

First Nations Water Initiatives Fund

Applicant's Guide



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Summary Presentation of the Fund

What Is the First Nations Water Initiatives Fund?

The **First Nations Water Initiatives Fund** is financed by the *Blue Fund*. The latter is part of the *Plan national de l'eau* of the *Québec Water Strategy*, which implements concrete measures to protect and manage water as well as aquatic environments in a responsible, integrated, and sustainable manner.

Two Funding Opportunities Available

Local Initiatives Stream	Structuring Initiatives Stream
Reserved funding for each of the 31 eligible communities*	Call for projects, subject to a selection process
Amounts Available	Amounts Available
Up to \$275,000 reserved per community	Up to \$490,000 per project
Total Amount Available in This Stream	Total Amount Available in This Stream
\$8,5M	\$4,9M
Deadline to Submit a Project	Deadline to Submit a Project
September 18, 2026	September 18, 2026
_____ The Fund opening announcement and the documents required to submit a project were sent to the Chiefs, Executive Directors and departments concerned in the 31 eligible communities. If you would like to submit a project in the Local Initiatives stream, contact your council to let them know.	_____ The documents required to submit a project are available on our website: https://iddpnql.ca/en/financement/first-nations-water-initiatives-fund

**Only 31 communities are eligible for the First Nations Water Initiatives Fund because the Cree and Naskapi have separate agreements with the provincial government.*

Management and Allocation of Funds

As manager of the **Fund**, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute (FNQLSDI) will mobilize and support First Nations in the submission of their water-related projects to ensure that they correspond to the orientations of the *[Plan national de l'eau](#)*. The FNQLSDI will also be responsible for administering the amounts allocated, supporting the communities in the various stages of their projects (including monitoring and reporting) and coordinating the activities of the committees related to the decisions made for the **Fund**'s management parameters.

The **Fund**'s Strategic Committee is composed of 4 to 8 members from First Nations communities and organizations. This committee aims to ensure that the First Nations eligible for the **Fund** are represented. The mandate of the Strategic Committee is to clarify the **Fund**'s funding strategy based on the needs of First Nations communities and organizations. This committee determined the guidelines for the evaluation of projects submitted under the **Structuring Initiatives** stream (call for projects).

Need Help?

We can support communities and organizations eligible for the **Fund** in their efforts if they feel the need. Whether it is to develop and prepare your project proposal, or for support during the realization of your project, we are available for you.

For more information about support or any other questions about the **Fund**, please contact Julie-Christine Martin, Environmental Project Leader, at funding@iddpnql.ca, mentioning the **First Nations Water Initiatives Fund** in the subject line of the email.

You can also contact us by phone at **418-843-9999** and ask to speak to Julie-Christine. We will be happy to answer your questions and discuss your project, concerns or ideas.

Conditions Applicable to Both Streams of the Fund

Some conditions apply to both streams of the **Fund**, while others are specific to each stream. In this section, you will find information on **eligible projects**, **project duration**, **eligible expenses**, and **reporting**.

Any project submitted under either of the two streams must comply with the conditions specific to that stream. To consult the specific conditions for each stream (**eligible organizations**, **available amounts**, **deadlines**, **project submission process** and **selection process**), go to page 5 for the **Local Initiatives** stream and page 7 for the **Structuring Initiatives** stream.

Please note that project proposals received may be shared with the Government of Quebec but will remain confidential.

What Types of Projects Are Eligible?

Eligible Projects

Projects must comply with the **Fund's** eligibility criteria and must be related to one or more of the orientations of the [*Plan national de l'eau*](#), i.e.:

- Ensuring quality water for the population
- Protecting and restoring aquatic environments
- Preventing and managing water-related risks
- Capitalizing on the economic potential of water
- Promoting sustainable water use
- Acquiring and sharing the best knowledge about water
- Ensuring and strengthening integrated water resources management

Appendices II and III outline the eligibility criteria for each of the **Fund's** streams.

