

ENGAGEZ-VOUS POUR LE COMMUNAUTAIRE – COMMIT TO THE COMMUNITY SECTOR

WHEREAS cutbacks in public services and social programs leave the population vulnerable, have repercussions on the respect for social rights and heighten inequalities;

WHEREAS organisations engaged in autonomous community action face an increase in demands for support as a result of these cutbacks;

WHEREAS the missions of these organisations consist of aiding members of the population to defend their own rights and improve their living conditions;

WHEREAS the positive contributions of these organisations to Québec’s society, especially pertaining to civic participation, and their role as agents of social progress for the past 50 years;

WHEREAS these organisations are non-profit, created and governed by members of the community, and their boards of directors are independent from the public sector, constituting as such the basis of their autonomy;

WHEREAS an insufficient or lack of financial indexation for the past 15 years has been impoverishing organisations who cannot absorb increases in operational costs;

WHEREAS underfunding results in suspension of activities and temporary or definitive closing of organisations;

We, the undersigned, ask the Québec Government to commit to the community sector and to social justice through:

- an increase of 475 million dollars, per year, of mission-based funding for the 4000 organisations engaged in autonomous community action, including those who are awaiting funding;
- an annual indexation of grants;
- the respect of their autonomy;
- a reinvestment in public services and social programs.

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