

PROGRAM TARGETING THE PROTECTION, TRANSMISSION AND PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

Section 1: Building Restoration Registration Form 2023-2024

OBJECTIVES

The program contributes to the protection, transmission, and promotion of religious heritage of historical, architectural, or artistic interest.

It offers financial support for projects aiming to preserve heritage buildings and keep them in a good state of repair as well as projects dedicated to the conservation of furnishings, works of art, and organs demonstrating heritage value across the whole of Québec.

Eligible Clientele

Includes the following owners of an eligible building or to their proxy (designated by resolution):

- a) A non-profit organization including: a fabrique; a diocese; a Consistory; a religious order or the equivalent in other religious traditions, a municipality; a band council or a Cree, Inuit, or Naskapi community or a private owner (private individual, for-profit organization, private company);
- b) Must have respected all guidelines during any prior projects;
- c) Respects all provisions of the Cultural Heritage Act (RLRQ chapter P-9.002) for property targeted by this law.

Eligible Properties

Cultural heritage buildings of a religious nature whose date of construction is prior to 1976 and which hold one of the following statuses under the Cultural Heritage Act (RLRQ, chapitre P-9.002) are admissible:

- a) listed heritage building;
- b) building located in a classified or declared heritage site;
- c) heritage building cited or located in a cited heritage site.

Places of worship, all religious traditions combined, that meet one of the following conditions are admissible :

- d) constructed before 1945 whose heritage value as been declared either: indispensable (A), exceptional (B), or superior (C) according to the Inventory of Places of Worship of Québec realized by the Council in each region.
- e) constructed between 1945 and 1975 whose heritage value has been declared indispensable (A), by virtue of the Inventory of Places of Worship of Québec realized by the Council.

The building in question is insured and protected by a functional fire detection system. The owner must maintain continued coverage at their expense by the insurance policies necessary for the building.

Eligible Projects and Expenditures

- a) Projects that deal with the overall structure as well as those necessary for the maintenance of heritage values linked to the building's envelope;
- b) Interior projects that ensure the maintenance of heritage values are only eligible for listed property or in the case of a building that has sustained damage due to flooding, or to the degradation of the building's envelope or structure;
- c) Fire detection and extinguishing systems;
- d) Electrical components that ensure the security of a site;
- e) Expenses incurred for the realisation preparatory studies before the confirmation of financial assistance are eligible, as well as the portion of professional fees from specialists involved in projects (architects, engineers, historians, archeologists, restaurateurs and others).

Presentation of projects

Applications for financial assistance must include the following documents:

- Registration form
- Building health record written in the last 5 years
- Proof of insurance
- Proof of the presence of a functional fire detection system
- Resolution by the applicant organization authorizing the submission of the application and authorizing a designated representative to sign for all commitments relating to the application
- Photographs showing the state of the building and any deteriorated architectural elements

The application must be submitted electronically or through the post on or before **February 28 2023** to the Québec Religious Heritage Council or to the regional *Table de Concertation* responsible for the area where the property is located.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Québec Religious Heritage Council.