

New call for proposals!

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2023 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Together, we can change the way youths in the care of the DYP see their future. At the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ (FJDPJ), compassion and understanding are central to what we do, and we encourage everyone to join us in a collective effort to help youths in care achieve well-being by building self-esteem and finding the courage and confidence to believe in a world of possibilities. We are committed to meeting the most pressing needs of youths in care in Montreal and other regions of Quebec.

Goal

Transitioning to adulthood is a critical point in the lives of youths in care. It is a challenging time where youths in care often lack proper family support or a social safety net to help them navigate their new situation. The funds provided under this program are intended for youths aged 16 to 25 who are or were in youth protection and have received support in becoming independent and transitioning to adulthood.

By funding various initiatives, we are giving youths the opportunity to access additional support while enhancing the services available in their regions based on their specific needs.

If you are an organization or a foundation that supports youths who are or have been subject to the *Youth Protection Act*, including children in the care of the DYP or subject to the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, and you would like to receive funding, please send us your proposal. Funding is provided to support actions that will accelerate and amplify the impact of each organization's mission.

You can apply for funding to cover the cost of your project in whole or in part. The funds will be released on condition that they be used only for the purposes specified in the proposal that you have submitted and that has been approved by the Allocations Committee.

We have \$300,000 available in funding, making it possible to support 6 to 12 proposals. Projects will be selected based on merit and focus areas.

To submit your proposal

The application period runs from February 7 to April 21, 2023. [Click here](#) to complete the form. Please send us a letter informing us of your plan to submit a project as soon as possible and no later than March 10, 2023. If you heard about this call for proposals after that date, please reach out to the programs department.

We plan to contact selected applicants to inform them of our decisions starting June 5, 2023.

Questions

To learn more, please email Geneviève Gagnon, Director of Programs, Impact and Community Relations: programmes@fjdpj.ca.

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Eligibility criteria

Your organization must meet all of the eligibility criteria below to submit an application:

- Demonstrate that the project will directly support youths who are or have been subject to the *Youth Protection Act* or the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*.
- Be located in Quebec and have proof of incorporation or provincial registration.
- Be one of the following:
 - A foundation (registered charity).
 - A non-profit organization or a social economy business.
 - An exception is made for government agencies (e.g., educational institutions, municipalities, and the youth protection or youth program branches of integrated health and social services centres [CISSS] or integrated university health and social services centres [CIUSSS]) that work together with community organizations.

For your application to be considered, you must meet all of the above eligibility criteria and submit all the required documents along with your proposal.

Criteria the Fondation's Allocations Committee considers when selecting proposals

- Proposal aligned with the goals of the [Transitioning Towards an Autonomous Life](#) program (see the document outlining the program and its goals)
- Project ready to be implemented and launched by fall 2023
- Number of young people who would benefit from the project and who are or have been subject to the *Youth Protection Act* or the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*
- Involvement of young people in the project;
- Level of cooperation and quality of partnerships between your organization and community stakeholders

Note: Openness to consider funding for projects already supported for a 2nd year with a view to consolidation.

Priority will be given to proposals that:

1. Will make a difference in a region where there is a gap between the support that youths in care need and the support that is available to them
2. Have demonstrated that they would have a potentially significant impact on youths who are or have been in the care of the DYP
3. Include sustainability plans that the Fondation can use to assess the value of supporting the projects financially

Non-qualifying proposals

- Proposals that could be funded by government agencies.
- Given that the Fondation's mission is to support only youths who are or have been subject to the *Youth Protection Act* or the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* and who are or have been in the care of the DYP, proposals intended to support other youths at risk will not be considered under this call for proposals.

Selection process

The [Allocations Committee](#) will review all proposals submitted to the Fondation during the month of May. Successful applicants will be contacted by mid-June. The first payments will start rolling out as of July 1, 2023.