Fondation Monique-Fitz-Back

Financial Assistance Program 2027

Submit projects from August 25th to October 6th, 2026

PARTNER OF THE

OUTDOOR EDUCATION SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Fonds Guèvremont-Pélissier

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.

POTENTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This initiative has a total budget of $30,000. Financial assistance is 500 $ per project.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROJECT

Visit our website for all the necessary information and to complete the online form.



KEY DATES

AUGUST 25, 2026
Program launch.

OCTOBER 6, 2026
Deadline to submit a project.

JANUARY 2027
Applicant institutions notified of accepted projects

OCTOBER 20, 2027
Deadline to submit final project report with three copyright-free photos.

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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 scholar 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. Schools with an unfinished project, without a valid justification, may be denied further financial support for a period of up to three consecutive years.

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

Centre de services scolaire de la Riveraine, Nicolet, Centre-du-Québec

Weekly one-hour outdoor classes to support language development of preschool students.

École Du Harfang-Des-Neiges, Stoneham-et-Tewkesbury, Capitale-Nationale

Production of a video documentary showcasing students' outdoor learning experience.





École primaire Saint-Félix, Saint-Félix-d'Otis, Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean

Introduction to citizen science through local water quality monitoring.

École de l'Ancrage, Québec, Capitale-Nationale

Weekly nature classes held with Grade 1 students in a wooded area located near the school.





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

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