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ACCÈSLOGIS
QUÉBEC
PROGRAM





A SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

ACCÈSLOGIS QUÉBEC IS A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT FOSTERS COOPERATION AMONG PUBLIC, COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE RESOURCES. ITS PURPOSE IS TO CREATE SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY HOUSING FOR LOW- OR MODEST-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS OR PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIC HOUSING NEEDS.

ACCÈSLOGIS QUÉBEC IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC (SHQ), IN COOPERATION WITH CERTAIN CITIES THAT SERVE AS DELEGATED AUTHORITIES. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, THE MUNICIPALITIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE BY SUPPORTING GROUPS THAT WANT TO DEVELOP HOUSING PROJECTS.

SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Thanks to **AccèsLogis Québec**, housing cooperatives, housing bureaus and not-for-profits groups or corporations can create social and community housing with contributions from the community.

To develop and execute a project, they are offered the expertise of a development support organization (a technical resource group or another organization recognized by the SHQ). If they have the appropriate resource people, they can prepare their own project, after receiving approval from the SHQ.

Every project must include a land or building purchase, and construction work, if applicable. It can also include the renovation of existing housing units, the conversion of non-residential buildings into apartments or rooms, or the construction of new housing units.

Eligible projects are selected through a continuous process based on government budget availability.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR PROJECT

The financial assistance granted by **AccèsLogis Québec** is given in the form of a loan that becomes a grant when the organization meets the conditions of the operating agreement signed with the Société d'habitation du Québec.

In addition to the maximum eligible costs, additional financial support may be granted in the following cases:

- Accommodation costs for housing for handicapped people;
- Projects in remote regions or where costs are higher: Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Côte-Nord, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Nord-du-Québec;
- Municipalities with fewer than 2,500 residents.

The Société d'habitation du Québec also guarantees mortgage loans signed with financial institutions that are certified under the program; these are generally 25-year loans with the option to extend the amortization period by 10 years to finance the Fonds québécois d'habitation communautaire.

MAIN PROJECT TERMS AND CONDITIONS BY PROJECT TYPE

Project type	Grant (percentage of eligible project costs)	Minimum community contribution (percentage of eligible project costs)	Rent subsidy ¹ (percentage of tenant households)
Component 1 Housing for low- or modest-income households (families, single people, independent seniors and independent handicapped people)	50%	5 to 15%	Between 20 and 50%
Component 2 Permanent housing with services ² for seniors with slight loss of autonomy	50%	5 to 15%	Between 20 and 50%
Component 3 Housing with services ² for people with specific housing needs: ³			
– Permanent or transitional housing	50%	15%	Between 20 and 100%
– Emergency accommodations (rooms)	66%	15%	Not eligible
– Temporary housing for victims of domestic violence ⁴	100%	0%	Not eligible

1. The rent subsidy is financial assistance for low-income households that would otherwise have to pay more than 25% of their income for housing. It is paid for a period of 5 years, financed 90% by the Société d'habitation du Québec and 10% by the municipality.

2. The organization in charge of the project must work with the local organizations that provide services for these people to define the services that will be offered (e.g., meals, household upkeep, etc.) and specify how they will be financed.

3. These may be people embarking on a social rehabilitation or independent living process, homeless people, drug addicts or other people facing problems.

4. This type of project, which generally consists of improvements to shelters, is jointly funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Société d'habitation du Québec.

A VARIETY OF SOURCES OF FINANCING

To qualify, the project must receive financial assistance from the community. This contribution may come from the municipality, a charitable organization, a private corporation, a public fundraising campaign, etc. It may also take a form other than cash, such as a gift of land or a building, or a property tax credit.

SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY

As a contribution to the sector, **AccèsLogis Québec** collects an amount equal to 1% of the eligible project costs for each project. This money is given to the SHQ to distribute to regional cooperative and not-for-profit housing organizations to support the development of social and community housing.

THE MUNICIPALITY: PRIMARY STAKEHOLDER

In addition to providing financial assistance, some municipalities may play a more important role in the program by signing an agreement with the Société d'habitation du Québec to take over the program management and becoming the delegated authority.

THE FONDS QUÉBÉCOIS D'HABITATION COMMUNAUTAIRE

The Fonds québécois d'habitation communautaire is a not-for-profit organization that was created in 1997, based on an idea put forward at the 1996 Sommet sur l'économie et l'emploi (economy and employment summit). Its role is to coordinate community, municipal and financial efforts with those of the Société d'habitation du Québec to promote the creation of social and community housing. It also advises the SHQ on the issue.





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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE IS A SUMMARY
OF THE ACCÈSLOGIS QUÉBEC PROGRAM.

The program's application standards and the *Guide d'élaboration et de réalisation de projets* take precedence over this brochure. You can obtain the general information document about the **AccèsLogis Québec** program or additional information by contacting the Société d'habitation du Québec:

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