

French Second Language Revitalization Program



Do you have innovative ideas for the teaching of French?

Funding

Under the Canada-Manitoba Agreement for Minority Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction, school divisions, independent schools and non-profit organizations have the opportunity to submit a request for financial assistance for projects that will give new momentum to French Second Language instruction in Manitoba.

Specifically, this program aims:

- to promote, improve access and strengthen Basic French programs
- to promote, improve access and strengthen French Immersion programs
- to improve support services and professional learning opportunities for teachers
- to improve access to quality teaching resources
- to increase the opportunity for learners to use their French language skills

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- qualifications of applicant (experience, stability, capacity for success)
- relevance of proposed initiatives to program objectives
- scope and importance of needs to be met
- quality of project design (logical link between objectives, activities and timetables)
- impact and sustainability of expected results

- existence and quality of partnerships (contribution)
- cost efficiency
- financial viability of project (diversity of sources, long-term funding)

Funding Priorities

1. Program Introduction: Establish a new program in a school or school division (ex: Intensive French Program, Late French Immersion).
2. Program Expansion: Extend a program to other grade levels (ex: Early French Start and Follow-up to the Intensive French Program) or offer a greater range of French Immersion and Basic French courses. Special consideration will be given for French courses at the senior years level.
3. Professional Learning: Offer professional learning in specialized areas to support new teaching methods and to enrich teachers' French language skills.
4. Promotion of French Second Language Programs: Promote French Second Language programs and the benefits of learning French as a second language to students, parents and the community.
5. Creation of Opportunities for Youth: In collaboration with the community, develop and implement activities that enable learners to use their French skills and make the language relevant.

Eligibility

Who may apply:

- schools or school divisions wishing to revitalize French Second Language instruction

- non-profit organizations that have relevant instructional services or resources to support French second language education.

Eligible Expenditures

Eligible expenditures include (but are not limited to):

- salary of a specialist to establish a new program or course
- fees of a specialist for professional services
- instructional resources and material necessary to establish a new course, program or teaching method
- travel and substitute teacher costs necessary for the professional learning of teachers
- travel and equipment necessary to provide opportunities for youth to use French

Funding Restrictions

The following items are not eligible for funding:

- covering expenses already incurred or the maintenance of pre-existing programs
- capital expenditures (ex: construction, renovation)
- basic instructional resources (School divisions and independent schools are expected to use basic provincial funding for students enrolled in French Second Language programs. Applications for funding under the Revitalization Program must address needs not covered under this funding.)

Duration of Funding

The maximum duration of funding for each project is three years. The grant, however, is awarded on a year-to-year basis, with the possibility of being extended the following year. Applicants who have received funding for a multi-year project in any given year must therefore reapply for funding each following year.

Application Form

The new application form is available on-line at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/languages/index.html.

The submission deadline for applications is January 31. A selection committee from the Bureau de l'éducation française Division will review applications. All applicants will be contacted in June.

Mail, fax or e-mail applications to:

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