

## STATEMENT

### New Investment Strengthens Stability for Developmental Services Sector

*Community Living Toronto's Response to 2026-2027 Ontario Budget*

**Toronto, ON, March 27, 2026:** Yesterday, the Government of Ontario tabled its 2026-2027 Budget, “**A Plan to Protect Ontario**”

#### Key Points of the Budget Include:

- **\$210B capital plan** over 10 years to build highways, hospitals, transit, and community infrastructure, including **\$37B in 2026–2027**
- **Up to \$130,000 in HST relief** for new homebuyers, alongside **\$2.2B in joint federal-provincial housing tax relief**
- **\$1.1B in small business tax relief** over three years by cutting the small business Corporate Income Tax (CIT) rate from **3.2% to 2.2%**
- Major investments in services, including **nearly \$186M in new funding for autism services, \$3.4B for primary care, and \$64B in health infrastructure** over the next decade

Community Living Toronto (CLTO) is especially thankful for the government's commitment to an additional **\$407M** over three years to help community organizations, including agencies strengthening supports for individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as for survivors of gender-based violence or human trafficking, manage rising operational costs and continue delivering vital services to people who need them. We understand that this will represent a **3 per cent increase** to base funding for Developmental Services Transfer Payment Agencies across Ontario, including Community Living Toronto. This investment directly reflects the advocacy priorities the sector has advanced for several years and represents a critical step toward stabilising services for people with developmental disabilities for years to come.

Increases to base funding was a key ask in CLTO's Pre-Budget Submission to the Government and represents a renewed recognition that people with developmental disabilities deserve stable supports, and opportunities to thrive in their communities.

*“This investment is truly historic for our sector. This is the third major commitment from the Ford Government since 2018, representing significant progress and will bring much-needed stability to a sector that has faced long-standing challenges. This momentum will translate into stronger supports, enabling children, adults, and families across Toronto to participate fully in community life, access meaningful activities, and deepen their sense of belonging,”* said **Brad Saunders, CEO of Community Living Toronto.**

Investing in developmental services strengthens Ontario's broader social infrastructure, reducing pressure on hospitals, long-term care, shelters, and emergency systems while improving quality of life for thousands of individuals and families. This Budget reflects that.

On behalf of the people and families we support, Community Living Toronto extends our sincere thanks and appreciation to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa and their staff for their continued leadership and support for the sector.

We remain committed to working with the Government to build on these investments and continue supporting Ontario's commitment to a more caring and inclusive province, with direct benefits for thousands of individuals, their families, and the dedicated staff who support them.

**Click here to read the full budget: [“A Plan to Protect Ontario”](#)**

**The Ministry of Finance 2026 Budget Page can be found here: [2026 Ontario Budget | A Plan to Protect Ontario](#)**

### **About Community Living Toronto**

Community Living Toronto has long been a source of support for people with an intellectual disability and their families. Community Living Toronto offers a wide range of services including respite, person-directed planning, employment supports, supported living, and community-based activities.

Community Living Toronto is proud to support over 4,000 individuals and their families in more than 80 locations across Toronto. The “community living movement” began with families who wanted their children to live in the community, rather than institutions. Today, Community Living Toronto continues to advocate for inclusive communities and support the rights and choices of people with an intellectual disability.

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