Ineligible Projects

- Projects that end beyond March 31, 2029, or require funding to continue beyond that date.
- Projects related to the organization's regular activities and operations.
- Projects aimed at financing collective wastewater and drinking water infrastructure as well as the acquisition of land and buildings.
- Projects that have already started before the application is submitted, unless the application allows for a new phase to begin.
- Projects that aim to create a foundation.

Project Duration

Funded projects must be completed by **March 31, 2029**.

What Types of Expenses Are Eligible?

Eligible Expenses

- Salaries and benefits for project staff and interns
- Professional fees
- Rental or renovation of premises (maximum 10% of the total amount of the project)
- Training costs related to the project objectives
- Expenses associated with communications activities
- Simultaneous translation and document translation costs
- Travel expenses within Quebec (e.g., transportation, meals, parking, accommodation) not exceeding the [National Joint Council's rates](#)
- Costs associated with workshops and meetings in First Nations communities and organizations (space rental, meals, participant honoraria)
- Youth participation in the project (e.g., scholarships to participate in project activities)
- Acquisition or rental of specialized equipment for the project (e.g., computers or tablets, software, first aid kits, tools and equipment for field work)
- Vehicle rental or private transportation (helicopter, snowmobile and boat)
- Costs related to data acquisition and management
- Administrative costs of up to 10% of the total eligible expenses, but not to be included in other types of expenditures

Ineligible Expenses

- Costs incurred prior to receipt of the project approval letter or after March 31, 2029
- Costs not directly related to the implementation of project activities
- Subscription, membership, representation and donation fees
- Staff training and development costs not directly related to project activities
- Expenses related to the general mission of the organization and its promotion
- Fees related to any activity taking place outside Québec
- Fees related to the purchase of land and buildings (including taxes, notary fees, etc.)
- Capital expenditures related to the acquisition of rolling or flying equipment, buildings or land
- Fees in connection with any legal proceedings

Reporting and Accountability

For projects selected for the **Fund**, a work plan and a budget must be produced annually at the beginning of each financial year* by the project leader. Work plan and budget templates are available in the project submission template.

Quarterly meetings will take place to ensure ongoing monitoring of projects. In addition, an annual report and financial statements will be required at the end of each financial year. A template for the activity report will be provided.

The **Fund's fiscal year begins on April 1 of each year and ends on March 31 of the following year.*

Local Initiatives - Reserved Amount Per Community

*For the **Structuring Initiatives** stream, go to page 7.*

For this stream, an amount is reserved for each eligible community until **September 18, 2026**.

Conditions Specific to This Stream

Only one application per community will be accepted. If several departments of a community wish to benefit from the reserved funding, they will have to agree on the amount granted to each department and submit a joint project.

For example, if the *Land and Environment* team wishes to finance a project on waterways while the *Public Works* team wishes to finance a project on drinking water, two solutions could be considered:

- **Submit the projects of both teams under a single application** – The project could be developed with two distinct components in a single application (e.g., a Watercourse component and a Drinking Water component, carried out in parallel or in different years).
- **Prioritize and submit one of the two projects** – One team could submit for the **Local Initiatives** stream to obtain the amount reserved for the community and the other team could develop a different project submitted to the selection process in the call for projects of the **Structuring Initiatives** stream.

Eligible Projects Under This Stream

Who Can submit to the Local Initiatives Stream?

Any First Nations community (except for the Cree and Naskapi, who have separate agreements with the provincial government) recognized by the National Assembly of Quebec and the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) and represented by its band council.

Amounts Available

Up to **\$275,000** per community, divided as such: up to \$100,000 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and up to \$175,000 distributed over the years 2027-2028 and 2028-2029.

How to Submit a Project to the Local Initiatives Stream?

Deadline

September 18, 2026

Submission Process

Documents required for the submission of a project in the **Local Initiatives** stream are not available on our website so that only eligible communities receive them.

