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Emergency Processing Fund Supports Canada's Food Supply

VICTORIA, BC - June 12, 2020: On behalf of the Government of Canada, IAF is pleased to launch the new Emergency Processing Fund to protect Canadian food security during the COVID-19 pandemic. Online applications are open for projects that help domestic food processors, manufacturers and greenhouse operators manage new health and safety protocols while maintaining Canada's food production.

The \$77.5 million Emergency Processing Fund is a national program introduced by Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). The \$5 million IAF-administered fund focuses on for-profit organizations, cooperatives and Indigenous groups in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

"Given the unique and unprecedented challenges COVID-19 presents, IAF was ready to expand our program delivery role to support both industry and government in responding to this crisis," said IAF Executive Director, Michelle Koski. "As a seasoned program administrator, we have the resources in place to quickly and efficiently launch a widescale program, as well as specific expertise in delivering emergency response programming."

Between \$10,000 - \$100,000 in cost-shared project funding is available to eligible applicants **until July 3rd**, or until the funding is fully subscribed, at which point the application window will close. Eligible costs/activities are retroactive up to and including March 15, 2020 and **must be completed by September 30, 2020**. For information on eligibility criteria or application details, please visit: <https://iafbc.ca/emergency-processing-fund/>

For project requests \$100,000 and over visit AAFC: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/?id=1591291974693>

About the B.C. Investment Agriculture Foundation

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