



# Beneficial Management Practices PROGRAM GUIDE 2024/25



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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Background

The Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) Program is a five-year program funded by federal, provincial, and territorial governments through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) to help producers contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment with projects that improve waste management, air quality control, emissions control, soil and riparian integrity, and environmental impacts.

### Program Objective & Goal

The BMP Program is an on-farm cost-share incentive program to assist farm and ranch operations in mitigating some of the risks identified in their associated [Environmental Farm Plan \(EFP\)](#). The BMP Program aims to increase the adoption of technology and practices to mitigate high-risk activities or emerging challenges by promoting agricultural sustainability, climate mitigation and climate adaptation practices that contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment.

To be eligible to access the BMP Program, applicants (e.g., a farmer) must demonstrate completion of a current EFP.

### Program Structure

IAF will deliver funding to farmers and ranchers for completing two types of projects: planning/design projects and on-farm equipment/infrastructure projects. Planning/design projects should facilitate the on-farm adoption of practices or technologies, and the latter type should facilitate the sustained adoption (ongoing implementation) of practice or technology.

In turn, the ongoing implementation of the practice or technology will improve one or more outcomes related to climate change mitigation, adaptation, or environmental performance.

**Please note:** If there is a discrepancy between the information found in this Program Guide and the information found at <http://www.iafbc.ca/bmp/> the webpage takes precedence. Please visit the webpage(s) for the most up-to-date details.



## APPROACH

Upon submission of an application, all BMP applications will be reviewed under the first-come, first-serve model for 2024/25 intakes. Project applications are screened and reviewed by IAF. This review involves:

- Ensuring application completeness.
- Organization/Applicant eligibility check.
- Project alignment and eligibility check.

Applications will be accepted on set open and close dates (see below) or until funding is fully committed. Funding decisions for complete applications will be communicated to applicants within 8 weeks of the program’s close or the application submission if in the case of an ongoing intake window.

Projects may receive up to \$200K in cost-shared funding, depending on their activities and budgets. Projects are expected to be completed by the set deadline per the specific project categories:

- Planning, Technical Assessments or Engineered Designs | + 90 days from Project Approval/Start Date
- Water Infrastructure Projects | + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date
- Riparian and Grazing Projects | + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date
- Nutrient and Waste Management Projects | + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date
- Biodiversity Projects | + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date
- Soil Carbon Projects | + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date
- Energy and Fuel Efficiency Projects | + 120 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**The BMP program expects to commit up to \$7.4 million through the 2024/25 BMP intakes.**



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Eligible Applicants

Applicants must:

- Have an EFP that is less than 5 years old and reflects the current farm or ranch operation. The EFP must be renewed if it is more than 5 years old, or if there have been changes made to the farm or ranch operation that could have impacted the environmental risk. This does not imply the farm operation will be able to access BMP program dollars, nor does it imply the farm cap will be reset.
- The farm or ranch operation must be in British Columbia and have valid “Farm Class” land as designated by the BC Assessment Authority or be a First Nations agricultural operation with designated authority to use the land.
- The applicant must have a valid business (GST) number.
- Access to certain BMPs requires additional assessments, planning or design that must be completed before approval (e.g., Nutrient Management Plans). These BMPs are “linked”, and the planning BMP must be completed and submitted before beginning a project. Concurrency of planning and/or technical assessment may be allowed for projects that are not contingent on a final design for the project construction activity or may be waived at the discretion of the Program Manager. All Planning BMPs require prior approval.

### Ineligible Activities and Expenses

Unless specified in a BMP Practice Code, the following costs are ineligible:

- Fertilizer, seed, and crop protection products
- Fees for permits, approvals, or legal activities
- Typical farm equipment and related accessories or attachments (including tractors, skid steers and trailers)
- Costs of ongoing activities
- Maintenance or repair costs
- Financing charges, loan interest payments, bank fees
- Maintenance or extended warranties on equipment, electronics, or technology purchases
- New building construction, including sheds, barns, or storages (for products or by-products)
- Expenses incurred before approval or expenses after the project completion date unless consent is received from the program.