Thus, the following documents were sent to the Chiefs, Executive Directors and departments concerned of the 31 eligible communities by email:

- Expression of interest form to be completed online
- Project submission template
- Budget template
- Applicant's Guide, including the project examples appendix

Using the project submission and budget templates is strongly recommended, but not mandatory.

Our team is available to answer questions and offer support as needed during the drafting of the project proposal.

To Send Us Your Proposal

The project proposal must be submitted to funding@iddpnql.ca by **September 18, 2026**, with the **First Nations Water Initiatives Fund** in the subject line.

Proposals submitted under the **Local Initiatives** stream will be analyzed promptly upon receipt. Expenses may be incurred as soon as the applicant receives the approval letter. **Therefore, we encourage you to submit your project proposal as soon as possible.**

Selection Process

There is no selection process under the **Local Initiatives** stream. The community simply needs to submit a project that meets the eligibility criteria (see Appendix II).

Our team will get in touch with the project leader to confirm the information submitted and adjust the funding request as needed. Depending on the nature of the project, additional documents may be required to complete your project proposal (e.g., letters of support, additional funding confirmation letters, etc.).

Structuring Initiatives - Regular Call for Projects

*For the **Local Initiatives** stream, go to page 5.*

The **Structuring Initiatives** stream consists of a regular call for projects. Thus, project proposals will be subject to a selection process based on the criteria established by the **Fund's** strategic committee.

For the moment, only one round is planned in the **Structuring Initiatives** stream.

Eligible Projects Under This Stream

Who Can submit to the Local Initiatives Stream?

Eligible Organizations*

- Any First Nations community recognized by the National Assembly of Quebec and the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) and represented by its band council
- Any Indigenous non-profit organization where the majority of board members are Indigenous
- Any tribal council
- Any AFNQL commission or regional organization

****Except for Cree and Naskapi organizations, since these Nations have separate agreements with the provincial government.***

Ineligible Organizations

- Any organization registered in the Enterprise Register as ineligible for public contracts
- Any organization in default or having defaulted, in the last two years prior to the application for financial assistance, to meet its obligations in relation to the granting of financial assistance from Québec

Communities that have submitted a project under the **Local Initiatives** stream may submit a separate project or a second phase of the same project under the **Structuring Initiatives** stream.

Amounts Available

Up to **\$490,000** per project, divided as such: up to \$246,000 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and up to \$244,000 distributed over the years 2027-2028 and 2028-2029.

How to Submit a Project to the Structuring Initiatives Stream?

Deadline

September 18, 2026

Submission Process

The Applicant's Guide and templates for submitting a project proposal under the **Structuring Initiatives** stream are available on the [Fund's web page](#).

Using the project submission and budget templates is strongly recommended, but not mandatory.

Our team is available to answer questions and offer support as needed during the drafting of the project proposal. Depending on the nature of the project, additional documents may be required to complete your project proposal (e.g., letters of support, additional funding confirmation letters, etc.).

To Send Us Your Proposal

The project proposal must be submitted to funding@iddpnql.ca by **September 18, 2026**, with the **First Nations Water Initiatives Fund** in the subject line.

Proposals submitted under the **Structuring Initiatives** stream will be analyzed **after the project submission deadline**. Our team will provide responses to applicants within a reasonable delay following the submission deadline.

Selection Process

All submitted projects must comply with the eligibility criteria (see Appendix III) and will be subject to a selection process. The **Fund's** Strategic Committee will approve the final selection of projects. The analysis of the proposals will be carried out according to an evaluation grid incorporating the selection criteria determined by the Strategic Committee. If two proposals have a tie score, prioritization criteria, previously determined by the Strategic Committee, will be used. Otherwise, these prioritization criteria will not be analyzed with the evaluation grid.

The selection criteria and prioritization criteria are available in Appendix IV.

