

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Resiliency and Public Trust Program

Funding List (December 20, 2023)

This Funding List contains the list of activities and expenses that may be included in an application under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Resiliency and Public Trust Program (the “**Program**”), subject to the Program Terms and Conditions.

An applicant should include only one project per application. The project may consist of more than one activity. The maximum grant under the Program is \$500,000 per year per grant agreement, with a maximum of \$250,000 per year for non-capital expenses.

Applications for funding requests under \$1,000 will not be considered.

All expenses are subject to a cost-sharing requirement and must meet the other requirements in the Program Terms and Conditions.

Expenses incurred before the application date may be eligible, provided they were incurred on or after **April 1, 2023**.

Eligible Activities

To be eligible for funding, an Applicant’s project must be directly related to one or more “**Priority Areas**”, which are the agriculture and agri-food sectors in Alberta in which the Program aims to increase resiliency and public trust:

Animal Health	Quality Standards
Animal Welfare	Livestock Traceability
Biosecurity	Mental Health
Sustainability Integration	Farm Safety
Food Safety	Agriculture Literacy
Plant Health	Youth Ag Education
Apiculture	Industry Governance

A project may include more than one activity. To be eligible for funding, a proposed activity must be one of the following activities (“**Eligible Activities**”):

- Sustainability Assessment Benchmarking studies including life cycle assessment (environment, social and or economic)
- Development and implementation of emergency preparedness plans
- Conducting surveillance activities to monitor and detect risks to plant, animal, environmental and public health
- Development, adoption, and enhancement of sustainability assurance reporting systems

- Promotion of label and/or certification standards associated with a sustainability assurance initiative
- Humane slaughter activities including development and implementation of auditable protocols and on-site training to improve animal handling and stunning procedures
- Food safety activities related to staff training, pre-audit and/or gap assessment, development and implementation of a food safety systems, validation studies and facility modification
- Development, expansion, or enhancement of verification standards
- Short-term funding for gap analyses, needs assessments, pilot studies or audits
- Implementation of risk mitigation strategies
- Development, expansion, or enhancement of governance
- Development, expansion, or adaptation of agriculture education and ag career programs aimed at kindergarten to grade 12 students
- Development, expansion, or enhancement of farm safety programs
- Awareness and promotion of agriculture and agri-food sector careers, including to underrepresented groups
- Development, expansion, or enhancement of public agriculture awareness and literacy activities
- Development, expansion, or enhancement of mental health awareness and resiliency programs for the agriculture and agri-food sectors
- Any other activity deemed by the Minister to be eligible.

Eligible Expenses

This is a cost-share program. The cost of Eligible Expenses must be shared by the Applicant and Program as follows: 1) Eligible Non-Capital Expenses: 40% Applicant, 60% Program (2) Eligible Capital Expenses: 75% Applicant, 25% Program, (. . .)

The Applicant's in-kind contributions to an Eligible Activity may be counted towards the cost-share requirement, provided that the contribution is a type of expense that is an Eligible Expense. For Eligible Non-Capital Expenses, the maximum grant is \$250,000 per year per grant agreement.

To be eligible for funding, an expense must have been incurred by the Applicant to ensure the successful completion of an Eligible Activity and must fit under one of the categories below.

Eligible Non-Capital Expenses

- Consultant fees for benchmarking studies, pilot studies, sustainability assurance system development
- Fees for external auditors for pre-audit assessments
- Administrative support directly associated with Eligible Activity
- Development of training materials and resources
- Expenses for on-site training sessions

- Public relations, marketing and communications expenses
- Speaker fees
- Travel expenses incurred in accordance with the Travel Expense Policy
- Event management and coordination expenses
- Production costs for digital content
- Graphic design and content creation
- Printing and distribution costs
- Data collection, analysis and reporting expenses
- Expenses for implementing preventative measures, such as biosecurity protocols and pest control measure
- Costs for providing mental health support services and resources
- Costs for developing ag education programs and materials
- Teacher professional development opportunities to help integrate agriculture into classrooms
- Substitute teacher costs
- Student transportation (bussing costs)
- Performance metrics
- Recruitment and training of agriculture industry spokesperson
- Website hosting, domain registration or ongoing website maintenance directly related to an Eligible Activity, and not part of on-going business operational activities
- Any other non-capital expense for an Eligible Activity that is deemed eligible by the Minister.

Eligible Capital Expenses

- Monitoring systems and equipment
- Costs (including labour) to install monitoring systems and equipment
- Flooring, walls and ceilings including surfacing or recovering or repairing to meet food safety requirements
- Equipment for preventative measures
- Shipping and commissioning costs of equipment that is an Eligible Capital Expense
- Any other capital expense for an Eligible Activity that is deemed eligible by the Minister.

Ineligible Expenses

Expenses that are not eligible under the Program are the following. (This list is subject to change. The grant agreement will have the most current list.)

- Expenses not incurred by an Eligible Applicant to conduct an Eligible Activity
- Travel expenses not in compliance with the [Travel Expense Policy](#)
- Expenses associated with activities that are ineligible for the Program, including:

purchase or construction of real property, roads or structural works; activities associated with aquaculture, aquaponics, or seafood processing; and activities that provide province-specific branding, promotion or marketing activities that are detrimental to another province or territory

- The individual or exclusive purchase of multi-purpose/commonly used equipment, e.g. computer hardware/software, digital cameras, GPS
- Any costs associated with the purchase of land
- Costs of lease of office furniture, space, and equipment
- Fixtures that are not an Eligible Capital Expense
- Costs of equipment for storage purposes not directly related to the Eligible Activity
- Costs associated with the building such as plumbing, framing, flooring, electrical and insulation, unless included as an Eligible Capital Expense to meet food safety requirements.
- On-going business operational activities and overhead expenses (such as salaries, consulting expenses, legal costs, financing fees, commissions, warehousing, maintenance costs, utilities, employee benefits, photocopying, website hosting, domain registration, and website maintenance)
- Staff or consulting expenses for product sale activities, or in market representation for existing products
- Advertising expenses to promote day-to-day operations (including radio, social media, vehicle wraps, billboards, signage)
- Sponsorships of other parties' events, including lunch and event hosting, cash and in-kind contributions, prizes
- Patenting expenses
- Vehicles of any kind (e.g., trucks, forklifts, refrigerated trucks)
- Expenses related to non-specific activities, such as those marked "miscellaneous"
- Goods and Services Tax (GST), Provincial Sales Tax (PST), and Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)
- Costs incurred outside of the Project Term
- Any other expense deemed ineligible by the Minister.