## Additional Eligibility Requirements & Notices

- The per-farm cap (set as \$100,000 for the duration of Sustainable CAP for any farm that has or is participating in the Canada-BC EFP Program) will be waived for the 2024/25 fiscal year.
- Applicants are restricted to one BMP per code per application in 2024/25.
- Stacking of funds from other government programs is permitted so long as the funding received from all government sources does not exceed 100% of project costs.
- The Fraser Valley Flood (FVF) Program offers eligible Fraser Valley producers the opportunity to receive a cost-share ratio of 90% for on-farm BMPs that are supported by this program. For a list of on-farm BMPs supported, please see the designated project category appendix. This cost-share ratio will automatically be applied at the time of application. For further information on the Fraser Valley Flood Program, please see [Appendix 1. Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation \(FVF\) Program funded on-farm BMPs indicated with \\* and orange text.](#)



# APPLICATIONS

## Important Program Dates

Applicants to the BMP program will apply through the [IAF Client Portal](#).

BMP	PLANNING, TECH. ASSESSMENTS OR ENG. DESIGNS	RIPARIAN AND GRAZING PROJECTS	BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS	NUTRIENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS	SOIL CARBON PROJECTS	ENERGY AND FUEL EFFICIENCY PROJECTS	WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
DRAFT AVAILABLE:		JAN 30			FEB 27		APR 2
SUBMIT STARTING:	MAR 12 @ 9AM	FEB 13 @ 9 AM			MAR 12 @ 9 AM		APR 15 @ 9 AM
SUBMIT CLOSED:	ONGOING	FEB 20 @ 4PM			MAR 18 @ 4 PM		APR 19 @ 4 PM
CURRENTLY CLOSED							

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Applicants are invited to start (i.e., draft, edit, and view) their applications before the submission window opens.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the posted dates, reviewed, and adjudicated according to the schedule below, using a first-come, first-served approach.

## BMP APPLICATION DETAILS

The BMP program is funded by multiple funding sources, including the Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program (FVF), the Agricultural Water Infrastructure Program (AWI), and the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

For all Practice codes under the Water Infrastructure Category, the total maximum funding amount will be up to \$200,000 unless otherwise noted. This increase in funding cap is supported by the [Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program](#).

The cost-share will be 90% for all Practice Codes highlighted with **orange font and \*** (under Multiple Categories) in the practice codes table presented below unless otherwise noted. Further, Practice Code 0100 under the Nutrient & Waste Management Category has a total maximum funding amount of \$100,000. The [Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program](#) supports these cost-share and cap increases.

### Planning, Technical Assessments or Engineered Designs

#### Cost-Shared Ratios:

- Basic Plans and Designs: 100% up to an identified limit
- Complex Plans and Designs: 80% up to an identified limit
- Biogas Plans and Designs: 80% up to 50K

Maximum Funding Amounts vary by plan. See BMP details in the associated [Plans & Designs Appendix](#)

**Submission Window:** March 12<sup>th</sup> and ongoing until funding is fully allocated

**Project Completion Date:** + 90 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**Categories:** (Full details in [Plans & Designs Appendix](#))

- **Basic Plans**
  - Nutrient management planning (voluntary) | (100% up to \$3K)
  - Nutrient management planning (regulatory) | (100% up to \$6K)
  - Integrated pest management planning | (100% up to \$3K)
  - Grazing management planning | (100% up to \$3K)
  - Biodiversity planning | (100% up to \$3K)
  - Irrigation system assessment and plan | (100% up to \$3K)

- Water management plan | (100% up to \$6K)
- Riparian management planning | (100% up to \$3K)
- Vegetative buffer planning | (100% up to \$3K)
- **Complex Plans** (80% to max program payment \$10K)
  - Engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional (earthen manure storage structure assessment as per Section 24: The Code of Practice for Agricultural Environmental Management)
  - Engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional (organic residuals – composting)
  - Energy Assessments and alternative energy pre-feasibility study completed by a qualified professional
- **Designs** (80% to a max program payment of \$20K)
  - Engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional (manure treatment)
  - Engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional (confined livestock area runoff)
  - Engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional (confined livestock relocation)
  - Engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional (wastewater – nutrient recovery)
  - Engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional (water and riparian)
  - Engineering or technical design work or technical feasibility studies (methane emission reduction)
  - Engineering or technical design work or technical feasibility studies (carbon dioxide emission reduction)
- **Biogas Feasibility Studies** (80% to a max program payment of \$50K)
  - Feasibility studies for the installation of biogas systems