APPENDIX I - PROJECT EXAMPLES

This annex provides examples of projects that can be submitted under the **First Nations Water Initiatives Fund**. These examples are provided to illustrate in a more concrete way the range of projects that can be submitted.

The examples are presented by orientation of the *Plan national de l'eau*. Your project must meet one or more of these orientations.

Please note that a community may submit Phase 1 under the **Local Initiatives** stream and Phase 2 under the **Structuring Initiatives** stream.

Is your project not listed in these examples? No problem, the possibilities are endless. Contact us at funding@iddpnql.ca and use “**First Nations Water Initiatives Fund**” as the email subject line. We will evaluate the possibilities together.

Orientation 1 - Ensuring Quality Water for the Population

This orientation focuses on drinking water.

Themes	Examples
Protecting drinking water sources	• Developing tools to inform and support community members with a residential well in adopting good practices. • Conducting vulnerability assessments and preparing development and protection plans for drinking water sources. • Documenting specific issues affecting the quality of drinking water and groundwater to propose appropriate protection measures.
Improved access to water of quality and in sufficient quantity	• Improving and monitoring the quality of water where traditional and/or recreational activities (swimming, boat rides, etc.) are carried out. • Reducing at the source non-domestic contaminants released into community systems used for water collection, transportation and treatment. • Acquiring knowledge and data on the community's groundwater and surface water through environmental monitoring.
Upgrading residential infrastructure* and improving practices in community infrastructure	• Modernizing wastewater management at the residential level. • Developing tools to support the modernization of wastewater management. • Ensuring the adoption of best design practices for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.
Agri-environmental shift and eco-responsibility of the industry	• Improving agri-environmental practices on cropland by the sea. • Promoting the adoption of pesticide-free methods to reduce their presence in waterways. • Analyzing the economic impacts generated by the implementation of certain good agri-environmental practices and developing compensation policies.

**The upgrading of community infrastructure is excluded from projects eligible under this Fund.*

Orientation 2 - Protecting and Restoring Aquatic Environments*

This orientation focuses on aquatic environments' fauna and flora.

Themes	Examples
Conserving and restoring aquatic environments	• Raising awareness among community members about the issues of traditionally valued species. • Strengthening capacity for wetland and water restoration and creation by developing and disseminating knowledge, expertise and tools. • Conducting local and regional projects and interventions aimed at the protection and conservation of lakes and rivers. • Implementing aquatic monitoring (water quality, fauna or flora).
Protecting aquatic species at risk	• Implementing a discussion circle on the conservation of aquatic species in precarious situation. • Ensuring the conservation of aquatic species at risk. • Implementing or monitoring aquatic environment restoration projects for aquatic species at risk.
Promoting the control of invasive alien species (IAS)	• Developing projects to effectively control IAS. • Conducting awareness activities on the cleaning of boats and fishing equipment to prevent the spread of IAS.

**The development of protected areas is excluded from projects eligible under this Fund.*

Orientation 3 - Preventing and Managing Water-Related Risks

This orientation focuses on water-related hazards, such as flooding, erosion and rainwater contamination of surface water.

Themes	Examples
Strengthening the integration of climate change into water-related risk management	• Conducting awareness-raising and communication actions with youth and other community members to strengthen understanding of flood zones and the functioning of watercourses in general. • Implementing sustainable rainwater management infrastructure at the source to improve rainwater drainage (e.g., rainwater barrels, rain gardens, filtering marshes, etc.). • Reducing the amount of runoff water, the speed at which it flows, and the pollutants it contains.
Improving tools for forecasting and preventing water-related risks	• Improving the safety of community members and property by better managing the risk of flooding. • Mapping areas of vulnerability to flooding and shoreline and coastal erosion.

Orientation 4 - Capitalizing on the Economic Potential of Water

This orientation focuses on the development of water-related activities, products, markets and/or technologies.

