

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Advancing Agri-Food Processing





Program Description/ Objectives

Support innovation, competitiveness, and improvement in efficiency and quality in new and existing agri-food processing and manufacturing companies that seek to advance their operations in the following program elements:

- Production improvement and processing capacity expansion - supports the value-added agri-food processors and manufacturers with equipment modernization activities that will increase efficiency, quality, productivity, and competitiveness. (i.e., the purchase of specialized and/or automated equipment).
- Manufacturing Processes Efficiency and Analysis - supports the review of the facility's current production methods and identifies where efficiencies can be gained, or new technologies adopted to increase productivity.



ELEMENT # 1

Production Improvement and Processing Capacity Expansion

Eligible Applicants

- Indigenous Peoples or Organizations
- Agriculture producers (individuals or groups) to further process their primary products or value add
- Abattoirs involved in further processing or value-added
- Agri-Food processing facilities
- Agri-Food licensed Commercial Kitchens
- Agriculture producer associations
- Academic or research institutions
- Other individuals or groups capable of achieving program objectives

Ineligible Applicants

- Retail food services or grocery stores
- Restaurants
- In-home processing
- Ice Cream parlours

Eligible Activities

- Equipment cost for processing and packaging for the final value-added product (e.g., Pumps, extractors, juice presses, colour sorter, fermenter tanks, conventional ovens, blenders, smokers, peelers, meat-cutting equipment, stainless steel tanks, and more)
- New and innovative technology
- Incremental equipment for scaling or for product diversification

Ineligible Activities

- Normal and ongoing operation and maintenance costs incurred by the recipient
- Shipping, freight, or transportation cost fee
- Lab material
- Disposable supplies
- Containers and trays
- Bottles that are sold with the product
- Building infrastructure or purchase

Level of Assistance

- Up to 30-50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$100,000 for projects involving primary producers. The percentage will be at the discretion of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries based in information submitted during the application process.
- Up to 25% of the eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000 for projects involving a processor or manufacturer not involved in primary agriculture.

ELEMENT # 2

Food Processing and Manufacturing Process Efficiency and Analysis

Eligible Applicants

- Indigenous Peoples or Organizations
- Agriculture producers (individuals or groups) to further process their primary products or value add.
- Abattoirs involved in further processing or value-added
- Agri-Food processing facilities
- Agri-Food licensed Commercial Kitchen
- Agriculture producer associations
- Academic or research institutions
- Other individuals or groups capable of achieving program objectives

Ineligible Applicants

- Retail food services or grocery stores
- Restaurants
- In-home processing
- Ice Cream parlours



Eligible Activities:

- Consultant fees.
- Expenses directly related to the cost of process efficiency and improvement analysis:
 - implementing automation;
 - efficient manufacturing processes; or
 - technology review and processing line design for integration of new technology.

A completed Efficiency Analysis must include a detailed description of the following:

- Current production line;
- A schematic of the current process flow diagram of the existing building;
- Current issues facing the facility and how the issues need to be addressed;
- Proposed solution to the issues;
- Any equipment replacements, equipment modifications, and/or facility modifications that must be made or training required. This should include a schematic or process flow diagram.
- Description of the current levels of productivity and gains that will be achieved from the proposed solution with projected return on investment.

Ineligible Activities

- Facilities where the retail environment is larger than the processing area.
- Publicly funded facilities.
- Processors of seafood or fish.

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Administrative Guidelines

All applicants must be familiar with the administrative guidelines prior to applying. The Administrative Guidelines can be found here: [**SCAP Administrative Guidelines**](#)



Other Requirements

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any necessary permits, environmental approvals, or certifications are obtained to complete their project.



Reporting

Applicants may be required to report on the impact of the funding received. Reporting requirements will be outlined in the letter of offer.



Regional Collaboration

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

How to Apply

Applicants should discuss applications with appropriate Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries staff (Business Growth Officer, Development Officer or Specialist) before applying. A list of departmental contacts can be found at the following link:

[**Business Growth \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)**](#)

Completed applications may be submitted by e-mail or mail.

E-mail Applications:

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