

☐ **How to Get Reimbursed for the Safe Space *Series* Using Autism Funding**

☐ **We know navigating funding systems can feel like trying to decode a secret language. So we've done the heavy lifting to help you get reimbursed for your *Safe Space Series* — no guesswork, no stress.**

This guide breaks it down **province by province**, showing you what to say, what to submit, and how to get your book covered using existing autism funding programs across Canada.

But here's the thing:

- ☐ **Funding rules change.**
- ☐ **Some provinces are more flexible than others.**
- ☐ And sometimes, **parents like you find brilliant workarounds.**

If you've:

- Found a better, faster, or easier way to get reimbursed
- Had trouble with one of the steps
- Know a trick we missed

We want to hear from you.

- ☐ **Email us**
- ☐ **DM us on Instagram or Facebook**
- ☐ We'll update this guide to keep it as useful, accurate, and parent-powered as possible.

Let's make the system work *for* us, not the other way around.

☐ **British Columbia**

Step 1: Purchase the Book

Buy your copy of the *Safe Space Series* from us at www.nocureneeded.com .

Step 2: Get Approval / Use a JFE (if required)

If needed by your funding agreement, submit a **Justification for Equipment (JFE)** form ahead of purchasing.

Make sure your funding program allows “equipment / supplies / materials” in your funding category.

Step 3: Connect the Book to Learning

Write a short justification (1–2 sentences) explaining how this book is educational or supports your child's development.

Example:

“This book supports my child’s communication and emotional understanding by giving them relatable narratives they can learn from.”

Step 4: Fill Out the Reimbursement Form (CF0926 or equivalent)

Complete the “Reimbursement for Autism Expenses” form, using your child’s details.

Attach:

- your purchase receipt (with date, store, amount, proof of payment)
- a copy of your approved JFE (if required)
- your short explanation (your justification)

Submit within **six months** of purchase.

Step 5: Submit & Wait for Approval

Upload your form via My Family Services or send by mail, email, or fax.

The Autism Funding team will compare your purchase to the JFE approval. If all matches, they’ll reimburse.

If any questions, contact the Autism Funding Unit.

☐ **Ontario**

Step 1: Ensure OAP Registration

Make sure your child is enrolled in the **Ontario Autism Program (OAP)**.

Step 2: Confirm Coverage of Educational / Material Supports

Check whether your OAP plan allows “program materials, equipment, curriculum-based interventions, or supports” as eligible expenses. ATAMIC Therapy - Canada+2Ontario+2

If needed, get pre-approval or written confirmation.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your *Safe Space Series* from a vendor you trust.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Craft a short (1–2 sentence) explanation of how the book supports your child’s development (e.g. literacy, emotional growth, communication).

Step 5: Submit Your Expense Claim

Use the **Ontario Autism Program – Expense Form** or equivalent portal. Central Forms Repository
Attach:

- The receipt (with date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)
- Your justification
- Any approval or supporting documentation from Step 2

Step 6: Wait for Approval & Reimbursement

OAP will review your submission. If approved, you’ll receive reimbursement per your funding agreement.

☐ Alberta

(Note: Alberta does not have a dedicated “autism funding” program exactly like BC. Families often rely on disability / developmental supports.)

Step 1: Confirm Which Program Applies

Determine whether your child is covered under Alberta’s **Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)**, **Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD)**, or **AIDS to Daily Living / other disability supports**. Autism Alberta+1

Step 2: Check Eligibility for Educational Materials

Ask your program contact whether “books, educational supports, materials” may be claimed under your funding agreement.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your *Safe Space Series*.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Provide a 1–2 sentence note showing how the book helps your child in learning, communication, emotional skills, etc.

Step 5: Submit Reimbursement Request

Use your program’s claims process. Attach:

- The purchase receipt (date, amount, proof of payment)
- Justification statement
- Any supporting approval documentation

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement

The program will decide based on policy. If approved, you’ll be reimbursed under your funding terms.

☐ **Saskatchewan**

Step 1: Confirm Your Child’s Eligibility

Verify your child’s diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and ensure they qualify under Saskatchewan’s **ASD-IF (Individualized Funding)** program.

Step 2: Review Program Rules for Eligible Expenses

Check whether “educational materials, books, supplies” are included in the program’s **List of Eligible Services & Expenses**. (Books may or may not be accepted.)

Also confirm whether purchases outside Saskatchewan are permitted.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your copy of the *Safe Space Series* from a vendor that aligns with program rules.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Include a brief 1–2 sentence note explaining how the book supports your child’s development (communication, literacy, emotional skills, etc.)

