

Quick Reference Guide to Agricultural Grant Funding in Alberta 2025

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Greenview Riparian and Agricultural Sustainability Support (GRASS)

<https://mdgreenview.ab.ca/greenview-riparian-and-agricultural-sustainability-support-g-r-a-s-s/>

- 50% cost share
- \$5,000 MAX
- Tree establishment, off site watering, exclusion fencing, beaver pond levelers, etc.
- Must be a resident of Greenview

On Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF)

<https://rdar.ca/funding-opportunities/ofcaf>

- 85% reimbursement
- Opens Feb-March 2025
- \$75,000 MAX
- Requires professional sign off from Professional Agrologist (P.Ag) or Certified Crop Advisor (CCA)
- 3 main programs
 - Nitrogen Management
 - Cover Cropping
 - Rotational Grazing

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP)

<https://www.alberta.ca/sustainable-cap>

- 5-year (2023-2028), \$3.5 billion investment includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion in cost-shared programs and activities by federal-provincial-territorial governments.
- The Sustainable CAP framework represents a cost-shared federal-provincial investment of \$508 million over 5 years towards strategic programs and services for the agriculture and agri-food industry in Alberta.

Programs within SCAP

Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program (RALP)

<https://www.alberta.ca/resilient-agricultural-landscape-program>

- 100% reimbursement to a maximum of \$150,000
- Opens February 1, 2025
- 3 year land use agreement for your project
- 2025 LAST YEAR TO APPLY
- Requires an Environmental Farm Plan
- 4 main programs
 - Pasture Management
 - Cropland Conversion
 - Tree Establishment
 - Wetlands

Water Program

<https://www.alberta.ca/water-program>

- 50% cost share
- 2 main streams
 - Irrigation
 - MAX \$35,000 per year
 - Covers purchases and upgrades
 - Low pressure center pivot, subsurface drip, sprinkler, pumps, control panel, etc
 - On Farm Water Supply
 - MAX \$40,000
 - Covers new installations and some expansions
 - