

# Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program



As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, the Government of Canada has established the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (150CIP). The 150CIP is delivered through Canada's regional development agencies (RDAs). In Quebec, this program, which has a dedicated budget for the province of \$31.2 million, is delivered by Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions (CED) through a call for proposals. This call for proposals will be in effect from May 19 to June 26, 2015 (5:00 p.m. EDT).

In Quebec, the 150CIP supports the renovation, improvement and expansion of community infrastructures. It seeks to support non-profit organizations in all Quebec communities that make infrastructures available to citizens that contribute to the communities' vitality. This is why the following two themes were chosen for this call for proposals: *Proud of our parks, trails and watercourses* and *Strong, active, united communities*.

## Eligibility for this call for proposals

### Eligible clients

- Non-profit organizations (NPO) and non-profit cooperatives

### Essential conditions

- The project must be completed by December 31, 2017 at the latest
- The organization and its community vocation must exist as of May 19, 2015
- The infrastructure must be a community one and accessible to the public once the project has been completed
- One single project per client as part of the 150CIP

### Non-eligible clients

- Corporations
- Profit-oriented organization
- Municipalities
- Public organizations including health and social service organizations, schools and school boards

### Authorization to undertake the work

In certain cases, for example, when the organization does not own the infrastructure concerned, it must demonstrate that it has the authority required to undertake the work included in its project.

## Types of projects

### Priority infrastructures for this call for proposals

#### *Proud of our parks, trails and watercourses*

- Shoreline development for outdoor activities (ex.: public access to water)
- Regional park
- Bicycle path
- Community dock (including marina and recreational harbour)

#### *Strong, active, united communities*

- Community centre
- Sports field (ex.: tennis, baseball, soccer or other sports field)
- Game field (ex.: lawn bowling, playground equipment for children)



## Other infrastructures considered depending on fund availability

### *Proud of our parks, trails and watercourses*

- Local tourism facility (ex.: tourism information booth)
- Hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoe trail
- Other non-motorized recreational trail

### *Strong, active, united communities*

- Arena
- Gymnasium
- Golf course pavilion and building
- Pool

### Infrastructures not considered for this call for proposals

- Motorized trails, such as those for snowmobiles or quad bikes, golf courses, ski centres, libraries, cultural centres, museums and interpretation centres, war memorials and broadband projects.

### Non-eligible infrastructures

- Facilities used primarily for commercial or for-profit activities, **as well as new constructions.**

## Financial assistance

### Eligible costs

All costs directly related to the project, deemed reasonable and essential for the implementation of the project. In certain cases, restrictions may apply.

### Non-eligible costs

- Costs incurred before the submission of the request for financial assistance
- Refinancing of an existing debt
- Amortization expenses
- Costs for acquiring buildings or land

### Assistance rate\*

- Up to 50% of the eligible costs

\*The maximum federal contribution cannot exceed 50% of the authorized costs of the project, including any part provided from the Federal Excise Tax on Gasoline.

### Type of assistance

- Non-repayable contribution, up to a maximum of \$500,000

## Principal criteria for analysis

The projects will be analyzed in keeping with specific criteria, namely:

- The speed with which work on your project is to start
- Participation of other funders
- Financial viability
- Technical and financial management capacity
- Sustainability of the infrastructure
- Availability of program funding

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is in effect until March 31, 2018.

## For more information

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