## Riparian and Grazing Projects **CLOSED**

**Cost Shared Ratio:** 60% unless otherwise noted.

**Maximum total funding amount** for all projects undertaken in the Riparian & Grazing category: \$70K unless otherwise noted

**Application Window:** Opens January 30, 2024

**Submission Window:** February 13, 2024 at 9 AM to February 20, 2024 at 4 PM

**Project Completion Date:** + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**Categories:** (Full details in [Riparian and Grazing Appendix](#))

- Alternative watering systems for livestock



- Creation or widening of buffers (grasses, trees, or shrubs) adjacent to surface water sources\*
- Fencing to improve grazing and improve riparian condition and function\*
- Rejuvenation and enhancement of sensitive areas through revegetation and restoration of disturbed areas
- Improved grazing management of tame pasture
- **Improved grazing management of native pasture**
- Improved stream crossings
- Erosion control and riparian habitat structures
- Stormwater/runoff management around confined livestock facilities\*
- Relocation of livestock confinement\*
- Field access improvements for **livestock winter feeding areas**

## Biodiversity Projects **CLOSED**

**Cost Shared Ratio:** 50% unless otherwise noted

**Maximum total funding amount** for all projects undertaken in the Biodiversity category: Up to \$25K unless otherwise noted

**Application Window:** Opens January 30, 2024

**Submission Window:** February 13, 2024 at 9 AM to February 20, 2024 at 4 PM

**Project Completion Date:** + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**Categories:** (Full details in [Biodiversity Appendix](#))

- **Habitat Structures and enhancement\***
- Protection of wildlife (flushing bars)
- Creation of pollinator habitat
- Stackyard fencing
- Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers

## Soil Carbon Projects **CLOSED**

**Cost Shared Ratio:** 50% unless otherwise noted

**The maximum funding amount** for all projects undertaken in the Soil Carbon category: Up to \$35K unless otherwise noted

**Application Window:** Opens February 27, 2024

**Submission Window:** March 12, 2024 at 9 AM to March 18, 2024 at 4 PM

**Project Completion Date:** + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**Categories:** (Full details in [Soil Carbon Appendix](#))

- Cover cropping for soil health and erosion control
- Strip tillage
- Transition to conservation/no-till tillage
- Improved drainage\*

## Nutrient and Waste Management Projects **CLOSED**

**Cost-Shared Ratio:** 50% unless otherwise noted

**Maximum total funding amount** for all projects undertaken in the Nutrient & Waste category: Up to 50K unless otherwise noted

**Application Window:** Opens January 30, 2024

**Submission Window:** February 13, 2024 at 9 AM to February 20, 2024 at 4 PM

**Project Completion Date:** + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**Categories:** (Full details in [Nutrient and Waste Management Appendix](#))

- Improved on-farm fuel storage
- Improved on-farm pesticide storage
- Improved residuals management (mortalities/prunings)
- Composting of agricultural wastes (residuals)
- Wood residue management (chippers or forced air burners)
- Plastics compactor equipment
- Improved pesticide management (sprayers/movers)
- Pest monitoring to enhance pest management planning
- Precision guidance applications (GPS – management of nutrients)
- Precision guidance applications (GPS – management of pesticides/residuals)
- Improved liquid manure storage facilities\*
- Assessment and monitoring of existing manure storage\*
- Treatment systems for solid or liquid manure
- Improved land application of agricultural by-products
- Recycling of wastewater streams
- Specific equipment components for land application of fertilizer
- Fertigation (including perennial and annual crops)
- Low disturbance placement of seed and fertilizer
- Covered manure storage or Covered manure storage in combination with methane collection and renewable energy production from collected methane
- Feed additives to manage enteric fermentation in ruminants

## Energy and Fuel Efficiency Projects **CLOSED**

**Cost Shared Ratio:** 30% unless otherwise noted

**Maximum total funding amount** for all projects undertaken in the Energy & Fuel Efficiency category:  
Up to \$50K unless otherwise noted

