

Site Rehabilitation Program



Supplemental Information and Guidelines

Site Rehabilitation Program Supplemental Information and Guidelines – Period 1B Application Reassessment

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Site Rehabilitation Program Guidelines

There are two sets of guidelines to read before you apply for a Site Rehabilitation Program (SRP) grant. The [SRP Program Guidelines](#) – which provide the overall rules and details of the SRP across all grant application periods – and the application period-specific Supplemental Guidelines – which provide the specific details and criteria of a particular application period. Both must be thoroughly reviewed to prepare a successful grant application.

Always read the [SRP Program Guidelines](#) first, followed by the Supplemental Guidelines for the application period to which you are applying.

These Supplemental Guidelines explain the details of SRP Period 1B where applications that were declined for grant funding in Period 1 will be reassessed.

Period 1B Overview

- The SRP application period 1 (with \$100 million in available grant funding) was open from May 1 to May 15, 2020, and received over 35,400 grant applications.
- A large number of Period 1 applications were declined due to “subject-to SRP grant funding” clauses in the oil field service (OFS) contracts. Other applications were declined due to a termination clause shorter than 30 days.
- Issues with sequential work were also identified as part of Period 1 – for example, surface reclamation work applications were approved, but not the related abandonment work which must be completed first.
- For these reasons, and because there are remaining grant funds available from Period 1 and 2, the Department will reassess applications **for abandonment work** that were declined in Period 1. (See [Reassessment Criteria](#) for the details of the revised criteria that will make an application eligible for a reassessment.) This reassessment period will be known as Period 1B.
- Applicants will not be required to reapply for Period 1B; Department reviews will be conducted on existing applications that were declined in Period 1.
- No new applications will be accepted for Period 1B.
- Additional revisions to Period 1 applications submitted are not permitted in Period 1B. Existing applications will be reassessed as they were originally received.
- The grant funding limit for Period 1B will remain at \$30,000 per application.

- If you had an application that was declined in Period 1 for reasons other than what is described in the reassessment criteria below, you are encouraged to reapply in subsequent application periods of the SRP.

Period 1B Reassessment Criteria

In Period 1B – and Period 1B only – the Department will reassess Period 1 applications with a focus on abandonment work. This is because abandonment work must be completed first on a site so that reclamation and remediation can follow.

Period 1 abandonment applications that were declined for one or more of the following reasons may be eligible for reassessment and possible approval of their original grant request:

- Applications that have a “subject-to receiving SRP grant funding” clause in the oil field service (OFS) contract, or where the contract refers to potential grant funding or payment being made by the Government of Alberta.
- Applications that have a contract termination clause shorter than the minimum 30-day notice period to terminate a contract. This includes clauses allowing either party to cancel “without notice, for any reason”.
- Applications where the OFS contract refers to a Master Service Agreement that was not included as part of the Period 1 application. Otherwise, all other application information must be present.
- Applications that do not have an explicit “start date” or “end date” for the OFS contract term, but where the contract execution date can be taken as the “start date”, and the end of the SRP program – December 31, 2022 – can be taken as the “end date”.
Please note: in this case, all work must be completed and invoiced by December 31, 2022.
- Applications where the OFS contract contains language such as “applying on behalf of” – language usually applying to the site licensee.
- Applications for full abandonment of a site, where the costs or scope of abandonment work is provided in the OFS contract, but are not thoroughly detailed.
 - Please note: If there are multiple contracts to do abandonment work at one site, these contracts must be detailed enough to show the different work in each individual contract.

Period 1 abandonment applications – where a grant for surface work has been approved – will be reassessed first, since remediation and reclamation cannot proceed until abandonment work is complete. Once this is done, other declined applications for abandonment work will be reassessed.

Application Reassessment and Approval

- The abandonment portion of the application is the only work activity that will be reassessed for grant funding if there is more than one work activity listed on the application.
- When the application reassessment is complete, the applicant will be notified whether it has been approved or declined, and if approved, of the approved grant amount. The Department is aiming to notify all applicants that are eligible for an abandonment reassessment of the status of their application by the end of August.