

The Financing Policy at a Glance

Eligible businesses and exclusions

1. Legally constituted company registered on Québec's Enterprise Register.
2. The business's head office and main activities are in Québec.
3. Businesses whose activities may be considered controversial, degrading to individuals or otherwise unreasonable for Evol and its funding partners to be associated with are not eligible: politics, religion, sex, bars, violent entertainment, multi-level marketing or any other ethically questionable activity.

Eligibility criteria

1. The business must be headed up by at least one person from a community that is underrepresented in entrepreneurship (women, racialized people, immigrants, members of First Nations and Inuit communities, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community and people with a disability) and these people must:
 - a) Hold at least 25% of shares and votes
 - b) Have a strategic position in the company
2. Be able to show their intention to contribute (in the next 12 months) or their current contribution to at least one of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals
3. Financing must meet a specific need according to the business's life cycle.

Eligible expenses

1. Acquisition of fixed assets (land, buildings, equipment, etc.)
2. Acquisition of intangible assets (licences, trademarks, patents, etc.)
3. Share purchases or buybacks
4. For existing businesses, the development and marketing of products and services
5. Working capital for the company's operations within 12 to 18 months of granting the loan

	Minimum	Maximum
Loan value		
Startup	20,000	100,000
Growth, acquisition and succession	20,000	450,000

Loan term

In months	24	96
Including any initial moratorium		

Repayment terms

In fixed monthly payments (capital and interest) for the term of the loan

Initial moratorium*

On interest	-	12
Capitalized interest for 12 months from the date of the loan approval		
Sur le capital	-	24
Principal: Maximum of 24 months from the date of the loan approval		

*conditions apply

Possibility of a moratorium during the loan – conditions apply

Capital outlay

1. Comes from one or more shareholders
2. Represents 5% of the total project cost or the financial arrangement
3. May be in cash or result from a transfer of assets free of debt

Exemption: Businesses operating for more than two years and enjoying a minimum capitalization ratio of 10% of the asset can supplement the capital outlay.

Example of required securities

- Corporate and/or personal guarantees, jointly, severally, and indivisible of the main shareholders for the full amount of the loan
- Chattel mortgage and first-rank mortgage available

Administrative costs

- File set-up fees:
 - For loans between \$20,000 and \$75,000: \$350
 - For loans between \$75,001 and \$250,000: \$500
 - For loans between \$250,001 and \$450,000: \$650
- Annual management fee of 0.4 % on the balance of the loan owed on the anniversary of the loan (minimum of \$200 – maximum of \$2700)
- Non-refundable fee of \$75 for analyzing requests for moratorium during the term of the loan