**Application Window:** Opens February 27, 2024

**Submission Window:** March 12, 2024 at 9 AM to March 18, 2024 at 4 PM

**Project Completion Date:** + 120 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**Categories:** (Full details in [Energy and Fuel Efficiency Appendix](#))

- Replacement of fossil-fuel-driven equipment or motors with electrical equipment or motors
- Replacement or transition to fuel-efficient equipment
- Power line extension for replacement of fossil-fuel-driven motors with electrical motors
- Replacement of fossil fuel-driven engines with electric battery pack
- Alternative energy technology and supplementary energy Storage
- Replacement of fossil fuel-dependent space heating with a renewable energy source
- Thermal energy efficiency improvements
- Lighting efficiency improvements
- Energy monitoring and controls
- Grain dryer energy efficiencies (60% up to \$50k)
- **Creative environmental regenerative agriculture solutions\***

## Water Infrastructure Projects

**Cost Shared Ratio:** 75% unless otherwise noted

**Maximum total funding amount** for all projects undertaken in the Water Infrastructure category: Up to \$200K unless otherwise noted

**Application Window:** Opens April 2, 2024

**Submission Window:** April 15, 2024, at 9 AM to April 19, 2024, at 4 PM

**Project Completion Date:** + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date

**Categories:** (Full details in [Water Infrastructure Appendix](#))

- Well protection (existing wells)
- Dams and reservoirs - new and existing
- Dugouts – new and existing
- Roof rainwater harvesting systems – new and existing

- Improved irrigation system management and irrigation scheduling
- Irrigation systems – new or upgrade/replacement of existing system
- Improvement of water supply system to farm
- Water meter and other flow measuring devices on farm

*For full project category details with practice codes, please visit the designated appendix.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants can apply through the [IAF Client Portal](#). The application process will generally consist of:

### Create an Account & Organization Registration

*REMINDER: Do not wait to start organization registration– it can take up to two business days to validate your organization!*

- [Go to IAF's Client Portal](#)
- Create a personal profile (name and email)
- Provide organization information, including:
  - Name
  - Contact details
  - Type of organization
  - BC ID / CRA numbers
  - Primary contact
  - And more

**Did You Apply for Funding via the IAF Client Portal Last Year?**

No need to register twice! Unless it's for a new business.

### Applying for Project Funding

Select the BMP Program from Funding Opportunities (example: Biodiversity BMP or Soil Carbon BMP), and provide:

- Project start & end dates
- Description of key activities, who will oversee/undertake work, and timeline
- Demonstrate how all technical, environmental, and regulatory standards and/or requirements (as applicable) are met.
- Copies of relevant documents (e.g., permits, licensing, CBA, documentation from Dam Safety or Water Authorization Program staff)
- Performance measurement information
- Funding request/project budget

Applicants may be required to provide supplementary materials (e.g., budget, water licence, change approval) to support their application. These documents can be uploaded through the IAF Client Portal as attachments to the application.

IAF staff are available to answer questions regarding eligible activities, costs and/or the application process. IAF may also contact applicants for additional information or clarification to assess their

application. Applicants can contact [bmp@iafbc.ca](mailto:bmp@iafbc.ca) with any questions about the program or to receive support in developing their application.

Applicants are encouraged to include only activities they are confident will be completed on time and within budget limits.

## **BMP Application Review**

Upon review of an application, all BMP applications will be reviewed under the first-come, first-serve. Project applications are screened and reviewed by IAF Staff. This review involves:

- Ensuring application completeness.
- Organization/Applicant eligibility check.
- Project alignment and eligibility check.

## **BMP Application Adjudication**

Applications will be considered until all available funding is committed. All decisions regarding application status are final. All applicants will receive a funding decision email from IAF.



Mallard Ducks – Brynn Hughes

# NOTIFICATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

## Funding Notifications and Contracts

If the project is approved, IAF will contact the applicant with the details of the decision and any associated terms and conditions **within eight weeks of the application close date or the application submission in the case of an ongoing intake window (for complete applications).**

IAF will return incomplete applications to applicants via the IAF Client Portal for resubmission with missing information/clarifications requested. IAF will complete adjudication and notification of funding decisions within eight weeks of application resubmission.

