

Financial Assistance Program 2026

Submit projects from August 25th to October 19th, 2025

PARTNER OF THE

OUTDOOR EDUCATION SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Québec **



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GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP)

- Support creativity and innovation in sustainable development education.
- Foster environmental and social engagement among youth.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION SUPPORT STREAM

- Support projects and activities related to outdoor education.
- Support innovation in outdoor education and the implementation of major projects.

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POTENTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This initiative has a total budget of \$20,000. Financial assistance between \$200 and \$500 is available, depending on your needs.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROJECT

<u>Visit our website</u> for all the necessary information and to complete the online form.



KEY DATES

AUGUST 25, 2025

Program launch.

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Deadline to submit a project.

DECEMBER 2025

Applicant institutions notified of accepted projects

OCTOBER 20, 2026

Deadline to submit final project report with three copyright-free photos.

PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This financial assistance may cover up to 100% of eligible project expenses.

50% of the funding will be provided upon acceptance of the project and signature of the agreement by your institution's management. The remaining 50% will be paid following the submission of the final report and a minimum of three copyright-free, high-quality photos files. These photos and quotations from the final report will be used for promotional purposes.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

INSTITUTIONS

- Early childhood centre, preschool
- Primary and elementary school
- High school
- Adult education general adult education

- Vocational training
- Cégep
- University faculty
- School board

*Any institution wishing to submit a project to the FAP must be a member of Mouvement ACTES. **Membership is** free and available to most public institutions in Quebec. Visit the Mouvement ACTES website for more information: https://actes.lacsq.org/

PROJECTS

- must be approved by institution management
- must be under the responsibility of a staff member of the institution

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS

- Identification guides and teaching materials
- Observation and experimentation equipment (magnifiers, gloves, tweezers, binoculars, rain gauges, scales, herbariums, etc.)
- Foam mats, tarps, tents
- Storage bins, backpacks
- Rain suits and boots
- Outdoor bulletin boards and chalkboards

EXAMPLES OF INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Hardware (screws, nails, hammers)
- Staff release time, transportation costs
- Large outdoor furniture items (picnic tables, benches, sun shelters, etc.)
- Purchase of furniture

PROJECT ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

All things being equal, priority for funding will be given to projects submitted by institutions that have never benefited from the FAP.

- **1. Educational activities:** Describe the project's pedagogical activities and its targeted areas of learning for the students.
- **2. Use of materials:** How often will the materials be used and how many young people will they serve?
- **3. Suitability of the materials:** How do the materials requested contribute to the project by meeting one of the following objectives: getting outside more often, spending longer periods of time outside, encouraging a connection with nature, promoting connection with the community?
- **4. Integration of environmental and social dimensions:** How does your project promote environmental or social actions or behaviour, by integrating values such as solidarity, ecology, democracy, and peace?
- **5. Relevance of the project:** How does the project deliver innovative and needs-based outdoor education for your community?

Need some inspiration?

Examples of projects in the Outdoor Education Support initiative

École internationale de Saint-Sacrement, Capitale-Nationale

One hour-long outing per week with preschool students for outdoor school days.



Activities to learn about elements of nature collected by the children in the forest.



École Curé-Chamberland, Trois-Rivières

An introduction to snowshoeing to motivate students to adopt an active lifestyle.

Centre de services scolaire de Charlevoix, Baie-Saint-Paul

Introduction to ice fishing and fish biology.



Examples of projects in this initiative are available on our website. Use these ideas for inspiration and put your own spin on a project!