Step 5: Submit the Expense Claim

Log into the ASD-IF client portal on saskatchewan.ca/autism to submit your expense. Attach:

- The receipt (with date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)
- Your justification statement

Submit expenses any time during your benefit year, up to the last day. Pubsask Dev

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement

The program will evaluate your submission against the eligible-expense list. If approved, you’ll receive reimbursement for the cost under your annual funding cap (up to \$8,000 for <6, up to \$6,000 for 6–11).

Manitoba

Step 1: Confirm Enrollment in Disability / Autism Support Program

Make sure your child is part of **Children’s disABILITY Services** or another Manitoba disability support program.

Step 2: Check if Educational Materials Are Allowed

Ask your caseworker whether books, learning materials, or educational supports are eligible as “supplies / equipment / accessibility materials” under your agreement.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your *Safe Space Series* copy in alignment with any vendor restrictions.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Include a short (1–2 sentence) explanation of how the book helps your child’s development (communication, literacy, emotional skills, etc.)

Step 5: Submit Your Claim

Use the process designated by your program (via your caseworker or online portal). Attach:

- The original receipt (date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)

- Your justification statement
- Any pre-approval or documentation confirming “educational material” eligibility

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement

The disability support office will evaluate whether your book is accepted under program policy. If approved, you get reimbursed accordingly.

☐ **Quebec**

Step 1: Confirm Your Eligibility

Make sure your child is enrolled in one of Quebec’s recognized disability support programs — such as the **Family Support Program**, the **Supplement for Handicapped Children**, or through the **Office des personnes handicapées**.

Step 2: Check If Educational Materials Are Covered

Contact your program representative or caseworker and ask if “educational materials” or “therapeutic books” like the *Safe Space Series* are eligible for reimbursement.

Ask for written confirmation or pre-approval, if possible.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your copy of the *Safe Space Series* from your preferred vendor.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Include a short explanation (1–2 sentences) of how this book supports your child’s development. For example:

“This book helps my child build emotional regulation and communication skills through relatable characters and calming narratives.”

Step 5: Submit Your Claim

Submit your reimbursement request through your program’s process. Include:

- Your purchase receipt (with date, vendor, amount, and proof of payment)
- Your justification statement
- Any approval or documentation you received in Step 2

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement

Your request will be reviewed based on program criteria. If eligible, the cost will be reimbursed directly to you.

Optional Backup Plan:

If your program doesn't cover the cost, you may be able to claim it under the **Disability Supports Deduction (TP-358.0.1-V)** when you file your taxes in Quebec. Check with your accountant or visit Revenu Québec for details.

☐ **Nova Scotia**

Step 1: Confirm Enrollment in NS Disability Support Program

Ensure your child is registered in Nova Scotia's **Disability Support Program (DSP)** or an equivalent support service.

Step 2: Ask About Educational / Learning Materials Eligibility

Contact your DSP caseworker and ask if "books, educational aids, therapeutic reading materials" are considered allowable "special needs / supports." If possible, get a written confirmation.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your *Safe Space Series* from a vendor that DSP will accept under its rules.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Write a short (1–2 sentence) explanation of how the book supports your child's learning, communication, emotional regulation, or social skills.

Step 5: Submit the Claim

Use the DSP's funding or special needs claim process. Attach:

- The purchase receipt (date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)
- Your justification statement
- Any approval or documentation from Step 2

Step 6: Wait for Review & Decision

The DSP office will assess whether your book qualifies under "special needs / supports." If approved, you'll be reimbursed or funded per DSP terms.

☐ **Newfoundland & Labrador**

Step 1: Confirm Support Program / Grant Eligibility

Determine whether your child qualifies under NL's Services & Equipment Grant, or other provincial disability / student-disability supports.

Step 2: Check Whether Books / Educational Materials Are Covered

Ask the program (or education department) whether "reading materials, therapeutic books, educational aids" can be claimed under the grant or supports program.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy the *Safe Space Series*.

Step 4: Write a Justification

One to two sentences explaining how the book aids your child's development (communication, emotional understanding, literacy).

Step 5: Submit Your Request / Grant Application

Use the application process for the Services & Equipment Grant (or equivalent). Attach:

- Original receipt (date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)
- Justification statement
- Any pre-approval or documentation confirming eligibility

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement / Grant Payment

The grant / support office will review your application. If accepted, funds will be disbursed per program rules.

☐ **New Brunswick**

Step 1: Confirm Your Child's Status in Disability / Family Support Programs

Ensure your child is covered under **Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)** or another relevant NB disability support program.