Funding is application—and project-specific. It must be used for the approved project and related expenses, and it is non-transferable.

Retroactive costs will not be considered.

Projects funded in 2024 may begin on or after **April 1, 2024, and must be completed by set dates determined by category. If the project is not approved, the applicant will receive a written response from IAF.**

## Funding Acknowledgements

This program is funded by the Governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. As such, acknowledgement of funding is required when publicly communicating about a project and/or funding. To ensure appropriate acknowledgement, all communications and marketing materials, including public announcements or social media posts, must be pre-approved by the IAF Communications Team. Materials can be submitted via the [IAF Client Portal](#).

## Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants must complete a final report prior to receiving funds from the program. This report must be filled out and submitted to IAF along with all invoices for the project to be considered for funding reimbursement. It is important that the final report is submitted on time and with all required information. Expenses will be reimbursed based on the submitted receipts, the approved project budget and the corresponding cost-share ratio. All reporting will be completed via the [IAF Client Portal](#).





# GENERAL POLICY STATEMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROGRAM

Farm Field – Brynn Hughes

The following BMP Policies are subject to revision during the life of the Sustainable CAP Agreement, which began on April 1, 2023.

## Application Requirements:

For all projects, cost estimates or quotes are required in addition to a valid EFP statement of completion and current BC property assessment notice.

- Management plans or designs as required.
- Legible sketches or drawings with labels indicating the layout and details of projects are required for all projects related to planting of vegetation, fence or livestock watering installations, irrigation system installation and any construction projects (e.g., buildings or other structures).

## Area Based Projects:

Where neighbouring producers in an area work together to resolve a defined environmental issue, participants may be eligible for an alternate funding arrangement.

- Individual projects: These projects are implemented as a collaborative effort by two or more producers working together to resolve a defined environmental issue.
  - If approved, projects would be funded based on Project Code criteria plus an incentive premium equivalent to a 10% lift in the individual practice code cost share up to the Practice Code Cap.
  - Applications must identify the environmental issue and the neighbouring operations working to resolve it. They must also be received within the same program year.
- Pooled Projects: Where the project occurs at an individual location but is shared by two or more producers.

### Pooled Project Guidelines:

- All applicants must have a current Statement of Completion.
- Applicants or agents must consult IAF Program staff.
- Applicants and Program staff must agree that a pooled project may be the most appropriate and cost-effective approach to developing the BMP.
- All applicants will obtain all necessary regulatory approvals, including any required environmental assessment as a group.



- Applicants will apply for Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership BMP funding based on actual individual costs of the total project.
- Applications and invoices for pooled projects must clearly indicate the participants in the project and the share of the total project cost each applicant is responsible for.

### Arm's Length Transactions:

All businesses from which goods or services are purchased must be at Arm's Length from the applicant, meaning not related to the applicant, not affiliated with the applicant, or controlled in any way by the applicant.

### Cancelled Projects:

Any projects cancelled by the applicant or that exceed the time deadline are considered cancelled. Any materials or services obtained for a cancelled project are not eligible for payment if a new application is received later. A previously started but cancelled project is eligible for further consideration. However, all costs incurred for materials or services under the previous application will be ineligible for funding under the new application.

### Cannabis:

Federally licensed Cannabis or Hemp Producers are exempt from having to have a valid "Farm Class" land as designated by the BC Assessment Authority as stated in Section 1 of the BMP Policy and Conditions. However, Cannabis or Hemp producers must provide proof of either their standard-cultivators, micro-cultivators, or industrial hemp license as issued by Health Canada under the Cannabis Act or Industrial Hemp Regulations, as well as licensed cannabis producers must provide their Standard Operating Procedures as approved by Health Canada. The personal production of medicinal cannabis is not eligible for this program.

### Caps and Cost Shares for BMP Categories:

These are valid for the 2024/25 BMP Program Year; however, they are subject to revision.

