

# Youth **Strategy Financing**



## CAE Memphrémagog

The CAE Memphrémagog's mission is to contribute to the emergence and success of entrepreneurs in the region by supporting them in their projects through financing, consulting, and local economic development activities, all with a view to sustainable development.

The CAE Memphrémagog is part of a network of 57 CFDCs (Community Futures Development Corporations) and 10 BDCs (Business Development Centres) that creates synergy and promotes the sharing of expertise.

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The Canada Economic Development Youth Strategy Fund's main objective is to support young entrepreneurs in the realization of their various business projects.

## **Eligibility**

The project must meet the following criteria:

- The project must be on the territory of the Memphremagog MRC;
- The entrepreneur must be between 18 and 39 years of age;
- The entrepreneur must be the owner or majority shareholder of the business or have decision-making power, alone or jointly with other partners;
- The entrepreneur must use the amount obtained as a down payment in the form of capital or an advance to a shareholder.

#### **Financing terms** and conditions

Financial assistance is provided in the form of term loans as follows:

- \$5,000 to \$25,000 per entrepreneur, to a maximum of \$30,000 if there are two eligible entrepreneurs for the same project;
- Financial assistance in the form of a personal loan;
- With an interest-free period of 24 months;
- With a six-month capital remission vacation;
- With a target amortization period of five years and a maximum of seven years;
- An application fee of \$150 is payable at the time of application and an annual monitoring fee of \$150 is payable starting in the second year.

## **Support and advice**

The financial assistance includes support throughout the project to increase its chances of success.

## Types of financing

Financial assistance that can be used for a variety of purposes:

- Start up;
- Acquisition of a business or an interest;
- Acquisition of capital assets;
- Working capital.

Financial assistance **cannot** be used to refinance an existing debt of the entrepreneur or business.

#### Areas of intervention

Financial assistance is available for most economic sectors, including:

- Tourism:
- Information Technology (IT);
- Manufacturing;
- Retail and Services.