

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Agriculture Resiliency Program:

Agriculture Resiliency Research Sub-Program GUIDELINES



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5.3 AGRICULTURE RESILIENCY PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Agriculture Resiliency Program encourages a robust and adaptable industry through proactive risk management in agriculture. The program will support initiatives that build the strength and viability of the agriculture industry, as well as initiatives that assist industry in preparing for current and future threats such as climate change and extreme weather. Supporting initiatives in producer wellness and mental health are included as an essential part of a resilient system.

The Agriculture Resiliency Program is composed of 3 sub-programs:

- **5.3.1 Agriculture Resiliency Research Sub-Program**
- **5.3.2 Extreme Weather Preparedness Sub-Program**
- **5.3.3 Producer Wellness Sub-Program**

These guidelines provide information for the **Agriculture Resiliency Research Sub-Program** (5.3.1).

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5.3.1 AGRICULTURE RESILIENCY RESEARCH SUB-PROGRAM

This sub-program is designed to support research efforts and industry development activities to better evaluate and develop resilience and adaptive capacity in the Island's agriculture sector. The goal is to support the PEI agriculture industry to identify, prioritize and develop agriculture adaptation and resilience initiatives.

SUB-PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Eligible Recipients

- Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous groups;
- Agriculture industry organizations, clubs, and associations;
- Municipal and provincial government; and
- Others may be considered upon request.

Eligible Activities/Expenses

- Research to identify and evaluate current social, economic, and environmental agriculture resiliency baselines, indicators, trends, priorities, and concerns in a PEI context;
- Research and development of climate risk and opportunity assessment tools for industry, climate change preparedness strategies, sector-specific adaptation plans and key adaptation actions;
- Research and development of farmer wellness initiatives;
- Information sharing and/or knowledge transfer activities, including demonstration projects;
- Salaries for project activities;
- Consulting fees;
- Project-related travel;
- Materials and supplies;
- Administration costs to a maximum of 10% of project value; and
- Other activities and expenses as approved by the Agriculture Resiliency Research Review Subcommittee.

Ineligible Expenses/Activities

- Non-arms-length transactions;
- In-kind activities;
- Academic institution overhead fees;
- Business Risk Management-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities, including building repairs;
- 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

- Up to 75% of eligible expenses up to \$60,000.
- Maximum funding and percentage per project will be adjudicated by the Agriculture Resiliency Program Review Committee based on the project's expected outcomes and impact.



CLAIMS PROCESS

Applicants 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 meeting applicant and program objectives; and
- copies of material produced (or when applicable, photos of activities funded).



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Approved projects must be completed within the timeframe outlined in the funding agreement;
- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria and submit a complete application and proposal 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 applicant;
- 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. There will be application intake periods advertised on the program website.

Email Applications:

Applications may be submitted via email at agresiliency@gov.pe.ca

Regular Mail Applications:

Applications may be submitted via regular mail at:
PEI Department of Agriculture
Attn: Agriculture Resiliency
11 Kent Street
PO Box 2000
Charlottetown PE C1A 7N8
(902) 213-6476 (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.