



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FAROVERDE 2026 FINANCING PROGRAM

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The Canadian Foundation for the Children of Ecuador (FEÉ) officially opens the call for proposals for the Faroverde 2026 Financing Program, a cooperation and donation initiative created in 2024 with the objective of supporting local projects that generate sustainable social and environmental impacts in Ecuador.

Faroverde 2026 seeks to strengthen non-profit organizations through the financing of projects aligned with the Foundation's strategic priorities, promoting concrete solutions that are territorially relevant and have the potential for collective impact. The program does not constitute a contracting mechanism or a service provision scheme, but rather a cooperation instrument aimed at community, institutional, and territorial strengthening.

For the 2026 edition, the Faroverde Program adopts an exclusive strategic approach, structured solely around two priority cross-cutting axes, defined by the Faroverde Committee as the central areas of intervention of the program.

Consequently, only proposals that align directly, clearly, and consistently with at least one of these two axes will be considered eligible. Projects that fall outside this strategic framework will not be financed.

This focused approach aims to:

- Ensure greater programmatic coherence.
- Optimize the use of available resources.
- Strengthen a deeper and more measurable collective impact.

Submit your project and join this network of change and development.

1. Objectives and cross-cutting approaches

Strengthen the autonomy of women heads of household by promoting their economic independence, safety, access to opportunities, and the reduction of situations of violence or social exclusion.

1.1 Cross-cutting approaches

A. Support for the fight against violence against women and children

This axis prioritizes projects aimed at:

- The prevention, response, and reduction of violence against women, children, and adolescents.
- The strengthening of community-based mechanisms for protection, prevention, and referral.
- The promotion of safe environments, free from violence and respectful of human rights.

Projects must incorporate gender, rights-based, and comprehensive protection approaches adapted to the territorial contexts of intervention.

B. Prevention and promotion of mental health

This axis seeks to support initiatives that contribute to:

- The promotion of psychosocial well-being and mental health at the community level.
- The prevention of issues associated with stress, trauma, violence, and social exclusion.
- The strengthening of local capacities for psychosocial care, accompaniment, and support.

Projects with community-based, preventive, and culturally relevant approaches will be particularly valued.

C. Development of entrepreneurship and innovation

This axis prioritizes projects aimed at:

- Strengthening local entrepreneurship, with an emphasis on women heads of household and populations in situations of vulnerability.
- The development of innovative initiatives with social impact.
- The generation of sustainable livelihoods and the strengthening of economic autonomy.

Projects must demonstrate viability, territorial relevance, and potential for economic and social impact.

2. Geographic scope

Projects must be implemented exclusively within the territory of the Republic of Ecuador.

3. Project duration

- Minimum duration: 6 months.
- Maximum duration: 12 months.
- The exact start and end dates must be indicated in the proposal and will be finalized and contractually confirmed with the selected projects.

4. Eligibility criteria

Organizations may apply provided they meet the following requirements:

- Be non-profit organizations legally constituted in Ecuador.
- Have proven experience in the thematic area of the proposed project.
- Demonstrate administrative and financial capacity to manage cooperation funds.

- Have a bank account exclusively dedicated to the management of Faroverde 2026 project funds.

4.1 Not eligible

- For-profit organizations.
- Political organizations or those that support political parties or movements.
- Organizations whose primary objective is religious promotion.
- Initiatives linked to illegal activities or contrary to the principles and values of the FEÉ.

5. Required documentation

Organizations must submit, at a minimum:

- A duly completed financing application form.
- The project's technical proposal.
- A detailed project budget.
- A tentative implementation timeline.
- Audited financial statements for the last two years.
- Current legal documents of the organization (bylaws, board of directors, regulations).
- Three institutional references in the established format.
- A signed applicant declaration.
- Full name and national ID number of the legal representative.
- A list of project partners or allies, if applicable.
- Résumés of key technical and administrative staff.
- Supporting documents of relevant prior experience or projects.

The FEÉ may request additional information as part of the evaluation process and due diligence. All the above-mentioned documents must be sent to the following email address: **faroverde@fee.org**, with the subject line:

Application_NAME OF THE FOUNDATION_FAROVERDE 2026.

6. Evaluation process and criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee and approved by the FEÉ Selection Committee, considering the following criteria:

- Alignment with the priority cross-cutting axes of Faroverde 2026.
- Technical quality and internal coherence of the proposal.
- Expected impact and contribution to the program's collective impact.
- Territorial and contextual relevance.
- Technical, operational, and financial feasibility.
- Institutional capacity and experience of the organization.
- Sustainability of results.

The evaluation process may extend up to two months after the application deadline.

7. Faroverde 2026 process timeline

- Official launch of the call: February 3, 2026
- Period for questions and inquiries from organizations: February 9 to 20, 2026
- Receipt of proposals: March 2 to 31, 2026
- Admissibility review period: April 1 to 10, 2026
- Technical and strategic evaluation period: April 14 to 30, 2026
- Notification of results to applicant organizations: May 4, 2026
- Adjustment, clarification, and due diligence process (when applicable): May 2026
- Signing of financing agreements: June 2026
- Tentative start of financed projects: July 2026

8. Amount and financing modality

The maximum amount of financing per project will be **CAD 20,000**. Amounts will be expressed in Canadian dollars (CAD), indicating an estimated value in United States dollars (USD) according to the exchange rate in effect on the date of contract signature. In the event of exchange rate variations, the contractual amount in CAD shall prevail.

9. Disbursement modality

Disbursements will be conditional upon compliance with deliverables and will generally be structured as follows:

- First disbursement (30%): after contract signature and approval of the work plan.
- Second disbursement (40%): upon approval of the interim technical and financial report.
- Third disbursement (30%): upon approval of the final report, financial supporting documents, and impact report.

For lower-amount projects, the FEÉ may define two-disbursement schemes.

10. Obligations of beneficiary organizations

Selected organizations commit to:

- Implement the project in accordance with the approved proposal.
- Use the funds exclusively for project-related expenses.
- Submit technical and financial reports within the established deadlines.
- Participate in periodic follow-up meetings.
- Designate one strategic contact person and one operational contact person.
- Obtain informed consent for the use of images and testimonials.
- Facilitate monitoring and evaluation processes carried out by the FEÉ.

11. Sanctions

The misuse or misappropriation of funds is prohibited. Failure to comply with obligations may result in the suspension of disbursements, early termination of the contract, and the requirement to reimburse funds.

12. Suspension or closure of the project

The FEÉ reserves the right to suspend, pause, or close the project in the event of non-compliance with contractual obligations or institutional values.

13. Acceptance of the terms

Submitting an application to the Faroverde 2026 Program implies full acceptance of these terms, strategic guidelines, and conditions.