



**MRC** du  
**Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent**

# *Activity Report 2023*

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**Regions and Rurality Fund (Component 2)**

Period covered: January 01 to December 31, 2023

## INTRODUCTION

The MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent is pleased to present the activity report on the investments made under the Regions and Rurality Fund between January 1 and December 31, 2023.

## FINANCIAL ENVELOPE OF THE REGIONS AND RURALITY FUND

Here is the total amount of funding received:

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing	1 462 833 \$
<b>Total funding</b>	<b>1 462 833 \$</b>

## INTERVENTION PRIORITIES

The MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent presents the intervention priorities and projects that were financed under this fund for the period covered by this report.

### Priority 1 ► The implementation of its mandate regarding land planning and development of the territory:

- Modification and adoption of the land use and development plan.
- Revision of the risk coverage and fire safety plan.
- Preparation of the plan for the management of residual materials.
- Information about the management of leases of recreational sites (camp sites, chalets, etc.).

Projets	Total project cost	Amount awarded	Amount disbursed	Balance to disburse
MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent Land Planning	37 742.94 \$	37 742.94 \$	37 742.94 \$	0,00 \$
Atelier Urbain Land Planning	14 335.96 \$	14 335.96 \$	14 335.96 \$	0,00 \$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52 078.90 \$</b>	<b>52 078.90 \$</b>	<b>52 078.90 \$</b>	<b>0,00 \$</b>

**Priority 2 ▶ The support to local municipalities in professional expertise or to establish sharing of services (social, cultural, tourist, environmental, technological, or other):**

- Support and sharing of services to municipalities of the MRC.
- Support and sharing of expertise for all municipal services (urban planning services, fire, etc.).

Projects	Total cost of project	Amount awarded	Amount disbursed	Balance to disburse
No projects				

**Priority 3 ▶ The promotion of entrepreneurship, support of entrepreneurship and the enterprise.**

- Foster the creation and/or maintenance of sustainable jobs.
- Provide continuous support to entrepreneurs with the realization of their project (business plan, studies, references).
- Promote social development and support the promoters of social economy.
- Accompany, support technically and/or financially potential entrepreneurs or those who are already active (consultation activities, orientation, reference, support in training).
- Provide and ensure the management of the programs offered to our clientele (Young promoters, support to self-employed workers, funds for the development of social economy enterprises, employment assistance services, Maritime, and Tourism industry development fund).
- Provide and ensure the management of investment funds such as the Local Investment Fund (FLI) and Local Solidarity Fund (FLS).

Projects	Fund	Total project cost	Amount awarded	Amount disbursed	Balance to disburse
<b>FONDATION OLIVIER BEAUDOIN</b> Camp d'Espoir & Quebec Games 2023	CSF	19 700,00 \$	675,00 \$	675,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Pêcheries Petit-Havre</b> Salon Fourchette Bleue 2023	CETF	1 250,00 \$	580,16 \$	580,16 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Green Point Outfitter</b> Salon Plein Air, Chasse et Pêche	CETF	1 614,00 \$	807,00 \$	807,00 \$	0,00 \$

<b>Radio Communautaire de Tête-à-la-Baleine</b> Jours de la Radio	CETF	3 885,71 \$	3 497,14 \$	3 497,14 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Dumas, Jean-Claude</b> Dumas Architect	EEDF	8 204,00 \$	4 102,00 \$	4 102,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Keats, Leon</b> Purchase of fishing enterprise	EEDF	600 000,00 \$	12 500,00 \$	12 500,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Au Natur'elle</b> Equipment purchases to expand enterprise	EEDF	3 500,00 \$	1 750,00 \$	1 750,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>9438-8501 Québec Inc.</b> Just like Home – Dog Hotel	EEDF	324 170,11 \$	15 000,00 \$	12 000,00 \$	3 000,00 \$
<b>Jones, Pierre</b> Jones Tire and Automotive	EEDF	8 650,00 \$	4 324,82 \$	4 324,82 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Fermes Belles Amour</b> Fish market	EEDF	16 178,00 \$	8 088,95 \$	6 471,16 \$	1 617,79 \$
<b>Buckle, Heidi &amp; McDonald, Curtis</b> Buckle Enterprises	EEDF	486 578,00 \$	12 500,00 \$	0,00 \$	12 500,00 \$
<b>Lower North Shore Community Seafood Cooperative</b> Consultation – Automation of plant	SEF	31 925,00 \$	5 345,00 \$	5 345,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Lower North Shore Community Seafood Cooperative</b> Lodging for production workers	SEF	84 809,61 \$	7 555,49 \$	6 044,39 \$	1 511,10 \$
<b>MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent</b> Development Agents		<b>188 411,02 \$</b>	<b>188 411,02 \$</b>	<b>188 411,02 \$</b>	<b>0,00 \$</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 778 875,45 \$</b>	<b>265 136,58 \$</b>	<b>246 507,69 \$</b>	<b>18 628,89 \$</b>

