

Under the *French-language Services Act*, the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie is engaged to “contribute to the preservation and growth of the Acadian and Francophone community.” With these goals in mind, the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie offers different grant programs.

The funding program for **Acadian Heritage Month** is destined to support projects that celebrate Acadian heritage and a specified theme. This year’s theme is ***Honouring Acadian heritage, shaping the future.***

**NEW:** Please note that there are two funding streams this year (see details below).

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If you have questions about your project, please contact the Manager of Acadian and Francophone Partnerships :

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## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **Applicants:**

- a) Registered, Nova Scotia-based, non-profit society/cooperative
- b) Registered Canadian charities actively operating in Nova Scotia
- c) Municipalities

## **GUIDELINES**

### **Your project must:**

- take place during the month of August,
- linked to its theme: *Honouring Acadian heritage, shaping the future*,
- address a diverse audience,
- contribute to the promotion of Acadie.

**NEW:** Two funding streams:

#### **Stream 1**

- For applications not related to the National Acadian Day.
- The maximum amount of potential funding by the Office is \$2,000 for one project.
- The activity **cannot** take place on August 15 and must be significantly different from the Quinzou celebrations.

### Stream 2

- For requests related to the National Acadian Day (August 15).
- The maximum amount of funding by the Office is \$500 for a project related to the National Acadian Day.
- The activity may take place on a day other than August 15.

Once funding has been granted, no substantial changes may be made to the project without the written agreement of the program manager.

### Examples of eligible activities (please note that this list is not exhaustive)

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| - Training workshop                           | - Film/documentary/debate screening |
| - Theater, dance and traditional art workshop | - Exhibition                        |
| - Show/concert                                | - Guided tour                       |
| - Debate/round table/conference/testimony     |                                     |

### Examples of ineligible fees

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| - Expenses incurred for an activity that is not part of Acadian Heritage Month and its theme | - Equipment and furniture                           |
| - Salaries (regular employees, business travel <sup>1</sup> )                                | - Construction/renovation work                      |
| - Translations and interpretation                                                            | - Costs engaged prior to submitting the application |
| - Food and drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)                                               |                                                     |
| - Vehicle rentals                                                                            |                                                     |

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The call for proposals is open until all funds are allocated with a closing date of May 23, 2025.

Applications will be processed and evaluated on an ongoing basis until funds for Acadian Heritage Month 2025 are exhausted.

We will contact you if we have any questions and when a decision has been made on your application.

**Important:** Submitting an application **does not guarantee funding.**

**Reminder:** Please note, if a final report becomes overdue, no funds can be released for any subsequent grants approved through the Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage department or Arts Nova Scotia programs until the overdue report has been received and approved.

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<sup>1</sup> Except artist's performance and youth activities

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Your request for funding will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The project description is clear and concise.
- The objectives described clearly demonstrate the contribution to the celebration of Acadian Heritage Month and its theme: *Honouring Acadian heritage, shaping the future*.
- The expenses mentioned are eligible for the Acadian Heritage Month program.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING FUNDING**

Grant beneficiaries must acknowledge the provincial government's contribution to Acadian Heritage Month. They must make visible the fact that the project is organized within the framework of Acadian Heritage Month and its theme.

For more information, please consult the following page:

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/support4culture/acknowledgement-guidelines>