Themes	Examples
Developing sustainable economic sectors related to water	• Developing water-related tourism (e.g., touristic activities, creation of interpretation trails, etc.). • Developing fishing and processing for a traditional species that is not commercially valued.
Supporting the development of water-related technologies	• Developing research projects on marine biotechnologies. • Conducting engineering studies and investment projects to implement innovative and efficient solutions in factories to reduce the volumes of water consumed.
Promoting access to bodies of water and watercourses	• Highlighting cultural sites related to water in connection with tourism. • Improving access to water bodies for traditional activities such as fishing, hunting and gathering. • Monitoring water bodies related to tourism development.

Orientation 5 - Promoting Sustainable Water Use

This orientation focuses on behavioural changes and the adoption of good practices related to water.

Themes	Examples
Encouraging the development and adoption of good practices aimed at water conservation and sustainable use	- Developing and implementing awareness-raising measures as part of the Water Month ("Mois de l'eau") in June (e.g., riverbank clean-ups, community awareness activities, promotion of traditional water-related activities, etc.). - Supporting the use of innovative technologies and techniques to improve the environmental performance of organizations and businesses in the community (e.g., companies owned by the band council). - Raising awareness among youth and community members about the protection and sustainable use of water.
Promoting the reduction of single-use plastics	- Promoting the use of water fountains rather than the consumption of bottled water. - Implementing a mobilization program for the reduction of water pollution by plastic.
Ensuring sustainable, equitable and efficient management of water resources exploitation	- Including climate forecasts, such as drought periods, in planning for the quantity of water available to community members. - Sharing knowledge and supporting community members and land managers through training and workshops to facilitate the use of water management tools and procedures. - Acquiring data on the state of water resources, characterizing aquifer and hydrological systems in watersheds and developing models for their management.
Promoting water professions	- Developing an awareness campaign on water professions aimed at youth. - Encouraging the arrival of the next generation by setting up internships with staff working in the water sector in the community.

Orientation 6 - Acquiring and Sharing the Best Knowledge About Water

This orientation focuses on knowledge and data on water quantity and quality.

Themes	Examples
Acquiring knowledge essential for the protection and management of water and aquatic environments, including for intergovernmental and international cooperation	- Improving general knowledge of lake and river water and groundwater, particularly through water quality monitoring. - Measuring the impact of human activities on water quality and aquatic environments (pesticides, microplastics, phosphorus, emerging contaminants, etc.). - Acquiring data and knowledge on groundwater.
Designing tools adapted to integrated water resources management and conducive to knowledge sharing and dissemination	- Sharing knowledge about flood risks and best practices to deal with them. - Developing and improving tools to support decision-making and to monitor the situation during floods.
Consolidating research and sharing of expertise in the field of water	- Organizing a fishing camp to collect fish data by combining traditional and scientific knowledge. - Conducting knowledge sharing and networking events (e.g., community sharing circle on water). - Supporting decision-making through research and development projects in the field of water.

Orientation 7 - Ensuring and Strengthening Integrated Water Resources Management

This orientation focuses on the mobilization and implementation of integrated water resources management.

Themes	Examples
Consolidating integrated water resources management in Quebec	- Supporting the participation of First Nations people in integrated water management and in regional consultation tables ("Tables de concertation regionals" or "TCR"). - Improving the monitoring of integrated water resources management. - Collaborating with watershed organizations (OBVs), which implement Water Master Plans (WMPs), and other stakeholders who conduct integrated watershed management.
Pursuing and strengthening intergovernmental and international cooperation to promote Indigenous interests and foster integrated water management	Ensuring the presence of First Nations people on various regional groups and forums related to watershed management.
Promoting land use planning from an integrated regional and watershed perspective	Implementing measures related to the protection of the land and its aquatic ecosystems.