**Priority 4 ► The mobilisation of communities and support towards to the realization of strategic projects to improve living environments, in the areas of social, cultural, economic and environmental:**

- Establish partnerships and financially support community organizations in order to improve the quality of life of our residents in the following areas and with the following clientele: seniors, families, young people, fishery, aquaculture, agrofood, tourism, leisure, economic diversification, labour training, transportation, telecommunication, environment and fire safety.

Projects	Fund	Total project cost	Amount awarded	Amount disbursed	Balance to disburse
<b>Municipality of Blanc-Sablon</b> 2023 Summer Camp	RSPSF	37 542,42 \$	16 182,42 \$	16 182,42 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Coasters Associations</b> Support to seniors' wellness centers	RSPSF	125 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	12 000,00 \$	8 000,00 \$
<b>12006090 Canada Inc.</b> Asset acquisition	SPF-1	62 922,64 \$	31 461,32 \$	0,00 \$	31 461,32 \$
<b>Municipality of Blanc-Sablon</b> Search and rescue equipment	SPF-1	28 345,46 \$	3 264,87 \$	0,00 \$	3 264,87 \$
<b>Keats, Leon</b> Purchase of fishing enterprise	SPF-1	600 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Les Entreprises Musquaro Inc.</b> Artisanal smokehouse in La Romaine	SPF-1	70 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Municipality of Gros-Mécatina</b> Fire smart Training	SPF-1	47 944,37 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>9438-8501 Québec Inc.</b> Just like Home – Dog Hotel	SPF-1	324 170,11 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Association des Pêcheurs de Tête-à-la-Baleine</b> Infrastructure improvement	SPF-1	49 565,23 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Association for the development of Tourism</b> Islands of History	SPF-1	70 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Corporation de développement économique Est Ouest</b> Phase 1 of implementing a year-round facility	SPF-1	54 452,06 \$	24 006,85 \$	19 205,48 \$	4 801,37 \$
<b>Mécatina Outfitter</b> Acquisition of an Outboard motor	SPF-1	10 037,00 \$	5 018,50 \$	4 018,80 \$	999,70 \$

<b>Municipalité de la Côte-Nord du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent (Kegaska local committee)</b> Resource person for the Kegaska local committee	SPF-1	38 202,25 \$	18 437,06 \$	14 749,64 \$	3 687,42 \$
<b>Tourisme Côte-Nord</b> Hiring of a resource person for Expedition 51	SPF-1	101 950,00 \$	25 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	5 000,00 \$
<b>Lower North Shore Community Seafood Cooperative</b> Lodging for production workers	SPF-1	84 809,61 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>CEDFOB</b> Indoor pollination for food security in Northern communities	SPF-1	49 881,05 \$	30 892,95 \$	24 714,36 \$	6 178,59 \$
<b>Société Historique Mécatina</b> Restoration of heritage building on Providence Island	SPF-1	955 014,45 \$	35 000,00 \$	0,00 \$	35 000,00 \$
<b>9247-6415 Québec Inc.</b> Fishing enterprise expansion	SPF-1	69 991,50 \$	34 995,75 \$	27 996,60 \$	6 999,15 \$
<b>Lower North Shore Fishermans association</b> Post season survey	SPF-1	55 921,92 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Green Point Outfitters</b> Revitalisation of equipment at GPO	SPF-1	60 637,99 \$	30 318,99 \$	24 255,19 \$	6063,80 \$
<b>Municipality of Bonne-Espérance</b> Fire mitigation project	SPF-1	316 721,94 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Municipality of Saint-Augustin</b> Preparation for a forest fire	SPF-1	12 994,01 \$	9 494,01 \$	0,00 \$	9 494,01 \$
<b>Buckle, Heidi &amp; McDonald Curtis</b> Buckle Entreprises	SPF-1	486 578,42 \$	35 000,00 \$	0,00 \$	35 000,00 \$
<b>9196-8396 Québec Inc.</b> Fishing enterprises expansion	SPF-1	82 977,95 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Belvin, Camille</b> Lobster fishing equipment	SPF-2	49 875,00 \$	24 937,50 \$	24 937,50 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Joncas, Jean-Richard</b> Vessel purchase - Josée Daniel	SPF-2	80 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Driscoll, Dwight</b> Lobster fishery improvements	SPF-2	21 073,00 \$	10 536,50 \$	10 536,50 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Roberts, John W.</b> Lobster fishery improvements	SPF-2	35 285,15 \$	17 629,07 \$	17 629,07 \$	0,00 \$