### Changes to Project:

Once a project is approved it must be completed as per the application and approval unless written communication from the Program agrees to changes to the project. Projects may be subject to cancellation if they are not completed as approved. This applies to equipment purchases and construction projects. Projects that require planting of any form of vegetation (i.e., tree or shrubs) as vegetative buffers or riparian plantings must be based on the approved planting designs in required management plans and/or approved plans and description in the project application.

### Date:

Funding is designated to change practices on existing farm or ranch operations where an undesirable environmental risk(s) has been identified in the EFP. It is not designed for the development of new

farm or ranch operations or to incent a change in enterprise type. The practice to be changed must have been in existence on the operation at the time of completion of the Environmental Farm Plan. The BMP funding is designated to make necessary changes to existing operations or practices that are impacting water quality, quantity, soil health, air quality, biodiversity, or climate change.

### Engineering or Technical Design:

A detailed quote and CV are required from the preparer of the design unless the design is stamped by a qualified professional. For projects that require an engineering or technical design, the design work must be carried out by a qualified professional or by an individual with demonstrated training and experience. Engineering or technical design work may be an eligible cost as a standalone item. Engineering or design costs should be included as part of the BMP costs or as a stand-alone for structures that require engineering approval (i.e., structures, roofs, etc.).

**If by regulatory statute the engineering or technical design must be carried out by an appropriately qualified professional, the term qualified professional** means an applied scientist or technologist specializing in a relevant applied science or technology including, but not necessarily limited to, agrology, forestry, biology, engineering, geomorphology, geology, hydrology, hydrogeology or landscape architecture. An appropriately qualified professional must be registered in British Columbia with the appropriate professional organization acting under that association's Code of Ethics and subject to disciplinary action by that association. They must also be someone who, through demonstrated suitable education, experience, accreditation and knowledge relevant to the matter, may be reasonably relied on to provide advice within their area of expertise.

**If there is no regulatory requirement that a qualified professional carry out the engineering or technical design,** the technical design may be carried out by an individual who has suitable education, experience, accreditation, and knowledge and may be reasonably relied on to provide advice within his or her area of expertise.

### Equipment:

Funding may be provided for the environmental enhancing components (incremental costs) of new or existing equipment. This is based on a project justification, cost estimates and may be subject to a technical review by appropriate experts. Equipment (e.g., mowers, sprayers, spreaders, wood residue grinders, etc.) purchases must only be new equipment or if used, they must be from a recognized and reputable farm equipment dealer who certifies the equipment has been reconditioned and is in good working order.

### Evidence of payment:

The program requires you to provide proof of payment for all invoices, and proof of payment must be under the Legal Name on your application. Proof of payment can be a paid company invoice(s) showing the amount as fully paid with a zero-balance owing and the contact information for the company, a processed cheque with an invoice, or a credit card statement as evidence of payment.

Cash payments will not be eligible unless accompanied by an official company voucher and proof of payment. Financing or monthly payments to a contractor will not be eligible. Barter/exchange transactions are not eligible.

### Farm Cap:

There is no farm cap for any farm that has or is participating in the BMP Program in 2023/24 and 2024/25. A per-farm cap may be reinstated in future intakes and program years.

Those operations that participated in the BMP program under the Agricultural Policy Framework (APF), Continuity Year, Growing Forward, Growing Forward 2, and the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) agreements will have their funding caps reset, and those farms are now eligible for and can continue to access the program until such time as their farm cap has been reached.

### Fencing costs (all fences):

The maximum amount of eligible costs for materials is \$20.00 per meter at the cost-share for the applicable practice code. This is regardless of whether the fence is installed by the applicant or by a fencing contractor.

### Funding of partial projects:

Funding for partial projects will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and are eligible only when the partial projects, on their own, achieve significant environmental risk reduction. Requests for consideration must include justification or evidence of regulatory agency documentation which may have delayed project completion.

### In-kind:

The primary purpose for allowing in-kind contributions to cover a portion of the project costs is to reduce the cash cost to the applicant.

