



2026 REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OPERATING GRANT PROGRAM

Before completing/submitting this grant application please refer to the **Regional Agricultural Societies Operating Grant Guidelines**. The Guidelines provided contain valuable information about completing this grant application.

For assistance in completing this application, please email agi.agsocietygrants@gov.ab.ca. You can also call 780-968-3517 (toll-free by dialing 310-0000 first).

The deadline to submit this application is March 6 2026.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Legal name of regional agricultural society:

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| Name: |
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Registered address of regional agricultural society:

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| Address: | City: |
| Province: | Postal Code: |

Primary contact information:

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| Name: | Position Title: | |
| Daytime Phone: | Cell: | Email: |

Secondary contact information:

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| Name: | Position Title: | |
| Daytime Phone: | Cell: | Email: |

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

To ensure alignment between Agriculture and Irrigation’s (AGI) priorities and the department’s investment in regional agricultural societies, the activities undertaken by the regionals with this funding must align with the following Departmental Business Plan Outcomes from the 2025-28 Ministry Business Plan:

Outcome 1: Alberta’s economy grows through investment in the agricultural sector.



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Outcome 2: Agricultural productivity and resilience and rural quality of life are strengthened, diversified and enhanced.

Describe how your planned activities align with AGI’s priorities (350 words maximum):

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PROPOSED/PLANNED BASE GRANT EXPENDITURES (Up to \$298,853 available)

| Proposed Activity | Description of Proposed Activity (as applicable) | Description of Expenses for Which a Grant is Requested | Requested Grant Amount (\$) |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Operations: Utilities (heat and power); Insurance; wages | | | |
| Repairs and Maintenance (up to \$100,000) | | | |
| Governance training and capacity building initiatives (board and senior management) | | | |
| Business planning, strategic planning, feasibility studies | | | |
| Marketing, business development, event attraction initiatives | | | |
| Formal community engagement and sensing initiatives | | | |

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| Volunteer and youth engagement initiatives | | | |
| Partnership development, joint procurement and revenue diversification initiatives | | | |
| Operational planning and tracking systems | | | |
| Other non-capital initiatives that address a recommendation of the Deloitte Regional Agricultural Society Sustainability Assessment | | | |
| Other costs related to base operations deemed eligible by the Minister | | | |
| Total | N/A | N/A | |

Agricultural Events and Programming Activities and Eligible Expenses

The Program will provide a grant for “Agricultural Events and Programming Activities”, which refers to events and programming that meet the following criteria:

- The event or programming must demonstrate strong agricultural relevance.
 - Reporting requirements to demonstrate relevance will include the number and duration of events and programming; attendance; and volunteerism levels.
- There must be at least 25 eligible event days or programs included in the application.
 - An event day must be a full day (8 hours).
 - Event set up and tear down days count toward the total event days (no more than 1 day set up and 1 day tear down per event).
 - Events less than one day in duration can be cumulatively added together to make a full day.
 - An ongoing program is counted once (e.g. community garden, horse boarding and other static programs where there is not regular set up and tear down involved).
 - Agricultural events put on by third parties at regional agricultural society facilities (i.e. rentals) count toward the total event days.
 - The total eligible expenses for those events or programming must be at least \$100,000.



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PROPOSED/PLANNED AGRICULTURAL EVENT/PROGRAM EXPENDITURES (up to \$100,000 available)

| Proposed Activity | Description of Proposed Activity (as applicable) | Description of Expenses for Which a Grant is Requested | Requested Grant Amount (\$) |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Ag education/training | | | |
| Farm safety and mental health | | | |
| Farmers' markets | | | |
| Open Farm Days events | | | |
| Agricultural trade shows and conferences | | | |
| Equine events and programs | | | |
| Rodeos, chuckwagons | | | |
| 4-H events and activities | | | |
| Local food events or initiatives | | | |
| Value-added processing events or initiatives | | | |
| Livestock, poultry and horse shows/sales | | | |
| Environmental agricultural events or initiatives | | | |
| Commercial horticulture events or initiatives | | | |
| Agricultural market/trade development events or initiatives | | | |
| Agricultural specific components of main summer fairs | | | |
| Other proposed agricultural events and programming approved by Minister | | | |
| Total | N/A | N/A | |



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Describe how this funding will support strategic partnerships and opportunities and address community needs (350 word maximum):

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PLANNING DOCUMENTS

To participate in this Program, the applicant must submit its organizational planning documents. These documents include: the 2026 Business Plan, the most recent Strategic Plan update and the most recent Asset Management Plan update.

If the applicant does not submit the required organizational documentation with its application, or the Program determines that the submitted documentation is not current, comprehensive, or detailed, then the applicant must provide the organizational documentation by the end of the reporting period as stated in the grant agreement.

The applicant is attaching the following (check as applicable):

- 2026 Business Plan
- Strategic Plan Update
- Asset Management Plan Update

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

I, the authorized representatives named below, certify the following:

- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the agricultural society named within (the “Agricultural Society”);
- The Agricultural society understands and agrees to the Regional Agricultural Societies Operating Program Guidelines (the “Guidelines”);



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- The Agricultural Society understands that, by submitting this application, the Agricultural Society agrees to maintain the records of the expenditures listed in this application for a period of not less than 6 years;
- The Agricultural Society understands that funding for the Regional Agricultural Societies Operating Grant Program (the "Program") is limited;.
- The Agricultural Society understands that payments under the Program are grants subject to the Ministerial Grants Regulation;
- The Agricultural Society understands that Agriculture and Irrigation discloses the following information for all grant recipients:
 - the grant recipient name,
 - the amount of the grant,
 - the program the grant is paid under, and
 - the payment date.
- The information provided in this application and all attachments is, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete and correct.

Signature

(Must be Handwritten Signature)

Name:

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

Title:

(PLEASE PRINT)

Date:

(PLEASE PRINT)

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