








Canadian AIRS Needs Categories







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	Arts, Culture & Recreation	Leisure activities, recreation, arts clubs and camps, sporting activities
	Citizenship & Immigration	Citizenship programs, programs for immigrants and refugees, language interpreter programs
	Community Support & Services	Material goods; discount buying programs; furniture; office equipment and supplies; adult, baby, school, maternity and children's clothing; diapers; shoes; winter clothing; food preparation facilities; computer repair.
	Consumer Services	Unsolicited advertising opt out assistance; consumer complaints of all kinds; Government complaints/Government Ombudsman offices; Child Care Provider Licensing; school accreditation; adoption records; automobile insurance; records/licences/permits
	Disaster Services	Disaster information and recovery services, disaster related shelters, search and rescue
	Education	Educational institutions and schools, adult and youth literacy programs, language programs, adult high school diploma programs
	Employment	Job assistance centres, employment counselling, job retraining, youth employment programs, older worker employment programs

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	Food & Meals	Emergency food; food banks; formula/baby food; crop disaster aid programs; community gardening; low cost meals; home delivered meals; school breakfasts/lunches
	Health Care	Diagnostic services, disease control and prevention, health inspections, health related support groups, general and specialized health care services
	Housing	Crisis, emergency, domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual assault, youth, homeless drop in and hot and cold weather shelters; accessible home construction; energy and water conservation improvements; residential lift equipment; low cost building supplies and materials; tenant readiness education programs; housing expense assistance; public housing; boarding houses; supportive housing
	Income Support & Financial Assistance	Money management programs, public assistance programs, child care expense assistance, social assistance disability programs, health insurance, temporary financial assistance
	Individual, Family	Individual and family support services, child care services, mentoring programs, home repair programs, parenting education, support groups
	Information Services	Comprehensive and specialized information referral services, public access computer and internet sites, information lines, libraries, directories, statistics programs
	Legal & Public Safety Services	Courts, family law, diversion programs, correctional facilities, law enforcement agencies, crime prevention, crime reporting, crime victim support, legal education and information
	Mental Health & Addictions	Mental health and dependencies support groups, counselling and therapy, mental health care facilities, crisis intervention hotlines, mental health evaluation and treatment

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	Other Government / Economic Services	Tax organizations, tax preparation assistance, tax information, banking and financial services, government representatives (federal, provincial and municipal), community planning and public works
	Transportation	Ride sharing programs; truck rentals; senior centre bus services; disability related transportation; medical appointments transportation; gas money; train and taxi fares; local transit passes.
	Utility Assistance	Discounted utility services; large print utility bills; utility bill payment plan negotiation assistance; gas, telephone maintenance/repair.
	Volunteers / Donations	Volunteer training and development, volunteer opportunities, donor services, donation drop-off and pick up services

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