- Eligible for in-kind:
  - Reasonable hours of labour invested by the applicant, his/her dependants and business partner(s) may be claimed.
  - Equipment costs associated with equipment owned by the applicant and considered essential to implement the approved project.
  - The maximum allowable in-kind labour and equipment rates are:

Category	Description	Rate
Labour	General labour (e.g., building, planting etc.)	\$21.40/hour
Small Equipment & Labour	Farm Tractor and Implements - up to 80 hp (does not include hand tools or motorized tools less than 25 hp)	\$64.15/hour

Medium Equipment & Labour	Farm Tractor and Implements - 80 to 120 hp (e.g., tandem axle dump truck)	\$96.20/hour
Large Equipment & Labour	Farm Tractor and Implements - greater than 120 hp (e.g., excavator, loader backhoe or land scraper)	\$150/hour

- If approved, actual labour and equipment hours must be tracked and submitted.
- Not eligible for in-kind funding:
  - Materials or supplies in a farm’s inventory (on-hand), or products produced on the farm and contributed to the project by the applicant.
  - Applicant costs associated with education, project planning, supervision, or administration.
- For all Categories, the total estimated in-kind contributions are limited to 25% of the total eligible project costs.
- For in-kind related to fencing, in-kind labour and equipment for producer-installed fencing will be reviewed for applicant-installed fences. In-kind costs can equal the receipted value of purchased fence materials. If approved, actual labour and equipment hours must be tracked and submitted.
- For in-kind related to shelterbelts, hedgerows, and vegetative buffers planting – [see Tree and Shrub Planting](#).

If a farm business plans to claim in-kind contributions, accurate estimates must be reflected in the total project cost submitted with the project application. **All proposed uses of in-kind labour and equipment must be identified on the initial BMP project application.** Refer to the BMP Application Form for more details. *IAF will make a final determination on the number of hours and a reasonable rate for the hours claimed based on the BMP being implemented and the nature of the work performed.*

### Legislation:

All projects must abide by all applicable federal, provincial, and local government laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Federal and Provincial environmental assessment and protection acts, trade agreements, and zoning bylaws. **It is the responsibility of the applicant, not the Program, to ensure compliance.**

### Livestock Premises ID:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food is responsible for providing a livestock and poultry premises identification system for the BC livestock sector. A premises is any parcel of land where animals are kept, assembled, raised, or disposed of. A premises ID is an important part of a full traceability system that also includes animal identification and animal movement. In the event of an animal health or disaster emergency, the faster suspect animals can be identified, the better. To be eligible for the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership program funding livestock operations, applicants are

required to register with the B.C. Premises Identification Program must provide their 9-digit B.C. Premises Identification Number.

A Premises Identification Number is a unique national number assigned to a piece of land by the government of British Columbia and is a critical component of the National Livestock Traceability System. If you have livestock or poultry on your property, you are required to provide your 9-digit BC Premises Identification Number (e.g., BC33A13P4 or BC44TR55E) to be eligible for this cost-shared funding. If you have not previously registered your premises with the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, please visit the BC Premises ID Program website at [www.gov.bc.ca/premisesidprogram](http://www.gov.bc.ca/premisesidprogram) or email [BCPID@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCPID@gov.bc.ca) or call (Toll-Free) 1-888-221-7141 or (604) 556-3001 to register your premises.

### Multi-year projects:

Funding for projects that are expected to take longer than the set deadline for the project category (for example, for Riparian and Grazing Projects, there is a set deadline of +140 days from the Project Approval/Start Date) and/or projects that are expected to span more than one fiscal year (April – March) will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Applications that intend to span more than one fiscal year must indicate the work that will occur in each project year and the budget associated with that work. It should be noted that projects that span more than one fiscal year will still only be entitled to the same Maximum Total Funding Amount for the one Fiscal Year (for example, for Riparian and Grazing Projects, the maximum total funding amount would remain \$70,000). Requests for consideration must include justification for extending the project.

### Number of project applications:

Eligible farm or ranch operations are not limited to the number of project—or equipment-related BMP applications per year per eligible farm enterprise.

### Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) (Practice Codes 2401.1 and 2401.2):

Farm or ranch operations that have completed an NMP between April 1, 2016, and February 28th, 2019, are only eligible for funding under these practice codes if their NMP no longer meets the “in-force” Sections of The Code of Practice for Agricultural Environmental Management (BC Reg 8/2019). Operations that have not previously completed an NMP are eligible to access these practice codes if all other BMP Program eligibility requirements are met.

