

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY

## Financial assistance and other tools in response to climate emergencies To the attention of all municipalities

### Project

Following the spring floods of 2023, which caused extensive damage, municipalities are seeking support.

### Results

### Federal resources

#### *Infrastructure Canada (INFC)*

- The [Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund \(DMAF\)](#) "aims to build the resilience of Canadian communities through investments in infrastructure projects, including natural infrastructure projects, to better manage current and future risks associated with natural hazards, such as floods, wildfires and droughts. Municipalities are among the [eligible applicants](#) for this fund. Applications will be accepted until the [INFC Funding Portal](#) closes on **July 19, 2023**. For more information, your constituents can contact FAAC by email at [dmaf-faac@inf.gc.ca](mailto:dmaf-faac@inf.gc.ca).
- The [Community Development Community-Building Fund of Canada](#) provides Canadian municipalities with funding to help build and revitalize their local public infrastructure. Communities can use the funds to improve municipal cultural or community infrastructure. In Quebec, the program is administered by the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH) as part of the [2019-2024 Quebec Gas Tax and Contribution Program \(TECQ\)](#). Municipalities have until **December 31, 2024** to complete their work. For more information, the cooperative could contact the program administration at [tecq2019-2024@mamh.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:tecq2019-2024@mamh.gouv.qc.ca).
- The [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings \(GICB\)](#) program "aims to encourage the construction of community buildings and retrofit existing buildings (particularly in areas of higher population need) while reducing their carbon emissions and improving their energy efficiency, resilience and performance. Municipal and regional governments, public sector organizations, not-for-profit organizations, provincial and territorial governments and Aboriginal organizations or entities are eligible to apply. **The application period is currently closed**. For more information, the organization can contact the program by email at [gicbp-pbcvi@inf.gc.ca](mailto:gicbp-pbcvi@inf.gc.ca).

#### *Farm Credit Canada (FCC)*

- The FCC [AgriSpirit Fund](#) is designed to improve the quality of life for people living in rural communities. A village, town or city with a population of less than 150,000 may be eligible for a grant if they are raising funds for a capital project (equipment, building funds). To learn more about the program, the organization can contact their local [business office](#). Please note that the application period is open until **May 15, 2023**.

#### *Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)*

- [FCM](#) has several [funding](#) programs that may be of interest to municipalities. In particular, the [Green Municipal Fund \(GMF\)](#) "helps municipal governments [and their partners] accelerate the adoption of sustainable practices. Using the filter on the [Funding Opportunities](#) page, your constituents will find funding for every stage of their project. The municipality can [contact GMF](#) by e-mail at [gmfinfo@fcm.ca](mailto:gmfinfo@fcm.ca) to inquire about grants for plans, studies and pilot projects. (Note: Only one grant is available per municipality.)

## *Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)*

- The [Environmental Damages Fund](#) (EDF) provides for "the restoration of damage to the natural environment and the conservation of wildlife in a cost-effective manner. [Eligible applicants](#) include municipalities. [Eligible projects](#) include "restoration of the natural environment and conservation of wildlife". Please visit the [Environmental Damages Fund: Project Map](#) webpage to see other projects that have been funded by the fund. **Funding opportunities are currently closed**. However, the municipality can sign up for the EDF distribution list to receive an email alert when funding opportunities become available. It can contact the Quebec EDF by email at [fdeqa-edfaq@ec.gc.ca](mailto:fdeqa-edfaq@ec.gc.ca).

## **Provincial Resources**

### *Public Safety – [Flooding or Disaster Related Financial Support](#)*

- [Financial Assistance for Municipalities Affected by a Disaster and Community Organizations](#) (Quebec) "is intended to provide last-resort assistance to municipalities affected by a disaster and to organizations providing assistance to disaster victims. This program provides financial assistance for actual or impending disasters occurring between **March 31, 2023 and September 30, 2026**. For more information, your constituents can [contact the Recovery Branch](#).
- [Loss Prevention Framework](#): This framework provides financial and/or technical support for municipalities and MRCs to conduct risk analysis and loss prevention and mitigation work.

This framework covers coastal erosion and flooding, flooding, landslides, earthquakes, man-made hazards (industrial hazards associated with hazardous materials), forest fires, and some northern hazards, including avalanches.

## **Government of Canada [Get Prepared](#) Tool**

"Emergencies can happen at any time and without warning. Be ready. With a little preparation, you can respond quickly to help yourself and others. Understand the risks in your area, create a household emergency plan and build an emergency kit."