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QCGN Welcomes Quebec Budget Support for English-speaking Community

Montreal, March 21, 2023 – The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) welcomes the allocation of \$31.5 million in support of Quebec’s English-speaking community in today’s provincial budget.

“The Quebec government has taken a further step to support English-speaking Quebecers and their community groups,” said QCGN Director General Sylvia Martin-Laforge, who was in Quebec City for the budget speech.

The government has committed \$26.5 million over the next five years to support English-speaking community groups. Another \$5 million will be invested in community-run Wellness Centres that aim to maintain and improve the health and well-being of English-speaking seniors.

“While additional funding is always welcome, we are very concerned that \$29.5 of the \$31.5 million won’t arrive until 2025. The economy, as the government notes, is slowing down and our groups are telling us that community needs are increasing now.”

“Community organizations in Quebec play a key role in informing, assisting, delivering, and bridging the gaps between the State, its basket of services, and those who rely on these the most,” QCGN said in its pre-budget consultation brief presented in January.

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together English-language community organizations across Quebec. As a centre of evidence-based expertise and collective action it identifies, explores, and addresses strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of the English-speaking community of Quebec and encourages dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions, and leaders.

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