### Planning or Technical Design BMP Applications and Reports:

A detailed quote and CV are required from the preparer of the plan or design. The subsequent invoice will be required from a contractor who is proposed to complete or has completed the work. The quote and invoice should include itemized charges for consulting services and costs (i.e., hours, testing, and travel). Reports must clearly indicate issue(s) requiring action and the recommended actions or equipment required to achieve the desired agri-environmental outcomes (e.g., type of equipment currently in place and recommended new equipment).

## Project completion:

All projects must be completed by the deadline outlined in their funding approval letter. Work, invoices, and project summary reports must be completed and dated on or before the deadline date outlined in the approval letter. Projects will be considered cancelled if the paperwork is not received by the deadline date; the funding will then be reallocated to other projects.

If a project extension is required, the applicant may request written approval by program administration to extend their project work beyond the deadline date. A project extension will only be considered in extenuating circumstances (i.e., delays because of regulatory approval or significant environmental conditions such as forest fires or flooding).

## Project initiation:

Projects will be considered ineligible for funding if any portion of the project has been initiated prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1, 2024).

## Projects per Application:

Each eligible project constitutes a single application, but some projects may include more than one practice code. Category caps and farm caps still apply.

## Stacking:

Program policy sets a percentage maximum amount of government funds which can be used towards the total project costs. For Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership environmental and climate programming, this has been set at 100% of the total eligible costs of the BMP Project.

## Subscription and rental fees:

Monthly or annual subscription fees (e.g., satellite, cellular or internet uplinks for data transmission) or monthly or annual rental fees for equipment (e.g., weather stations) are not eligible for reimbursement. The exception to this would be the one-time rental of equipment or tools required to construct a project (e.g., excavators).

## Tree and Shrub Planting Costs:

The maximum amount of eligible cost for any tree or shrub planting materials is \$85 per tree/shrub, exclusive of establishment costs. This applies to contractor or applicant planting.

- Where a contractor supplies and installs plants, there is no in-kind eligibility.
- Where an applicant completes the planting, the in-kind labour and equipment categories above will be used.



# APPENDICES

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## Appendix 1: Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program (FVF) Eligibility Details

### Program Details:

Working with Indigenous and local communities, the program will provide funding to agricultural producers at high-risk of flooding for solution-focused flood mitigation projects including riparian and ecosystems/habitat restoration.

The Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program (FVF) is a multi-year, up to \$20M program funded by the Government of BC through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (AF) and delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF).

### Eligibility Criteria for Fraser Valley Flood: STREAM 2: On-Farm Mitigation Projects

The Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program consists of two streams of funding. Stream 2 funding is targeting on-farm flood resiliency projects for farmers located within the high-risk flood zones in the Fraser Valley.

To simplify the application process for producers, the Fraser Valley Flood Program Stream 2 funding can be accessed via the BMP application, meaning if you are eligible for FVF on-farm funding, your eligible BMP costs will automatically bump up to a 90% cost-shared ratio up to the funding caps shown.

### Eligible Participants:

To be considered eligible for this stream, an applicant must be located in the Province of British Columbia and must be a commercial agricultural producer or primary processor.

Operations need to be in the following electoral geographical areas:

- Fraser Valley Regional District
- BC Electoral Areas B-H
- Hope
- Kent
- Harrison Hot Springs
- Chilliwack
- Mission
- Abbotsford
- Township of Langley

AND be located within the designated areas identified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food depicted in blue on this map.

**Eligible Activities:**

The following project activities and costs are eligible for funding under Stream 2:

- Flood Mitigation-related activities eligible under the BMP Program.

**Ineligible Participants:**

- Non-commercial farms

**Ineligible Activities and Expenses:**

- Flood recovery activities that would be eligible for support through insurance, disaster assistance or Agri-Recovery.
- Projects that shift flood risk to others.

**Funding Details:**

- Funding Maximum: \$10,000 – \$200,000
- Cost Shared Ratio: 90%
- Funding Reimbursement: When project and final report are complete.

For full program details, please visit the program page at <https://iafbc.ca/fraser-valley-flood/>

*For full project category details with practice codes, please visit the designated appendix.*

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