

QCGN welcomes support for English-speaking community of Quebec

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Montreal, March 25, 2025 – The support the Government of Quebec is extending to the English-speaking community of Quebec in the 2025-26 Budget is most welcome, Quebec Community Groups Network said today.

The government's promise to invest \$10 million over the next five years to strengthen the vitality of the English-speaking community, especially in providing better access to services, particularly in health and social services, is good news, the organization said in a statement.

The Budget indicated that the funds will also be aimed at expanding the supply of community mental-health services for a population experiencing higher levels of psychological distress and anxiety than the general population; maintaining accessibility to legal information services by ensuring the law is clearly communicated.

Finance Minister Eric Girard, who is also minister who leads the Secretariat for relations with the English-speaking community of Quebec, said the province has recently signed the Canada-Québec Agreement with the federal government to the Action Plan for Official Languages. "Respecting Québec's exclusive jurisdictions and priorities in education and health, this agreement will provide Quebec with \$343.5 million from the federal government over four years, from 2024-2025 to 2027-2028," Girard's Budget speech said.

"The funds will support Québec's minority-language education, second-language instruction and English-language services."

"The QCGN has worked hard with both levels of government on this file, and we will continue to do so to ensure an appropriate allocation of the funding," QCGN President Eva Ludvig said.

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together English-language community organizations and individuals across Quebec. Its mission is to identify, explore, and address strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec and to encourage dialogue and collaboration.

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