



## DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING PROJECTS

Every year, deadlines for filing project applications are March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15.

Credit: Jean-Christophe Girard Lemay

## FUNDING APPLICATION

To submit an application for funding, consult the Project Presentation Guide and complete the form provided for that purpose. These documents are available on the St. Lawrence Action Plan website, in the section on the Community Interactions Program.

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

### COMMUNITY INTERACTION PROGRAM

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A financial assistance program promoting community projects aimed at conserving and improving the St. Lawrence ecosystem



Credit: Organisme de bassin versant de la rivière du Nord

## PROGRAM

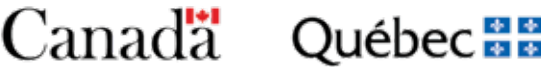
As part of the St. Lawrence Action Plan (SLAP 2011-2026), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the *ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques* (MELCC) support the Community Interaction Program.

The programs support projects from communities that aim to conserve the biodiversity of the St. Lawrence, promote sustainable use and improve water quality.



## TARGET CLIENTELE

Any not-for-profit, non-governmental organization that has been legally constituted for at least one year and that has a branch in Quebec and any Indigenous communities located in Quebec.







Credit: Comité ZIP des Îles-de-la-Madeleine

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

ELIGIBLE TYPES OF PROJECTS	PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION*
<b>Study projects</b> pertaining to a specific environmental issue for identifying concrete action to be taken in the field.	Maximum 70% of the total value of eligible expenses** up to \$25,000.
<b>Public awareness projects</b> arising from a specific environmental issue that target a particular group in the community and lead to concrete short-term actions. As part of this project, there must be a follow-up on the changes in behaviour or the acquisition of new knowledge.	Maximum 70% of the total value of eligible expenses** up to \$100,000.
<b>Study/action projects</b> pertaining to a specific environmental issue for identifying concrete action to be taken in the field, followed by implementation of the appropriate actions.	Maximum 70% of eligible expenses** up to \$200,000.
<b>Biodiversity protection projects</b> that promote the sustainable use of the St. Lawrence.	
<b>Restoration projects</b> arising from a specific environmental issue directly related to the St. Lawrence.	

\* 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 total contribution allocated by Community Interactions Program.

\*\* To determine eligible expenses, please see the Project Presentation Guide.

## 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.

More specifically, this means the area between Cornwall and Gaspé on the South shore (including the Québec portion of Chaleur Bay and the Magdalen Islands) and the area between Carillon and Blanc Sablon on the North shore (including Anticosti Island and the Saguenay River). This area also encompasses the main tributaries and sections of secondary tributaries that are essential to the lifecycle of species dependent on the St. Lawrence. Intervention in the secondary tributaries must have a direct connection with the species in question or with nonpoint source agricultural pollution.



Credit: Nicolas Grevet  
Caplan Bay, North Shore, Anticosti.