Step 2: Ask Whether Educational Materials / Books Are Eligible

Contact your FSCD caseworker or provincial disability office and ask if "books, learning aids, therapeutic reading materials" qualify as part of "extraordinary care" or supports. Request written confirmation if possible.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy the *Safe Space Series* from a vendor acceptable under your province's rules.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Include 1–2 sentences explaining how the book supports your child's development (communication, literacy, emotional growth).

Step 5: Submit Your Claim / Support Request

Use NB's support program processes (FSCD / disability support) to submit the claim. Attach:

- Original receipt (date, vendor, amount, proof of payment)
- The justification statement
- Any approval or documentation from Step 2

Step 6: Wait for Review & Reimbursement

Your request will be assessed by NB's disability program. If approved, the cost may be reimbursed under your funding agreement.

☐ **Prince Edward Island**

Step 1: Confirm Eligibility Under PEI Autism / Disability Supports

Make sure your child is registered under PEI's **Autism Funding / AccessAbility Supports** or relevant support services. Government of Prince Edward Island

Step 2: Ask Whether Books / Educational Materials Are Covered

Check with the program whether "therapeutic books, educational materials" are allowable in your plan or under funding guidelines. Get it in writing if possible.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your *Safe Space Series*.

Step 4: Write a Justification

One to two sentences explaining how the book supports your child's development (e.g. social skills, literacy, emotional regulation).

Step 5: Submit the Claim / Request

Use PEI's autism or disability support application or funding portal. Attach:

- The receipt (with date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)
- The justification statement
- Any eligibility or approval confirmations

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement

Your request will be reviewed according to program rules. If accepted, reimbursement or grant support will be applied.

Note: PEI's autism funding programs focus currently on supports like assistants, tutors, etc. (not explicitly general educational materials).

☐ **Yukon**

Step 1: Confirm Your Child's Enrollment in Yukon Disability / Child Support Programs

Make sure your child is recognized under **Children's Disability Services** or **Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)** in Yukon.

Step 2: Ask Whether Educational / Therapeutic Books Are Eligible

Speak with your caseworker or program contact and ask whether "reading materials, therapeutic books, educational aids" qualify as reimbursable "supports / supplies." If possible, get written confirmation.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy your *Safe Space Series* from a vendor acceptable to the program.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Include a short (1–2 sentence) statement explaining how the book helps your child's development (communication, emotional regulation, literacy).

Step 5: Submit Your Reimbursement Request

Use the process designated by Children's Disability Services / FSCD. Attach:

- The original receipt (date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)
- Your justification statement
- Any written confirmation from Step 2

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement

The program will evaluate your claim against its allowable supports. If accepted, you may receive reimbursement under program terms.

☐ **Northwest Territories**

Step 1: Confirm Program Enrollment & Eligibility

Confirm if your child or young adult is covered under a disability support program (e.g. the Learning Support Fund, Extended Health Benefits, or other disability / student support in NWT).

Step 2: Verify Whether Books / Educational Supports Are Allowed

Ask your program whether “therapeutic books, educational materials, supplies” are part of allowed supports under your funding plan.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Acquire your *Safe Space Series* from a recognized vendor.

Step 4: Write a Justification

One to two sentences explaining how this book benefits your child’s development (communication, literacy, emotional regulation etc.).

Step 5: Submit the Claim

Through the program’s claims portal or office, submit:

- Receipt (date, vendor, cost, proof of payment)
- Justification
- Any program approval or documentation confirming eligibility

Step 6: Await Review & Reimbursement

Your program office will review your claim. If it meets their guidelines, they'll provide reimbursement under their rules.

☐ **Nunavut**

Step 1: Confirm Eligibility under Nunavut Support Programs

Check whether your child qualifies under disability / student support in Nunavut (such as the **Disability Grant via FANS** or NDMS programs).

Step 2: Verify Educational Material / Book Eligibility

Ask if “therapeutic / educational books” are allowed under your grant or disability program. Get a confirmation if possible.

Step 3: Purchase the Book

Buy the *Safe Space Series*.

Step 4: Write a Justification

Write a 1–2 sentence note explaining how this book supports your child’s learning, emotional growth, or communication skills.

Step 5: Submit the Claim / Grant Application

Use the program’s application or claims process. Provide:

- The original receipt (date, vendor, amount, proof of payment)
- The justification statement
- Any approval / eligibility confirmation

Step 6: Await Review & Decision

If your application qualifies under program guidelines, you may receive full or partial reimbursement.