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The Ecosystem Services Grant Program, administered by Environment and Protected Areas, provides grants to municipalities and organizations to deliver ecosystem services programs and therefore ensure ecosystem services are sustained across the landscape to provide benefits for Albertans. The grant program is governed by the Ecosystem Services Grant Program - Program guide. Review the program application for funding eligibility and application information.

Depending on Ministry priorities and available funding, this application and proposal will be considered for funding under the Ecosystem Services Grant Program. This application is made to the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas for a grant pursuant to the Ministerial Grants Regulation, A.R 215/2022.

Applications must be received by 11:59 PM, October 1, by email to ESGP@gov.ab.ca.

Additional information is available at <https://www.alberta.ca/ecosystem-services-grant-program>.

Applicant Information

Applicant Organization Legal Name(s)

Program Contact Name

Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

Primary Phone Number

Email Address

Website

Organization's Finance Contact Name

Finance Contact Phone Number

Finance Contact Email

Finance Address (if different than above)

City or Town

Province

Postal Code

If your organization is registered or incorporated, please indicate the applicable Act by checking one of the following. Provide the incorporation or registration number and provide a copy of the registration or incorporation documents (if not previously provided to the Ecosystem Services Grant Program):

☐ Societies Act (Alberta)

☐ Companies Act (Alberta)

☐ Municipal Government Act (Alberta)

☐ Other (please explain)

Incorporation number:

Applicants MUST read the program guide ahead of filling out this application.

I confirm that I have read the program guide AND understand the deliverables of this program.

Program Summary

Program Title

Summary of proposed ecosystem services program (limit of 2-3 sentences).

Program Details

Each section must be completed.

Description of program, including:

1. Goal and objectives of the proposed ecosystem services program.
2. Which natural assets will be targeted? (e.g., wetlands, riparian areas, natural grasslands, uplands, multiple, etc.).
3. Retention and Improvement:
 - **Retention:** What actions are allowed (e.g., grazing, haying) and restricted (e.g., breaking or draining of land) and any conditions (e.g., best management practices) on the natural assets being retained?
 - **Improvement:** Whether improvement payments will be included in the program and what they may be for.
4. Which ecosystem services are being measured through this program.
5. Rationale for how the proposed program will retain ecosystem services.

Enrollment targets for program: Given the budget for retention payments in this grant application, provide an estimate of acres of natural assets to be enrolled into the proposed ecosystem services program for retention. Estimates can be a range.

Program development: Describe what work is needed to develop the proposed ecosystem services program, including education/extension to raise awareness among landowners, research (e.g., into payments and ecosystem services quantification methods, etc.), drafting of legal agreements, etc.

Program delivery: Describe the steps the proposed ecosystem services program will take to establish a legal term agreement with a landowner to retain and/or improve natural assets that produce ecosystem services. Consider all steps from initial conversations with a landowner until the completion of the term of the agreement.

Program work plan and timeline, including milestone dates. (NOTE: The Ecosystem Services Grant Program provides four-year grants.)

Geographic scope of program: What area is the ecosystem services program targeting? (e.g., Provincial, municipality, watershed, etc.)

Provincial

Municipality(ies)/County(ies)

Watershed(s)

Other

Optional - Attached image or digital file (e.g. GIS file (.shp, .kml, .gdb, etc.) showing area of program delivery)

To attach an image, click below.

Natural Assets: Description of natural assets to be targeted by the ecosystem services program, including:

- How will the program ensure that enrolled natural assets are in excellent ecological condition/of high ecological value OR have the potential to produce high quality ecosystem services through appropriate stewardship?
- How will the program focus enrollment on natural assets in conservation priority areas or at risk of conversion?

Enrollment method(s): Description of how the ecosystem services program will identify landowners with natural assets to enroll (e.g., outreach and education, workshops, social media, available spatial data, etc.).

Determination of landowner payments: Description of how enrolled landowners will be paid, including:

- Rationale of how the program will determine payments to landowners for retention and/or improvement.
- Expected dollar amounts for retention and/or improvement payments.
- Term of payments to landowners in the legal term agreement (e.g., 5 years, 20 years, etc.).
- Type of payment (e.g., annual payments, lump sum, cost share, etc.).

Ecosystem services quantification: Describe the approach the proposed program will take to quantify the ecosystem services produced by the enrolled natural assets, including:

- Which indicators will be used to estimate or measure the ecosystem services and the units they will be reported in.
- Which data or tools will be used and their source.
- Any relevant methods.

Quality assurance: Description of the proposed program's internal quality assurance and/or audit system, including:

- How the proposed program will ensure enrolled landowners are eligible to receive retention and/or improvement payments.
- How the proposed program will confirm enrolled natural assets are retained on the landscape for the duration of the agreement and remain in good condition.
- What steps the proposed program will take if landowner is not fulfilling terms of agreement.

List participating partners in this program and their role.

Budget

Budget Item	Ecosystem Services Grant Program Funding	Other Leveraged Sources (Cash, In-kind)	Program Budget Estimate
Program Development and Delivery			
Salary (up to 50% of 1 staff)			
Program Development			
Program Delivery			
Landowner Payments			
Retention Payments			
Improvement Payments			
Funding Sources Total	(A)		(B)

Ecosystem Services Grant Program Amount Requested for Program: _____(A)

Total Program Costs: _____(B)

Additional Grant Income

List details of grant income received or that will be received from all sources for this program, including amounts and years. Explain how the additional grant income will be complementary to and not duplicate Ecosystem Services Grant Program funding:

Assessment of data considerations (NOTE: it is best to do this early in the program planning)

Contact the program area (ESGP@gov.ab.ca) if any EPA datasets are requested for the program that require acquisition or permissions to be obtained (examples include LiDAR, orthophotos, satellite imagery, parcel mapping that are not publicly available). Provide a GIS file (.shp, .kml, .gdb, etc.) identifying the area of the program.

Confirmation

I confirm that the information included in this application is correct and complete.

Signature

Date of Application (mm/dd/year)

Name

Position