APPENDIX II - LOCAL INITIATIVES - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Your application must be complete and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ☐ The applicant is a **band council of a First Nation that is not from the Cree or Naskapi Nations** (these Nations have separate agreements with the provincial government).
 - ☐ Only one application is submitted by the community in the **Local Initiatives** stream.
 - ☐ The proposal is complete:
 - ☐ The project answers to at least one orientation of the ***Plan national de l'eau*** and this orientation is identified.
 - ☐ A preliminary work plan with **realistic** timelines is provided.
 - ☐ A **realistic** preliminary budget is provided.
 - ☐ The amount requested is **equal to or less than the established maximum** for **Local Initiatives**, i.e. \$275,000.
 - ☐ If a consultant or private company (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) is involved in more than 40% of the total project budget, the application clearly explains how community capacity building will be implemented and/or how the project addresses a priority community need.
- The project:
- ☐ Can be completed **before March 31, 2029**.
 - ☐ Respects the eligible expenses under the **Fund**.
 - ☐ Does not fund the organization's regular activities and operations.
 - ☐ Does not aim to create a foundation.
 - ☐ Does not include lobbying activities.
 - ☐ Does not involve the financing of collective wastewater and drinking water infrastructure or the acquisition of land and buildings.
 - ☐ Did not start before the proposal was submitted, unless the project proposal allows for a new phase to begin.

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APPENDIX III - STRUCTURING INITIATIVES - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Your application must be complete and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ☐ The applicant is a **First Nation band council OR an Indigenous non-profit organization that is not from the Cree or Naskapi Nations** (these nations have separate agreements with the provincial government).
- ☐ The proposal is complete:
 - ☐ The project answers to at least one orientation of the *Plan national de l'eau* and this orientation is identified.
 - ☐ A preliminary work plan with **realistic** timelines is provided.
 - ☐ A **realistic** preliminary budget is provided.
- ☐ The amount requested is **equal to or less than the maximum established** for **Structuring Initiatives**, i.e. \$490,000.
- ☐ If a consultant or private company (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) is involved in more than 40% of the total project budget, the application clearly explains how community capacity building will be implemented and/or how the project addresses a priority community need.

The project:

- ☐ Can be completed **before March 31, 2029**.
- ☐ Respects the eligible expenses under the **Fund**.
- ☐ Does not fund the organization's regular activities and operations.
- ☐ Does not aim to create a foundation.
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APPENDIX IV - STRUCTURING INITIATIVES - SELECTION AND PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria determined by the Strategic Committee will guide the analysis of the proposals and will be integrated into the evaluation grid.

1. Project Coherence
☐ The context is well defined. ☐ The objectives are relevant and realistic. ☐ The selection criteria are respected. ☐ The draft work plan, schedule and budget are coherent and realistic.
2. Project Deliverables, Outcomes and Communications
☐ The deliverables are realistic and consistent with the project's objectives. ☐ The project's impact is relevant to this funding initiative. ☐ The project's communications and promotion are well identified.
3. Community Priorities
☐ The project responds to the needs and priorities of the community. ☐ For organizations that are not band councils, a letter of support from the community (or communities) is required to demonstrate that the project meets a community priority.
4. Participatory Approach and Capacity Building
☐ The project demonstrates that it promotes community/organizational capacity building. ☐ The project involves the community, and the proposal demonstrates how the community will be involved.
5. Valuing Indigenous Knowledge and/or Languages
☐ The project demonstrates the valorization of Indigenous knowledge and/or languages.

Prioritization Criteria

The prioritization criteria chosen by the Strategic Committee will only be used in the event of a tie in score between several projects during the analysis process with the selection criteria.

1. Urgent need for action: For example, depending on the needs of the community, a project related to the protection of a drinking water source could be given priority over a wildlife development project.
2. Type of Applicant: Priority will be given to projects submitted by a band council of the 31 eligible First Nations communities.
3. Collaboration between communities: A project that allows knowledge or tools to be shared with other communities and/or benefits other communities and/or allows for better collaboration between communities will be prioritized.



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