



BeeBC

PROGRAM GUIDE

1. Program Overview

The Bee BC Program will provide up to \$100,000 in funding for the 2019-20 fiscal year, ending March 31, 2020. The program supports small scale regional/community-based projects to research, explore, field-test and share information about best management practices associated with bee health.

2. Objective

The objective of the Bee BC Program is to enhance bee health throughout the province. Bee health is important, not only for the production of honey, but also for the contribution that bees make to the pollination of many crop species and to the wider environment.

The program assists regional/community-based organizations, beekeeping associations, beekeepers with permitted hives¹ and/or First Nations to undertake small scale regional or community-based projects that contribute to the overall health of bees in the Province. It is designed to increase practical research, adoption and sharing of best management practices. The Program scope includes:

- the exploration, field-testing, implementation and sharing of best practices and techniques to promote healthy bee colonies; and
- the implementation of best management practices related to bee disease monitoring, response and treatment.

The expected Program results are:

- enhanced bee health related activities at the regional/community level and involving small scale beekeepers; and
- enhanced information sharing amongst beekeepers, especially related to bee health.

Up to \$5,000 per project is available through the Bee BC Program to assist with project costs.

3. The project lifecycle

Application

- There will be one application intake per year, with the first window being open from May 29, 2019 until June 30, 2019.
- Applications will be assessed on a competitive basis. Upon submission, the eligibility of the project will be determined, and the application will be assessed against the selection criteria and application evaluation matrix. Only the top scoring applications will receive funding. Project funding is capped at \$5,000 per project. NOTE: incomplete applications will not be considered or assessed for funding.

- Successful applicants will be notified within approximately one month of the application deadline.

Contracting

- Successful applicants are required to enter into a contribution agreement with IAF that sets out the terms and conditions of the project, including funding.
- Funding is application and project-specific and must be used for the approved project and related expenses. Funds are non-transferable.
- Project activities requiring financial resources cannot commence until the contribution agreement has been signed by both the applicant and IAF.
- Communication materials being funded by the program need to be pre-approved by the IAF communications team.
- Projects funded in the 2019/20 fiscal year must be completed no later than February 15, 2020. No extensions will be granted beyond the fiscal year.

Reporting

- Program participants are required to submit a final report to IAF. The report should include:
 - a brief description of the bee health issue that was being tackled
 - a brief description of the best management practice researched, explored and/or field-tested
 - results and findings of the project
 - recommendations for other beekeepers facing a similar bee health issue.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Participants

- Regional/community beekeeping associations or groups
- Beekeepers with permitted hives¹
- Groups of beekeepers with permitted hives
- First Nations/Indigenous Peoples organizations

Eligible projects

- Eligible project activities include research, exploration, and field testing of bee health related best management practices.
 - Both *conventional* and *new/innovative* bee health best management practices are eligible.
- Examples of eligible activities include:
 - purchasing a new piece of equipment and implementing it into your bee health strategy
 - implementing a best management practice such as beehive equipment irradiation
 - introducing pollen substitutes and/or supplements into your bee health strategy
 - seeding and planting new bee forage that offers nectar and pollen

Ineligible projects

- Projects that are not directly focused on bee health:

¹ Beekeeping (having an apiary, owning, transporting bees or beehives) is a regulated activity under the Animal Health Act and there are registration requirements. See here for the [Bee Regulations](#) in the Animal Health Act.

- Regular activities related to commercial honey production
- Business development activities; defined as activities that are directed towards generating income during the life of the project / or after the project completion.
- Marketing, promotional or market development activities
- Regular or on-going maintenance of bee colonies
 - Such as the purchase of standard equipment to maintain a bee colony

Eligible Costs

- Are costs that research, explore, and/or field-test a conventional or new management strategy/practice:
 - Costs for new equipment, technology that enhance bee health
 - Transportation costs of beehive equipment for irradiation
 - Costs for pollen substitutes and/or supplements
 - Costs for seeding and planting of new bee forage

Ineligible Costs

Ineligible costs include the following:

- Any cost not specifically required for the execution of a project
- Normal costs of establishing or maintaining a bee colony or commercial honey operation, including costs to maintain compliance with requirements of law that pertain to current business operations
- Queen bee rearing as an income generating enterprise
- Beekeeper and/or staff wages, salaries, benefits, stipends, etc.
- Purchase of land, building and facilities
- Lease of land, buildings and facilities
- Financing charges, loan interest payments, bank fees, and charges
- Any cost, including a tax that is eligible for a rebate, credit or refund (including a refundable portion of the Government Sales Tax)
- Gifts and incentives
- Permits and approvals
- Legal fees
- Costs incurred before the approval of the project or after the project completion date
- Costs related to activities that directly influence or lobby any level of government

5. Selection Criteria

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- Projects that clearly demonstrate alignment with the Bee BC Program objective
- Projects with applicant cash contributions
- Projects which include partnerships with local, regional or First Nations governments
- Projects which engage youth

Application Evaluation

All submitted applications will be assessed on the following criteria

- Eligibility and alignment to program purpose and objectives (40%)
- Strength of the project framework (40%)

- Resources to execute the project effectively (20%)

6. Apply Today!

To apply, please complete the Bee BC Program application form and submit it to funding@iafbc.ca please note that the window for applications closes at 16:30 on June 30, 2019. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

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