

## **Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership in Alberta**

New website: <https://www.alberta.ca/sustainable-cap.aspx>

**April 3, 2023 through to March 31, 2028**

**Expenses incurred prior to April 1, 2023 are not eligible for funding**

To follow are some excerpts from the program descriptions of key programs that will be of benefit to producers.

**Efficient Grain Handling:** The Efficient Grain Handling Program assists primary producers with reducing the overall energy use on their farms. The program supports the purchase of grain handling system components that significantly improve energy efficiency over standard practices.

- **Eligible expenses will be cost-shared at 50% grant and 50% applicant.**
- Eligible applicants:
  - be a Primary Producer
  - have a **valid and current Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) certificate** or completion letter, or
  - submit a copy of an EFP letter of completion or certificate with the Reimbursement Claim Form
- Eligible expenses: The cost of grain handling system components that significantly improve energy efficiency above standard configuration are eligible under the program.
- More Information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/efficient-grain-handling-program.aspx>

**Farm Technology Program:** The Farm Technology Program supports the adoption of innovative technology that minimizes agricultural waste, optimizes farm efficiency, and encourages the adoption of best management practices in farm security.

- The Farm Technology Program has 2 streams:
  - Farm Technology Stream – supports adoption of innovative technology that minimizes agricultural waste and optimizes farm efficiency.
  - Farm Security Stream – supports producers in their efforts to secure business assets by encouraging the adoption of best management practices in farm security.
- **Eligible expenses will be cost-shared at 50% grant and 50% applicant.**
- **Funding maximum is \$48,000 for the Farm Technology stream and \$2,000 for the Farm Security stream for a total program maximum of \$50,000.**
- Eligible applicants:
  - be a Primary Producer
  - have a **valid and current Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) certificate** or completion letter, or
  - submit a copy of an EFP letter of completion or certificate with the Reimbursement Claim Form
- Many components of 'Smart systems features' are eligible such as:
  - Digital Sensors

- Data collection
- Connectivity
- Automated data analysis
- Efficiency improvement
- More information can be found <https://www.alberta.ca/farm-technology-program.aspx>

**On-Farm Value-Added Program:** The On-Farm Value-Added Grant Program supports primary producers in adding value to their agricultural products to grow sales, expand production capacity, explore market opportunities and create jobs in Alberta.

- The program has 2 streams:
  - On-Farm Value-Added Stream A: **applications are assessed based on eligibility criteria**
  - On-Farm Value-Added Stream B: **applications are assessed based on eligibility criteria and merit scoring.**
- The stream will be determined by the program area, based on review of the budget sheet for eligible expenses and activities.
- **Eligible capital expenses: will be cost-shared at 25% grant and 75% applicant.**
- **Eligible non-capital expenses: will be cost-shared at 50% grant and 50% applicant up to a maximum total amount of \$50,000.** The \$50,000 maximum includes a \$5,000 maximum for travel expenses.
- To be eligible, an applicant must:
  - be a primary producer
  - be an individual or a corporation registered in Alberta that is operating in Alberta, or that can establish to the satisfaction of the minister that it will operate in Alberta
  - be adding value past harvest or slaughter of the agricultural product
- Applicants can apply for activities under one or more of these funding categories:
  - processing capacity expansion
  - food safety improvement
  - new product and process development
  - market development and access
- More Information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/on-farm-value-added-program.aspx>

**Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program:** Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) funding is offered on a per-acre payment basis for a term of 3 years. In this way, RALP can better support producers in their ability to implement projects on their land that over time can provide significant benefits for the producer, the public and future generations.

- **This program accepts applications based on an intake cycle:**  
Intake cycle schedule (retroactive to the start of the intake year)
  - Year 1: April 3, 2023 – November 30, 2023
  - Year 2: February 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024
  - Year 3: February 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025

Wetland intake cycle schedule (retroactive to the start of the intake year)

- Year 1: April 3, 2023 – January 31, 2024
- Year 2: February 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025

- Year 3: February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026
- Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) funding is offered on a per-acre payment basis for a term of 3 years. In this way, RALP can better support producers in their ability to implement projects on their land that over time can provide significant benefits for the producer, the public and future generations.
- Eligible applicants:
  - Primary producer: an individual, a corporation registered in Alberta, a post-secondary institution, or an applied research/forage association that is:
  - responsible for the day-to-day management of an agricultural operation (such as an annual crop, bee, or livestock operation) in Alberta that produces at least \$25,000 worth of farm commodities annually
  - responsible for input costs for that operation
  - not a landlord whose only interest in the operation is ownership
  - Grazing Reserve Association
  - Operator of a Community Pasture
  - **An applicant must have a current EFP Certificate or letter of completion** or must be currently working on an EFP and is able to receive an EFP certificate or letter of before the end of the project term.
- More information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/resilient-agricultural-landscape-program.aspx>

**Value-Added Program:** The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Value-Added Program supports the diversification and growth of Alberta’s value-added food and bio-industrial processors through investment in projects that increase company sales and production capacity, expand market opportunities and create jobs in Alberta.

- Accepts applications from April 3, 2023 through to May 15, 2023
- The program has 2 streams:
  - Value-Added Stream A: **applications are assessed based on eligibility criteria.**
  - Value-Added Stream B: **applications are assessed based on eligibility criteria and merit scoring.**
- The appropriate stream will be determined by the program area, based on review of the budget sheet for eligible project expenses and activities.
- **Eligible capital expenses shall be cost-shared at 25% grant and 75% applicant.**
- **Eligible non-capital expenses shall be cost-shared at 50% grant and 50% applicant up to a maximum total amount of \$50,000.**
  - The \$50,000 maximum includes a \$5,000 maximum for travel expenses.
- To be eligible, an applicant must be:
  - **a bio-industrial processor or food processor that is in the business of changing an agricultural product into a value-added product.**
  - an individual or a corporation registered in Alberta that is operating in Alberta, or that can establish to the satisfaction of the minister that it will operate in Alberta.
- More information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/value-added-program.aspx>

**Emerging Opportunities Program:** The Emerging Opportunities Grant Program supports the Government of Alberta's strategic objectives related to growth and development of Alberta's value-added agriculture sector. The program supports projects that focus on innovation and result in significant company growth and sector impact. Projects can include new technologies, best new practices, significant capacity expansions and new builds.

- Interested applicants can contact the program area directly to discuss if the project meets the objectives of the program. **If the project is deemed a fit, the applicant will be invited to submit a letter of request to the program.** The program area will prepare recommendations for the Minister based on project alignment with assessment criteria and available funding.
- **To be eligible, applicants must:**
  - **an agriculture or bio-industrial processor, or an industry organization.**
- Maximum grant funding provided by this program is \$1,000,000 per fiscal year, to a project maximum of \$2,000,000.
- More information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/emerging-opportunities-program.aspx>

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