





## Preamble

For decades, Énergir has played an active role in improving the quality of life of the community. In this Community Investment Policy, Énergir presents the guidelines that govern the way it selects and manages philanthropic initiatives.

In keeping with sustainable development objectives, Énergir's Community Investment Policy prioritizes strategic projects and initiatives that help improve the quality of life in the community. The company rigorously applies this policy in order to maximize the impact on the community of the funds and efforts it invests.



## Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals

Énergir intends to play an active role in achieving the UN's sustainable development goals (SDGs), which are aimed at eradicating poverty, protecting the planet and working to ensure that all human beings enjoy peace and prosperity. By working to achieve these goals, we have an opportunity to pursue our initiatives and our commitment to local communities. Through its community investments, Énergir is contributing concretely to SDG 4 – Quality education and SDG 13 – Climate action.





# Guidelines

The following guidelines apply to all donations made by Énergir and guide all of the company's community investment choices.

## 1-Proximity

Énergir prioritizes support for organizations that are near its head office and business offices. Local involvement is central to Énergir's community investments.

Priority is given to projects, organizations or strategic initiatives that are in line with community needs. To accomplish this, the company's regional donation program allows employees to get involved in making donations to their own communities.

## 2-Combatting climate change

Énergir contributes to a brighter energy future by supporting, where possible, initiatives to boost energy efficiency, increasing the share of renewable energy, focusing on the complementarity of electric and gas networks, and diversifying its activities in new, sustainable growth vectors.

We will increase our presence in the environmental sector. This initiative will be limited to organizations or projects that are compatible with the company's vision. Énergir's involvement in the environmental sector will lead to a shift in the philanthropic choices made in the last few years.

## 3-Employee engagement

Énergir capitalizes on its expertise and internal resources to support causes and organizations beyond traditional financial support.

We encourage and recognize the involvement of Énergir employees in the community. To help them, Énergir has developed a community involvement support program for the organizations and causes that are important to them.

## 4-Innovation

Énergir promotes and support technological, environmental and social innovation.

We encourage shared action and collective efforts in order to spur innovative, transformational projects.

# Target recipients

As most of Énergir's business operations are in Québec, the company focuses on organizations that contribute to the well-being of communities within the province.

In addition, Énergir gives preference to organizations in communities where its employees work.

# Preferred sectors

Requesting organizations must demonstrate that their work is in line with the needs of their community and must comply with our four guidelines. Énergir gives preference to the following sectors: education, social and community causes, culture and the environment. From time to time, Énergir may consider requests from organizations in other sectors that demonstrate their positive social impact on the community.

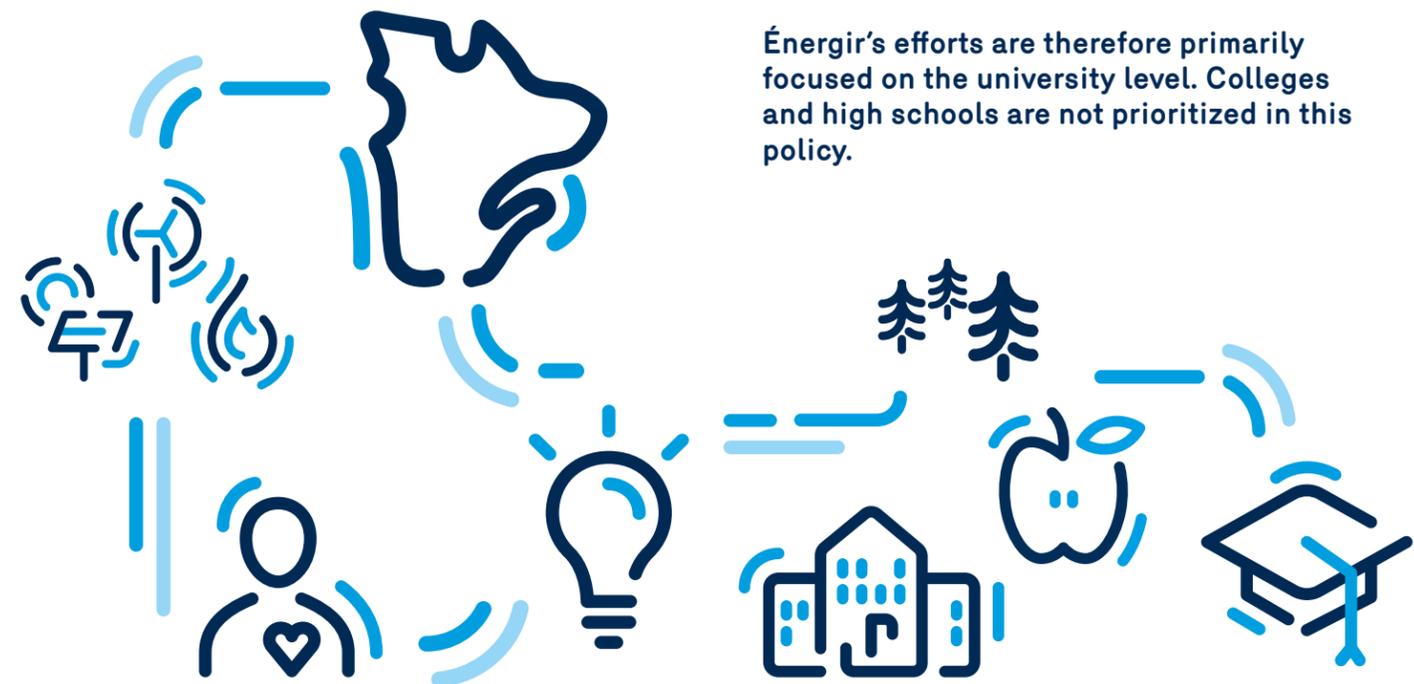
## Emergency assistance

Énergir may grant emergency assistance in the event of a pandemic, disaster, crisis or climate-related natural catastrophe in order to offer immediate support to victims.

