

Financial Assistance Program 2026

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

PARTNER OF THE

SOCIAL COHESION INITIATIVE





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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 SOCIAL COHESION INITIATIVE

- Encourage projects that develop inclusive living environments and promote social cohesion within the school and/or community.
- Work to combat discrimination and support the deconstruction of prejudice.
- Educate young people on the importance of developing solidarity.

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POTENTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This initiative has a total budget of \$5,000. 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 INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Purchase of school supplies or furniture
- Staff training or release time
- School trips not related to the thematic Initiative
- Increased fundraising results

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 Social Cohesion initiative

École de la Source, Varennes

Preparation of several soup recipes to give to the organization "Action bénévole Varennes." École Polyvalente des Îles, L'Étang-du-Nord

Organization of a German Christmas market to learn about German culinary specialities.



Centre François-Michelle, Montréal

Production of two podcasts on the impact of sports and the arts for youth with intellectual disabilities.

École Jacques-Cartier, Sept-Îles

Organization of cultural workshops in partnership with the organization Alpha-Lira to teach students about their countries of origin.



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