<b>Hart, Barry</b> Purchase of equipment for lobster fishery	SPF-2	13 836,00 \$	6 918,00 \$	6 918,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Lavallee, Dean</b> Purchase of 1/3 of a snow crab license	SPF-2	200 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Belvin, Camille</b> Purchase of electric hauler	SPF-2	5 250,00 \$	2 625,00 \$	2 625,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Hobbs, Jeffrey</b> Lady Easton fishing equipment	SPF-2	18 502,00 \$	9 251,00 \$	9 251,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Hobbs, Jeffrey</b> Purchase of 1/3 of a snow crab license	SPF-2	200 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Rowsell, Austin</b> Purchase of 1/3 of a snow crab license in Zone 12C	SPF-2	200 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Thomas, Roland</b> Upgrade fishing gear	SPF-2	27 049,80 \$	13 524,90 \$	13 524,90 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Rowsell, Ernest</b> Fish gear storage	SPF-2	17 611,61 \$	8 805,80 \$	0,00 \$	8 805,80 \$
<b>Monger, Jacques</b> Acquisition of electric hauler	SPF-2	5 250,00 \$	2 625,00 \$	2 625,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Rogers, Colleen</b> Purchase of a commercial fishing license	SPF-2	100 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Etheridge, Ivan</b> Lobster fishing improvements	SPF-2	21 037,76 \$	10 518,88 \$	0,00 \$	10 518,88 \$
<b>Lavallee, Anthony</b> Lobster fishing equipment upgrades	SPF-2	29 288,00 \$	14 644,00 \$	14 644,00 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Shattler, Bryan</b> Purchase of commercial fishing license	SPF-2	75 000,00 \$	35 000,00 \$	28 000,00 \$	7 000,00 \$
<b>Lavallee, Conrad</b> Equipment purchases for lobster fishery	SPF-2	38 969,94 \$	19 484,97 \$	0,00 \$	19 484,97 \$
<b>Roberts, John W.</b> Purchase of electric hauler and security rails	SPF-2	12 159,68 \$	6 079,84 \$	0,00 \$	6 079,84 \$
<b>Wellman, Peter</b> Outboard and electric hauler purchase	SPF-2	18 758,99 \$	9 379,49 \$	0,00 \$	9 379,49 \$
<b>Total</b>		<b>4 965 577,31 \$</b>	<b>1 036 032,67 \$</b>	<b>748 813,46 \$</b>	<b>287 219,21 \$</b>

**Priority 5 ▶ The establishment, funding, and implementation of sectoral agreements for local and regional development with government departments or agencies:**

- Work in collaboration with other organizations, government departments or others (MRC, Assembly of the MRC's of the North Shore) in order to agree on the sectoral agreements.

<b>Agreements</b>	<b>Total value of agreement</b>	<b>Amount engaged 2023</b>	<b>Amount disbursed</b>	<b>Balance to disburse</b>
Sectoral agreement for the attraction and retention on the North Shore 2021-2026 <b>Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing</b> April 01, 2021 – March 31, 2026 FRR2 total engagement: \$90 000	1 500 000.00 \$	18 000.00 \$		
Cultural Development Agreement 2021-2024 <b>Minister of Culture and Communications</b> January 01, 2021 – June 30, 2024 FRR2 total engagement: \$24 000	60 000.00 \$	8000.00 \$		
Territorial partnership agreement with the Cote Nord 2022-2025 <b>Quebec Arts &amp; Letters Council</b> July 15, 2022 – March 31, 2025 FRR2 total engagement: \$21 600	470 000.00 \$	7 200.00 \$		
Sectoral agreement for the participation of youth from the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent in provincial, regional and local sports 2023-2028 <b>Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing</b> April 01, 2023 to March 31, 2028 FRR2 total engagement: \$ 250 000	1 052 500.00 \$	50 000.00 \$		
Sectoral agreement for the strengthening of support to municipalities of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent 2023-2028 <b>Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing</b> April 01, 2023 to March 31, 2028 FRR2 total commitment: \$ 300 000	1 175 000.00 \$	100 000.00 \$		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 257 500.00 \$</b>	<b>183 200.00 \$</b>		



**Priority 6 ▶ The support for rural development, within the rural territory that it will have defined for this purpose. The MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent defined its territory in its entirety as the latter:**

- The well-being of the population (sports and leisure);
- Job creation;
- Proximity services;
- Communication.

