

The Collective Fund for climate and ecological transition

For climate justice and an ecological and social transition

The Foundation of Montréal (FGM) created this Collective Fund in order to step up the fight against climate change and stimulate adaptation, resilience and the ecological transition in Greater Montréal.

The Foundation of Greater Montréal's role

FGM aspires to spearhead the fight against climate change and towards ecological transition in Greater Montréal. It will therefore put its resources and its team to work in order to:

- Contribute along with its partners to identifying community needs and strategic priorities;
- Support organizations and analyze project applications, on the basis of trust-based philanthropy principles and criteria.

Through this Fund, FGM pursues four strategic objectives:

1. Mobilize and reinforce the capacity of the ecosystem of organizations and citizen groups active in all areas related to ecological transition;
2. Increase the funding available for initiatives that contribute to the fight against climate change and move forward ecological transition in Greater Montréal;
3. Unite Montréal's philanthropic actors behind Greater Montréal's climate- and environment-related objectives so as to enhance their reach and impact;
4. Support foundational or innovative projects with a significant potential impact.

In context: Montréal mobilizes for climate and the ecological transition

All over the world, major cities have become living laboratories where solutions that will propel the future ecological transition are being found. Montréal is in the vanguard of this movement. Several ecological initiatives have sprung up here over the past few years, and a diverse ecosystem has emerged. Still, even in this dynamic environment, funding sources continue to be scarce, fragmented or not flexible enough to allow for innovations to be scaled up throughout the region.

The Montréal Climate Partnership (MCP)

In 2020, Montreal's economic, philanthropic, institutional and community stakeholders wanted to join forces to speed up the city's decarbonation and improve its resilience. This momentum gave birth to the [Montreal Climate Partnership \(MCP\)](#), in which the vision and mission of the Collective Fund for climate and ecological transition are brought to life.

With the participation of philanthropic institutions, notably the Trottier Family Foundation and the Foundation of Greater Montréal, which acts as its operational and financial arm, this association sets the stage for generating a foundational impact thanks to collaborative work and shared resources.

The Fund's governance in 2023

In 2023, the Fund will focus on climate change adaptation projects, greening initiatives and natural infrastructure projects. In addition, community or civic awareness-raising, mobilization and engagement initiatives will be considered. Those priorities have been selected in collaboration with members of FGM's Community Engagement Committee and a number of relevant organizations on the ground.

In 2023, the Fund's third edition will support organizations or projects focusing on:

1. **food autonomy;**
2. **greening and fighting heat islands or;**
3. **empowering communities.**

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Organizations specifically involved in improving the quality of life of populations historically marginalized as identified by FGM will be prioritized. They include Indigenous, Black or racialized people, women, girls and member of the LGBTQ2S+ community, as well as people living with physical or intellectual functional limitations, or neurodivergent people.

Evaluation criteria:

- The organization or project responds to the Fund's goals and to at least one of its 2023 areas of intervention;
- The targeted population is relevant from an equity and intersectionality perspective;
- Sufficient knowledge of the target community and its needs has been demonstrated;
- The expected and discussed results are relevant and seem realistic;
- The initiative shows a foundational potential and carries a transformative vision;

Distribution timetable

A total sum of \$195,000 is available as part as the Collective Fund for climate and ecological transition in 2023, with individual grants reaching up to **\$30,000 each** for either mission- or project-based applications. Interested parties have until **April 19, 2023 at 11:59pm** to fill out the prequalification form. Conversations between FGM staff members and applicants will be organized until mid-May. A committee will then gather to evaluate all submitted projects and render its decisions in early June.