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/workplace.shtml>

Employment and Social Development Canada launched a call for proposals on August 6, under the workplace accessibility stream of the Enabling Accessibility Fund.

Small businesses* can apply to receive up to \$50,000 in grant funding for projects that help to create or maintain job opportunities for people with disabilities through improvements to accessibility in the workplace. Projects may include:

- construction, renovation or retrofit of workplaces in which job opportunities could be created or maintained specifically for people with disabilities; and
- the installation of assistive technologies for work use.

If you are an employer who has hired or is thinking about hiring people with disabilities, you are encouraged to apply for a grant by October 1, 2014.

* Note that an eligible Small Business is defined as: A for-profit organization from the private-sector with fewer than 50 **full-time equivalent employees** and that generates less than \$5 million in gross revenue per year.