Projects	Fund	Total project cost	Amount awarded	Amount disbursed	Balance to disburse
<b>Comité de Loisirs de Tête-à-la-Baleine</b> Community skating rink renovation	RDF	50 903,56 \$	25 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	5 000,00 \$
<b>St. Paul's River seniors club</b> Greenhouse renovations	RDF	11 429,53 \$	10 286,58 \$	10 286,58 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Coaster's Association</b> Support for the implementation of the Lower North Shore Youth Hub	RDF	12 786,15 \$	4 822,47 \$	1 857,98 \$	2 964,49 \$
<b>Bonne-Espérance Tourism development foundation</b> Renew the Middle Bay Interpretation center	RDF	29 280,41 \$	25 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	5 000,00 \$
<b>Association for the development of tourism</b> Islands of History	RDF	70 000,00 \$	25 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	5 000,00 \$
<b>Corporation de développement économique Est Ouest</b> Phase 1 – of becoming a year-round facility	RDF	54 452,06 \$	25 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	5 000,00 \$
<b>Municipalité de Bonne-Espérance</b> Road signage	RDF	22 007,38 \$	14 095,67 \$	11 276,54 \$	2 819,13 \$
<b>PrésAge</b> Relaunch of annual rendez-vous in Blanc Sablon	RDF	18 172,00 \$	12 064,00 \$	9 651,20 \$	2 412,80 \$
<b>Maison Mécatina Inc.</b> Intergenerational activity at Maison Mecatina Inc.	RDF	1 962,74 \$	1 266,47 \$	1 013,18 \$	213,29 \$
<b>CFBS Radio Blanc Sablon</b> Put our best face forward	RDF	13 239,87 \$	8 637,27 \$	6 909,82 \$	1 727,45 \$

<b>Lower North Shore Community Seafood Cooperative</b> Lodging for production workers	RDF	84 809,61 \$	25 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	5 000,00 \$
<b>Société Historique Mécatina</b> Restoration of heritage building on Providence Island	RDF	955 014,45 \$	25 000,00 \$	0,00 \$	25 000,00 \$
<b>CSS du Littoral</b> Rock wall – Saint Augustin	RDF	61 845,05 \$	4 112,56 \$	4 112,56 \$	0,00 \$
<b>Municipalité de Gros-Mécatina</b> Mutton Island Pond	RDF	6 031,36 \$	5 428,22 \$	4 342,58 \$	1 085,64 \$
<b>Municipalité de Gros-Mécatina</b> Heating cable at the Arena	RDF	8 550,25 \$	7 695,22 \$	6 156,18 \$	1 539,04 \$
<b>Municipalité de Gros-Mécatina</b> Gros-Mécatina Daycare	RDF	7 018,71 \$	6 316,84 \$	5 053,47 \$	1 263,37 \$
<b>Municipalité de la Côte-Nord du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent</b> St. Michaels Church	RDF	28 309,87 \$	25 000,00 \$	20 000,00 \$	5 000,00 \$
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 435 813,00 \$</b>	<b>249 725,30 \$</b>	<b>178 602,77 \$</b>	<b>69 025,21 \$</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

RRF amount (including the rural development fund)	1 462 833.00 \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 462 833.00 \$</b>
Residual from RRF as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	1 604 442.77 \$
<b>Total amount RRF</b>	<b>3 067 275.77 \$</b>
Administrative fees	41 773.14 \$
Priority 1	52 078.90 \$
Priority 2	0.00 \$
Priority 3	265 136.58 \$
Priority 4	1 036 032.67 \$
Priority 5	183 200.00 \$
Priority 6	249 725.30 \$
<b>Total priorities</b> (incl. HCDSF, FQIS & administrative fees)	<b>1 827 946.59 \$</b>
<b>Residual as of December 31, 2023</b>	<b>1 239 329.18 \$</b>

## SUMMARY

For the period of January 01 – December 31, 2023, the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent has engaged an amount of \$1 827 946.59 for total investments of \$ 8 248 384.00 and thus contributed to the creation and or maintenance of 110 jobs.