

# **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

## **Research on community philanthropy**

### **Community Based Philanthropy in the English-speaking Community of Quebec: A historical review and documentation of philanthropy In the rural communities and smaller urban centres of Quebec**

#### **Rationale for Report**

Community based philanthropy has been a driving force in the development and vitality of English-speaking rural communities and smaller urban centres in Quebec for over 200 years. It was an integral part in the development of community infrastructure, community support of vulnerable populations and maintaining a sense of identity of the community. Philanthropic activity continues today in many forms and continues to support these communities, but our understanding of this important element of the culture of the English-speaking community has been diminished over time.

The Quebec Community Health and Social Services Foundation (QCHF) would like to commission a report to document this history and create a portrait of philanthropy in English-speaking communities today. With this report the QCHF would like to bring the spotlight back onto this important element of our community and look at how to develop it.

#### **Deliverable**

The project deliverable is a written report in English for a non-specialized readership totalling approximately 20 pages plus references and appendices. The report is to be sent in both electronic and paper formats.

#### **Key Elements**

Develop a portrait of philanthropy in English-speaking communities in rural settings and smaller urban centres.

- What the patterns of giving have been (immigrant assistance, cemetery maintenance, cancer travel, religious centered giving, academic scholarships, institutions, etc.)
- Levels of giving over time
- Individual giving
- Private foundation interests

Document historical developmental models: Highlight some examples of where it has worked (Quebec City, Gaspé and Sherbrooke)

Propose or develop ideas for developing philanthropy in the English-speaking community in Quebec.

#### **Time Frame**

Submissions of interest in this project will be accepted until February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The delivery of report must be no later than June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



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### Value of project

A maximum of \$10,000

### Applicant eligibility

This contract is open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Preference will be shown to applicants with at least a Master's degree in a discipline related to the topic. PhD students are encouraged to apply.

### Submission details

A letter of interest (maximum 3 pages) to prepare this report should be sent to the attention of the Executive Director of the QCHF, **Jennifer Johnson** at the address below and received by the February 17<sup>th</sup> deadline. The letter of interest should outline a brief description of ideas on how the research might be executed, a budget and the researcher's interest and experience in this field. A CV of the researcher should also accompany the letter with references.

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