

Deadlines for submitting projects

Every year, calls for proposals will be initiated with respect to the priorities in the St. Lawrence Plan. Be sure to visit the St. Lawrence Plan web site for information on solicitations under way.



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Application for funding

To submit an application for funding, please read the *Project Submission Guide* and fill out the unsolicited proposal form or the one for solicited proposals, as appropriate. These documents are available on the St. Lawrence Plan web site.

To determine whether your project meets the program's eligibility criteria, it is recommended that you contact a project officer.

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Community Interaction Program

Financial and technical assistance program promoting community projects related to the St. Lawrence ecosystem

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The program

Over the years, more and more communities have joined forces to protect and enhance the various resources and uses of the St. Lawrence River. This is a clear indication of the importance that citizens attach to the environment in which they live.

The government partners of the *St. Lawrence Plan for a Sustainable Development 2005–2010* provide communities with financial, scientific and technical support to carry out their various initiatives.

It is in this context that Environment Canada and the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec support the *Community Interaction Program*.

The program's main objectives are to:

- enhance the St. Lawrence ecosystem;
- prioritize the implementation of community projects addressing major regional issues;
- foster close partnerships among stakeholders and riverside communities to implement the projects.



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Eligible projects

Target clientele

Any not-for-profit, non-governmental organization that has been legally constituted for at least one year and that is headquartered in Québec.

Area

The target area is defined by the [St. Lawrence River](#), by which we mean the water, bed, shores, coastline, wetlands, barachois, islands, archipelagos and fluvial lakes from the Ontario border right to the Gulf.

More specifically, this means the area between Cornwall and Gaspé on the South shore, including the Québec portion of Chaleur Bay, the Magdalen Islands, and the area between Carillon and Blanc Sablon on the North shore, including Anticosti Island and the Saguenay River.

The area also includes sections of tributaries that are critical to the life cycle of aquatic species in the St. Lawrence. Initiatives carried out in these tributary sections must be directly related to the targeted species.



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ELIGIBLE COMPONENTS

Public awareness projects arising from a specific environmental issue, that target a particular group in the community and lead to concrete short-term actions.

As part of the project, behavioural changes must be monitored.

Study projects pertaining to a specific environmental issue for identifying concrete action to be taken in the field.

Study/action projects pertaining to a specific environmental issue for identifying concrete action to be taken in the field, followed by implementation of the appropriate actions.

Development projects seeking to promote the return to uses of the St. Lawrence in a conservation and protection context.

Restoration projects arising from a specific environmental issue directly related to the St. Lawrence.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

- 📄 Symposium
- 📄 Training workshop
- 📄 Discussion table
- 📄 Awareness-raising activity

- 📄 Characterization study
- 📄 Feasibility study
- 📄 Preparation of an enhancement plan

- 📄 Feasibility study accompanied by a development or restoration project
- 📄 Plans and quotes accompanied by an enhancement or a restoration project

- 📄 Development of riverside and coastal trails
- 📄 Set-up of observation stations
- 📄 Access control for protecting sensitive environments

- 📄 Cleaning of illegal dump sites and banks
- 📄 Stabilization and planting of vegetation on banks
- 📄 Restoration of sensitive riparian habitats
- 📄 Protection of species at risk

GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION

Maximum 70% of the total value of eligible expenses* up to \$100,000 for solicited proposals and \$50,000 for unsolicited proposals.

Matching funds can be in cash or in kind. However, for projects with a total value above \$35,000, matching funds in cash must be at least 10% of the government contribution.

Maximum 70% of the total value of eligible expenses* up to \$25,000.

Maximum 70% of eligible expenses* up to \$200,000 for solicited proposals and up to \$100,000 for unsolicited proposals.

Matching funds can be in cash or in kind. However, for projects with a total value above \$35,000, matching funds in cash must be at least 10% of the government contribution.

* To determine eligible expenses, please contact an officer.