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General information

Minister: Andrée Laforest, MNA for Chicoutimi

Mission: Support, in the interest of citizens, municipal administration, housing as well as the sustainable planning, development and occupation of the territory.

Vision: Ensure coherent and innovative public action in favor of dynamic and resilient communities.

Values: The MAMH values collaboration, innovation, and professionalism in the development and delivery of its services for the benefit of the public interest.



2019 - 2023 Orientations: The Ministry's role is to advise the government and see that there's interministerial coordination between the fields of municipal organization, the development of urban centres and regions, the occupation and vitality of the territories, and housing.

To fulfill its mission, the Department adopted the following orientations in its 2019 - 2023 strategic plan:

- adequately equip municipalities;
- mobilize partners to resolve important issues for communities;
- increase the role of the government in housing.



Clientele: The Department's main clientele consists of local municipalities, regional county municipalities (MRCs), metropolitan communities and other municipal organizations, as well as municipal associations, national associations in the housing sector, and citizens.

Programs: In order to fulfill its mission to support municipalities in the exercise of their duties, the MAMH administers programs supporting territorial development and municipal infrastructure, including water. The department also compensates municipalities for the loss of tax revenue resulting from the presence of public lands or government buildings exempt from the payment of property taxes on their territory.



Organizations linked to the MAMH:

- **Commission municipale du Québec**
 - Created in 1932, the *Commission* acts as an administrative tribunal, verification body, public inquiry commission, administrator, tutor for municipalities in difficulty and an advisory body for the MAMH.
- **Société d'habitation du Québec**
 - The *Société d'habitation du Québec* works to meet the housing needs of the citizens of Québec through an integrated and sustainable approach.
 - SHQ programs are listed **here**.
- **Tribunal administratif du logement**
 - The *Tribunal administratif du logement*, formerly known as the *Régie du logement*, holds exclusive jurisdiction in matters of rental housing to hear all applications pertaining to leases.



- The Tribunal's mission is outlined in the *Act respecting the Administrative Housing Tribunal*, and several of its operating mechanisms are enacted by regulations within that Act.
- The Tribunal's mandate is two-fold:
 - to provide the public with adequate information;
 - to provide the public with effective recourse when a party (lessor/lessee) fails to meet its obligations.
- **Régie du bâtiment du Québec (RBQ)**
 - To ensure the protection of the public, the RBQ fulfills many roles in the construction industry including standardization and regulation, monitoring, professional qualification, and financial guarantees.



Programs supporting territorial development

The Fonds régions et ruralité (FRR)

With a budget of close to \$1.3 billion for the period of 2020 to 2024, the FRR covers four components:

- **Support for regional outreach**

- Funds aim to support mobilizing projects that will have an impact on the territory of each of the regions of Québec (with the exception of the regions of Montreal and the Capitale-Nationale).
- Projects are selected/prioritized by a regional selection committee according to the development priorities specific to each region (in the *Stratégie gouvernementale pour assurer l'occupation et la vitalité des territoires 2018 - 2022*).
- **How to apply.**



- **Support for local and regional competence development within MRCs**
 - This component aims to support MRCs, in addition to other government programs, in developing their fields of competence for local and regional development efforts.
 - Organizations, businesses or individuals who wish to access this component are invited to contact the MRCs by consulting the Directory of municipalities.
 - Organizations, businesses or individuals can also contact their regional office for more information about this component.



- **“Signature innovation” projects of the MRCs**

- The objective of this component is to support an MRC in the development of a niche specific to its entire territory that will gain in importance through the realization of a major project.
 - Component objectives could be accomplished through cultural development, tourism, biofood development, or welcoming newcomers.
 - Projects may embark on a new field of activity or consolidate an area already present in the territory.
 - “Signature innovation” projects allow an MRC to develop or acquire a strong territorial identity linked to its development vision.



- **Support for vitalization and intermunicipal cooperation - 2 axes**

- The Vitalization axis
 - Aims to support territories showing weaker economic vitality and comes in two complementary portions:
 - Vitalization agreements with MRCs
 - MRCs in the 5th quintile (Q5) of the 2016 and 2018 Economic Vitality Index (EVI) are eligible for financial assistance.
 - MRCs not in Q5, but that have an EVI below -5 or have at least three Q5 locations according to the 2016 or 2018 EVI, are also eligible for assistance.



- Support for local vitalization projects
 - Non-recurrent financial aid intended to support vitalization projects taking place in eligible territories and whose implementation is compromised by a particular difficulty in raising funds. The initiative must take place in particular in municipalities with a low EVI (quintiles 3, 4 or 5) and which are not already covered by a vitalization agreement with their MRC.
 - Consult the list of eligible municipalities [here](#).



- Intermunicipal Cooperation Axis
 - Aims to encourage local municipalities, particularly smaller ones/those with a lower EVI, to develop intermunicipal cooperation initiatives to offer quality services to citizens at a lower cost.
 - There is a Guide for municipal organizations - Section 4 - Support for intermunicipal cooperation from the Fonds regions et ruralité with detailed information on this component.
 - Organizations can also obtain application forms through their regional office.



Fonds d'initiative et de rayonnement de la métropole (FIRM)

Administered by the Secrétariat à la région métropolitaine, the FIRM is one of the main levers available to the ministre responsable de la Métropole et de la région de Montréal to stimulate economic, cultural, and social activity in the urban centre.

Initiatives funded through this envelope must be carried out on the territory of the Metropolitan Community of Montreal or have their main impact on that territory; additional information as well as the application procedure can be found [here](#).



Fonds municipal vert (FMV)

Part of an agreement between the ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire, le ministre responsable des Relations canadiennes et de la Francophonie canadienne et la Fédération canadienne des municipalités (FCM), this fund provides Québec municipalities with financial resources and knowledge sharing services to support sustainable development in communities.

- Funded initiatives aim to clean the air, water and soil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The MAMH receives funding requests from municipalities in Québec for this envelope.
 - Projects are evaluated on their compatibility with government policies on energy, the environment and housing.
- Application information can be found on the [FCM website](#).



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