

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Agriculture Research & Innovation Program

GUIDELINES



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2.1 AGRICULTURE RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Agriculture Research and Innovation Program** will support farm-level applied research, innovation and adoption projects that are designed to address challenges and opportunities and increase the competitiveness, productivity and profitability of the PEI agriculture industry.

NOTE: Information Sharing and Knowledge Transfer

- All projects approved for funding through the Agriculture Research and Innovation Program must include an information sharing or knowledge transfer component.

The Program will be implemented through two sub-programs:

- **2.1.1 Applied Research Sub-Program**
- **2.1.2 Agriculture Technology Advancement Sub-Program**

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2.1.1 APPLIED RESEARCH SUB-PROGRAM

The **Applied Research Sub-Program** will support the undertaking of short-term applied research that will yield economic benefits to the PEI agriculture industry. Research funded under this sub-program will provide data to develop new production methods, fill information gaps as well as to provide support to emerging commodities.

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Eligible Recipients

- Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous groups;
- Agricultural producers;
- Small to medium-sized agri-businesses;
- Agriculture industry organizations, clubs, and associations;
- Public, private and academic research bodies;
- Municipal and provincial governments; and
- Others as approved by the Applied Research Review Committee.

Eligible Activities/Expenses

- Variety and/or crop research trials that can include yield evaluations, climatic suitability analysis, pest resistance, and improvements in pollination;
- Crop and livestock development research that will lead to on-farm diversification;
- Crop and livestock research that will support commercialization of new agri-based products;
- Pest management research to quantify the extent of specific pest problems and/or evaluation of control measures to reduce pest or pesticide risk;
- Crop and livestock research which has the potential to address challenges associated with climate change;
- Short-to-medium term projects which address gaps in scientific knowledge and/or target new clean technology opportunities;
- Information sharing and/or knowledge transfer activities;
- Salaries;
- Consulting fees;
- Equipment rental;
- Monitoring equipment;
- Project-related travel (i.e. plot visits);
- Materials and supplies;
- Analytical laboratory fees; and
- Administration costs.

Ineligible Activities/Expenses

- Non-arms-length transactions;
- Academic institution overhead fees;
- BRM-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities;
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to the Sector;
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing (except international marketing and traceability activities for fish and seafood);
- Activities which provide tax credits or rebates; and
- Development and enforcement of regulations.

Funding

- **Agriculture Industry Associations:** 75% of eligible expenses up to \$60,000 for one-year projects and \$80,000 for multi-year projects for eligible program expenses. Projects may be considered for additional funding as determined by the program review committee.
- **Agricultural Producers:** 50% of eligible expenses up to \$30,000 for one-year projects and \$40,000 for multi-year projects for eligible program expenses.
- **Public and Academic Institutions, and Agribusinesses:** 25% of expenses up to \$30,000 for one-year projects and \$40,000 for multi-year projects for eligible program expenses.

2.1.2 AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT SUB-PROGRAM

The ***Agriculture Technology Advancement Sub-Program*** will support implementation and adoption of technologies and best management practices that lead to improved efficiencies and increased profit margins.

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Eligible Recipients

- Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous groups;
- Agricultural producers;
- Small to medium-sized agri-businesses;
- Agriculture industry organizations, clubs, and associations;
- Municipal and provincial and territorial government; and
- Others as approved by the Agriculture Technology Advancement Review Committee.

Eligible Activities/Expenses

- Innovative projects which lead to on-farm diversification including crops, livestock and alternative uses for agricultural products;
- Demonstration and evaluation of new technologies;
- Support for the adoption of on-farm best practices, considered to be innovative and forward thinking for the sector;
- Adapting existing equipment or technologies in a new and innovative manner for use on Prince Edward Island;
- Information sharing and/or knowledge transfer activities; and
- Consulting fees [up to 35%].

Ineligible Activities/Expenses

- Salaries;
- Market studies;
- Feasibility studies;
- Business plans;
- Travel;
- In-kind contributions (including wages and labour);
- Non-arms-length transactions;
- Overhead and/or administration costs;
- BRM-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities;
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to the Sector;
- Activities and projects that are identified as the industry standard and are required to operate a farming business;
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing (except international marketing and traceability activities for fish and seafood);
- Activities which provide tax credits or rebates; and
- Development and enforcement of regulations.

Funding

- **Adoption of Industry Best Practices:** 35% of eligible expenses up to \$15,000 per project for the adoption of industry best practices on-farm
- **Innovative Technologies:** 35% of eligible expenses. An increased funding cap may be considered for technology new to the province and considered to be a paradigm shift for the industry.
- **Consulting Fees:** 35% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$5,000 per project.
- **Sensors and Monitors:** 70% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$2,500 per project for sensors and monitoring devices

NOTES:

- For all recipients, only one (1) project under the Adoption of Industry Best Practices stream is permitted per fiscal year and the maximum contribution per project is \$15,000; the maximum total contribution for this stream over the life of the Sustainable CAP Framework Agreement (2023-2028) is \$45,000.
- For all recipients, the maximum contribution per project and per fiscal year is \$15,000; and the maximum total contribution over the life of the Sustainable CAP Framework Agreement (2023-2028) is \$45,000.
- All recipients are also eligible for up to two (2) Sensors and Monitors projects over the life of the Sustainable CAP Framework Agreement (2023-2028); to a maximum of an additional \$5,000 (\$2,500 per project)
- All recipients are also eligible for one (1) Consulting Fees project over the life of the Sustainable CAP Framework Agreement (2023-2028); to a maximum of an additional \$5,000.



CLAIMS PROCESS

Recipients shall maintain an accurate record of expenditures incurred and shall submit, upon completion of the project, the following:

- a claim form summarizing expenditures;
- copies of all paid invoices with verification of payment;
- a report on the project and its results in terms of project objectives; and
- copies of material produced (or when applicable, photos of material funded).



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Recipients must meet the eligibility criteria and submit a complete application to the Department of Agriculture;
- Applications will be assessed on a **first come-first serve basis** and **for merit and impact**;
- If the project is not approved, all incurred costs are the responsibility of the recipient;
- Assistance will be available until funds are totally allocated within that year; and
- Projects may be funded below the maximum contribution rate upon assessment and availability of funding.

HOW TO APPLY

Completed applications may be submitted to the attention of the Program Officer via regular mail or email.

Email Applications:

Applications may be submitted via email to

ARIP@gov.pe.ca

Please include the program name in the subject line.

Regular Mail Applications:

Applications may be submitted via regular mail at:

PEI Department of Agriculture

11 Kent Street

PO Box 2000

Charlottetown PE C1A 7N8

(902) 368-4880 (telephone)



PUBLIC TRUST

Projects approved for funding under the Sustainable CAP which have demonstrable links to increasing public trust may be eligible for additional project funding.



REGIONAL COLLABORATION

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



EVALUATION AND CONTROL

A complete evaluation of this program is planned to ensure that the objectives and results are achieved and to assess the relevance of its renewal. Program metrics are collected and reported on an on-going basis.



GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Sustainable CAP programs are available to all Canadians who are eligible to participate in those programs. Wherever possible, the needs of under-represented groups, including Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, and persons with disabilities, were considered during program development.