

Communications et inforoutes

2002-2003 NATIVE RADIO SUPPORT PROGRAM

(Version française : [Programme de soutien aux radios autochtones \(PARA\)](#))

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Definition of the program

The program supports local aboriginal radio stations, essential local information and communication services, by means of subsidies.

A local aboriginal radio station is a non-profit organization with a board of directors made up of people from the community, which broadcasts programs that reflect the needs and preferences of the population, in the aboriginal language or the language understood by the community.

An essential local information and communication service is a service offered by an aboriginal radio station to a community that cannot otherwise be provided with that service by the public or private radio broadcasting system because of the specific cultural character of the aboriginal community. The local service provides a core of informative and cultural programs, in the local language, dealing with events and concerns of interest to the community.

The three objectives of the 2002-2003 program are :

- to consolidate the organization and operation of local radio stations, essential local information and communication services. The program is meant to help radio stations set up a solid structure, further the skills of the production team and render infrastructures more functional;
- to encourage radio stations to exchange programs and expertise;
- to promote the use of vernacular languages, thus creating a linguistic environment favourable to the cultural development of communities.

Eligible clientele

Local aboriginal radio stations and their mandataries (band councils, municipal corporations), and aboriginal communications societies working with all the local stations of a nation are eligible for the program. Radio stations must have been on the air for at least one year. Only one radio station per community can benefit from a grant.

To qualify for a subsidy, local stations must be producing and commit themselves to produce at least 12 hours of local information and cultural programs per week.

Allocation standards

The department provides two kinds of assistance :

- assistance for operations, intended solely for local radio stations, and;
- assistance for specific projects, intended solely for communications societies.

Terms and conditions

Assistance for operations :

- a subsidy for a maximum amount of \$ 10 000 (Table 1) for stations whose annual budget, without the department's contribution, is under \$ 70 000;
- \$ 2 000 is subtracted from the subsidy mentioned above for each block of \$ 5 000 in excess of the starting budget (\$ 70 000).

The operating subsidy must not exceed 50 % of the regular operating budget of the station.

A radio station whose budget is in excess of \$ 90 000 is not eligible to the program.

Assistance for specific projects:

TABLE 1	
Calculation of the maximum amount of the operating subsidy	
Annuel budget	Subsidy
Under \$70 000	\$10 000
Between \$71 000 and \$75 000	\$8 000
Between \$76 000 and \$80 000	\$6 000
Between \$81 000 and \$85 000	\$4 000
Between \$86 000 and \$90 000	\$2 000

Assistance for specific projects is intended for communications societies. They must submit an application to help local radio stations improve their organization, benefit from adequate training, improve financing, exchange programs between themselves, share or acquire new know-how (among other things through activities related to new information technologies) and comply with Canadian regulations on radio broadcasting and Québec legislation.

The amount of the subsidy for a specific project depends on the balance available in the NRSP budget after operating subsidies have been granted, and on the nature and number of applications submitted. However, the subsidy cannot exceed \$ 50 000 per project and 75 % of the global cost.

Submitting applications and forms

All applications must be made using the appropriate forms and must be addressed to the [regional office of the ministère de la Culture et des Communications](#) in question.

Forms

Title	PDF format
Application form for radio stations	para_radio_a.pdf 141 ko
Application form for communications societies	para_comm_societies_a.pdf 98 ko

Report on the use of the 2001-2002 grant	para_utilisation_grant_a.pdf 96 ko
Download Acrobat Reader 4.0 or higher Electronic forms : complete on the screen, print, sing and mail.	

Deadline for receiving applications

The deadline for receiving applications is **June 12, 2002**.



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