

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Crop and Livestock Sector Development





Program Description/ Objectives

To support crop and livestock development opportunities including:

- Economic development programming for sectors with growth opportunities.
- Regional economic development opportunities.
- Establishing agricultural machinery usage cooperatives.



Provincial and Regional Economic Development Opportunities

Eligible Applicants:

- Agricultural industry associations
- Agricultural producer (individuals or groups)

Eligible Activities:

- 1.1 Costs associated with sector-based programming which will allow capacity Building and economic growth. The program should focus on what is required to advance the sector to capture opportunities or address issues over the next 5 years.
- 1.2 Individuals or groups who have identified a regional crop or livestock growth opportunity may be eligible for funding if the identified opportunity has the potential for new regional economic developmental opportunities.

Application Requirements:

- Preference will be given to those sectors that have completed their strategic plans which support the requested sector-based programming. (Applies to 1.1 only)
- Detailed program guidelines for the proposed sector-based program. (Applies to 1.1 only)
- Strong rationale must be provided as to why the programming/project is required along with solid performance measures to measure the medium to long-term impact of the funding for the sector or region. (Applies to 1.1 and 1.2)
- Formal business plan is required for regional economic development opportunities. (Applies to 1.2 only)

Level of Assistance:

Provincial economic development opportunities

- Up to 50% of eligible costs to a max of \$150,000 per sector-based development project per year.

Regional economic development opportunities

- Up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$ 60,000 per year. Contributions towards any individual piece(s) of equipment required within the project shall not exceed 30%. The maximum contribution for individual or group projects over the life of the program shall not exceed \$120,000.

Higher levels of assistance (e.g. higher % assistance or higher maximum contributions) may be considered where strong rationale and significant benefit back to the sector or region can be demonstrated.

Agricultural Machinery Usage Cooperatives

Eligible Applicants:

Cooperative groups established (or in the process of establishing) under the Co-operative Associations Act. The cooperative must have by-laws that describes the acquisition, ownership and management of agricultural machinery for the shared use of its membership as one of its stated objectives. The by-laws must also describe how each activity (purchase/ownership/management) will be carried out. Agricultural Machinery Usage Cooperatives must have a minimum of 4 members and be up-to-date in their reporting to the Financial and Consumer Services Commission (FCNB).

Eligible Costs and Levels of Assistance:

By-laws and Startup Activities

- Costs for professional services to drafting or update of by-laws, registration and incorporation. Funding of up to 70% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$5,000 is available.

Machinery purchased for the shared usage of an Agricultural Machinery Usage Cooperative

- Examples include specialized agricultural equipment for tillage, planting, crop protection, spreading of materials (fertilizers, manure, and lime) and harvest. Trucks and tractors are not eligible. Funding of up to 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000 per year is available. Each cooperative will be limited to a maximum of \$100,000 over the life of the program (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2028).



Administrative Guidelines

All applicants must be familiar with the administrative guidelines prior to applying. The Administrative Guidelines can be found here: [**SCAP Administrative Guidelines**](#)



Reporting

Applicants may be required to report on the impact of the funding received. Reporting requirements will be outlined in the letter of offer.



Other Requirements

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any necessary permits, environmental approvals, or certifications are obtained to complete their project.



Regional Collaboration

Projects that are assessed to demonstrate benefits and impacts to more than one province may be eligible for funding on a regional basis.

How to Apply

Applicants should discuss applications with appropriate Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries staff (Business Growth Officer, Development Officer or Specialist) before applying. A list of departmental contacts can be found at the following link:

[**Crop Sector Development \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)**](#)

[**Livestock Sector Development \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)**](#)

Completed applications may be submitted by e-mail or mail.

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