## Education

Énergir believes that success in school and university are key to achieving a social ideal for Québec. To help develop tomorrow's leaders, Énergir is involved in the education sector through:

- University and graduate school scholarships. Students in engineering, science and environmental programs related to the energy sector, as well as students who stand out for their social/community commitment are given priority.
  - Investments in university chairs with a focus on research and development, particularly with respect to the energy sector
  - Financing for projects in underprivileged areas aimed at encouraging students to stay in school
- Énergir's efforts are therefore primarily focused on the university level. Colleges and high schools are not prioritized in this policy.





## Social and community causes

In order to contribute to society and improve conditions in nearby communities, Énergir is involved in social and community organizations through donations to:

- Organizations that work to improve living conditions for people in the neighbourhoods near Énergir's head office or business offices
- Major social or community causes
- Regional organizations, provided the organization in question improves the quality of life for society's less fortunate

## Environment

Énergir is very concerned about reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to raising the awareness of its employees, customers and business partners regarding sound environmental management, the company is involved through donations to:

- Organizations that are making a substantial effort to improve communities in keeping with sustainable development objectives. Énergir gives preference to organizations that work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or are in land development.
- Organizations that are taking action to develop knowledge about renewable energy. Énergir gives preference to projects that are in line with its vision.

## Culture

Énergir believes that culture is a collective asset that contributes to the overall development of Québec society. It is therefore essential that Québec adopts a cultural framework that gives its creators and artists the means to create and innovate. Énergir is therefore involved in culture through donations to:

- Organizations dedicated to theatre and music. Énergir primarily supports organizations that promote cultural outreach in neighbourhoods near its offices.
- Organizations that use culture as a means for developing and educating young people from underprivileged areas

**In addition, Énergir is involved in the health care sector through donations to hospital foundations during major fundraising campaigns.**



## Exclusions

Énergir shall not contribute to the following causes, projects and organizations:

- Individual or private projects or requests to support an individual or family
- Projects related to social clubs or company parties
- Regional campaigns for organizations that Énergir already supports provincially
- Projects connected to a religious, advocacy or political group
- Projects requiring the reimbursement of costs related to the consumption of natural gas
- Cooperative mission projects abroad
- Sports or social events organized for the entertainment of employees, family members or partners
- School or university competitions or student associations
- Individual or team sports challenges to benefit a cause, or concerts or fundraising campaigns for choirs or orchestras, unless the request is made by an Énergir employee through the employee community involvement support program

## Types of contributions

### Financial support

Énergir gives priority to financial support for organizations whose work is in line with the needs of their community. Donations may support an organization's mission or the implementation of a project within the organization.

### Equipment donations

From time to time, Énergir may make donations of computer equipment or other types of equipment. As with financial contributions, only organizations operating in the preferred sectors specified in the Community Investment Policy are eligible for these donations. Organizations wishing to request equipment donations can do so by sending an email to [dons@energir.com](mailto:dons@energir.com)

### Donations for benefit events

The purchase of tickets for events benefiting an organization, whether or not it is already supported by Énergir, is not encouraged.



## Eligibility criteria

Requests that do not meet the following criteria will be automatically declined by Énergir:

- The request must be from a non-profit organization that is recognized as a registered charity by the Canada Revenue Agency. In addition, Énergir's donation must be used for a strategic project that will improve the community's quality of life.
- The donation must not be used to cover a deficit or supplement an individual's income.
- The request must be supported by a complete file demonstrating the contributions of the project or organization to the community's quality of life. In addition, Énergir provides organizations with an online form to assist them in requesting financing from Énergir.
- The request must be sent to Énergir 8 to 12 weeks prior to the expected response.

## Obligations of organization

In exchange for a contribution from Énergir, the organization must meet the following obligations:

- For each donation of \$25 or more, the organization must issue a charitable receipt to Énergir.
- At Énergir's request, the supported organization must issue a receipt or other evidence clearly indicating the amount of Énergir's donation. For tax reasons, particularly in the case of charitable events such as fund-raising activities, it is important for the organization to indicate the portion of the ticket cost that constitutes a direct donation to the organization or its cause.
- Énergir must be allowed to use its name in its communications to illustrate its contribution to the community. The name of the organization may be used in various types of company communications, such as its annual report.
- Upon request and within six months following the completion of the project, or in the year following the disbursement, the organization must provide a report on the administration of the donation and the impact of the project on the target clientele.



## Requests

All requests for donations must be made via the online form on Énergir's website. Énergir will not consider any request sent by email, mail or fax.

The online form is available at  
[www.energir.com/donations](http://www.energir.com/donations)

