

Indigenous Initiatives Fund IV



The purpose of the **Indigenous Initiatives Fund (IIF IV)** is to support the Indigenous people of Québec in their economic, social and community development and provide them with the means to carry out promising community projects.

The program is slated to run for five years (2022–27) and has seven components:

- ◆ Economic development
- ◆ Loan guarantees
- ◆ Community infrastructure
- ◆ Community action
- ◆ Consultation assistance
- ◆ Social development
- ◆ Support for Indigenous people in urban environments

The IIF IV has a budget of \$188.4 million—a \$21-million increase over the previous program.

Accessible support, geared to Indigenous realities

The different program components aim to meet the needs of a varied clientele, both within communities and in urban environments. The program is therefore open to Indigenous communities, Indigenous businesses, Indigenous women entrepreneurs, Indigenous entrepreneurs age 35 and under, Indigenous social economy enterprises, organizations mandated to represent Indigenous nations and communities, Indigenous community action organizations and non-profit organizations.

As with pre-IIF IV programs, the funds are earmarked for communities to undertake economic development and community infrastructure projects. To access the funds, a community must have a specific agreement with the Gouvernement du Québec.

A constantly evolving program

The IIF IV provides greater flexibility than previous programs, particularly between the economic development and community infrastructure components. This approach enables Indigenous communities to optimize their available funds for their particular needs.

To meet the needs of Indigenous communities, the program also entails certain enhancements, such as the possibility of supporting the digital shift under an economic development project or even the option of implementing their own economic development measures to help fund their members' projects.

The program also enables the Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones to continue providing operational funding to Indigenous community action organizations whose mission falls within its area of responsibility. The Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones will still support service and infrastructure projects in urban environments, initiatives for fostering Indigenous social development, and community responses to consultations initiated by the Gouvernement du Québec.



To apply for funding, or to inquire about the Indigenous Initiatives Fund IV, please contact the Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones team at financement_fia4@mce.gouv.qc.ca.