



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR GREEN TECHNOLOGY PATENTS

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Quebec entrepreneurs of "green" technologies will be pleased to learn that a new financial support program for companies developing and implementing technologies that contribute to limiting damages to the environment is now available.

This Quebec program complements other programs that were previously available for emerging energies (Energy Innovation Assistance Program (PAIE) and reducing greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG", Technoclimat®). Green Technologies Demonstration Program (GTDP)

The new program called Green Technology Demonstration Program (GTDP) is available to Quebec corporations that have developed, adapted or have rights in an innovative method or emerging technology.

Only "demonstrations" focused on the development or the adaptation of new processes or new technologies with commercial potential, and the use of which offers a solution to damages caused to water, air, soil or issues related to waste or residual materials management, are eligible for this program. This includes demonstrations aimed at the detection and measurement of contaminants.

"Demonstration" refer to the implementation of the process or technology in order to test it in real situations. This step generally takes place between the research and development stage and the commercialization stage.

For the selected projects, the program provides a contribution that covers up to 50% of eligible expenses, subject to a limit of one million dollars, and for a maximum demonstration period of 36 months. Expenses directly related to the execution of the demonstration, and incurred during the fixed period, will be considered as an eligible expense.

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Such expenses include the costs related to the application and the allowance of a patent, a license to manufacture or a know-how license (this includes both regulatory fees and the associated professional services).

It is important to note that technologies aimed at reducing GHG are not eligible for this program. However, an applicant seeking to obtain patent protection or a licence in connection with any technology related to this area can have access to the Technoclimat® program.

Other Available Provincial Programs

Other programs aimed at providing financial assistance for the development or the establishment of “green” technologies are also available. The table below provides an overview of the available provincial programs in order to allow easy comparison of the latter.

Available Provincial Programs				
Name of the program	Type of activities	State of development	Eligible expenses related to IP	Eligible amount
<i>Green Technologies Demonstration Program (GTDP)</i> Website (available in French only)	New processes or new technologies (or their adaptation) whose use provides a solution to damages caused to water, air, soil or problems related to waste or residual materials management.	Demonstration	Costs related to the application and the allowance of a patent, a license to manufacture or a know-how license.	Maximum of 50% of eligible expenses. Maximum limit of \$1M per project.
<i>Energy Innovation Assistance Program (PAIE)</i> Website	Projects concerning innovative technologies or processes relating to the areas of energy efficiency or emerging energies, and that are part of a sustainable development perspective.	Many stages targeted : R & D Experimentation Demonstration Measurement Pre-marketing & Transfer Dissemination.	Costs related to the application and the allowance of a patent, a license to manufacture or a know-how license.	Variable according to the type of activity. (see table) A single project may receive funding for several distinct activities. Maximum limit of \$1M per project.

<p><i>Green technologies demonstration program aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (Technoclimat®)</i> Main Component Website</p>	<p>Innovative and emerging technologies created in the province of Quebec (and those aimed at adapting existing technology).</p>	<p>Demonstration</p>	<p>Costs related to the application and the allowance of a patent, a license to manufacture or a know-how license.</p>	<p>Maximum of 50% of eligible expenses. Maximum limit of \$3M per project.</p>
<p><i>Green technologies demonstration program aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (Technoclimat®)</i> Second component Website</p>	<p>Proven technology for reducing GHG, currently experiencing weak or no market presence in Quebec.</p>	<p>Testing Validation</p>	<p>Legal costs incurred in entering into a distribution agreement or a manufacturing license.</p>	<p>Maximum of 50% of eligible expenses. Maximum limit of \$1M per project.</p>
<p><i>Valorization and Transfer Support Program (VTSP)</i> Support component for technology maturation Website (available in French only)</p>	<p>Universities, university healthcare centers and public research centers meeting the admission criteria.</p>	<p>Technology maturation</p>	<p>Costs related to the protection of intellectual property.</p>	<p>Maximum of 80 % of eligible expenses. Maximum limit of \$700 000 per project.</p>
<p><i>Economic Project Support Program (PSPE)</i> Product development component Website (available in French only)</p>	<p>Product development projects where the product has an innovative nature and shows commercial potential. The product must meet at least one of the objectives set for this program, one of them being the reduction of environmental damage. For a project to be eligible, the eligible expenses must be between</p>	<p>Product development planning Product testing Product validation Product launch</p>	<p>Costs related to the application and allowance of a patent or to the protection of intellectual property.</p>	<p>Variable according to the funding of the particular project.</p>

	\$250 000 and \$2M. (For projects with eligible expenses exceeding \$2M, see Strategic Support for Investment Program (PASI) from Investment Quebec).			
<i>Economic Project Support Program (PSPE)</i> Investment component Website (available in French only)	Investment projects aimed at creating a new business or the expansion (including modernization) of an existing business. For a project to be eligible, the eligible expenses must be between \$250 000 and \$5M. (For projects with eligible expenses exceeding \$5M, see Strategic Support for Investment Program (PASI) from Investment Quebec).		Costs related to the acquisition of patents or other similar expenses.	Variable according to the funding of the particular project.

Limitations Applicable to All Programs

Those who wish to obtain financial assistance must complete the application for financial assistance before incurring the costs they want to have reimbursed. Indeed, reasonable and justifiable expenses related to the project, but incurred prior to the date of the receipt of the application - which would normally be eligible expenses - are expressly excluded. The period covered by these programs is spread over a maximum of 36 months in all cases.

In addition, an applicant cannot generally benefit from more than one of the programs listed above at once. The only exception to this rule is the combination of the GTDP program and the PAIE program, which appears to remain theoretically possible.

Additional Initiatives

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Other provincial initiatives also exist pertaining to the commercialization of intellectual property assets, such as a tax holiday on income, for a period of ten years, for corporations that meet the definition of new corporations dedicated to the commercialization of intellectual property developed in Quebec universities and public research centers in Quebec (the details of the tax measure, in French only, can be found [at](http://www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/bibliotheques/programmes/mesures-fiscales/conge-dimpot-sur-le-revenu-pour-une-nouvelle-societe-dediee-a-la-commercialisation-dune-propriete-intellectuelle/) <http://www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/bibliotheques/programmes/mesures-fiscales/conge-dimpot-sur-le-revenu-pour-une-nouvelle-societe-dediee-a-la-commercialisation-dune-propriete-intellectuelle/>).

Some federal programs are also available for the funding of “green” technologies. The main programs are from the Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) Tech Fund™ and the NextGen Biofuels Fund™. Unfortunately, these funds do not include expenses related to the acquisition of intellectual property rights among their eligible expenses.

If you think you are eligible for one of the programs described above, please contact one of our agents at ROBIC or consult the details and the criteria of the appropriate program by visiting the previously indicated related Internet site. In the event that you meet the required criteria, we encourage you to submit an application for financial assistance for the program in question as soon as possible.



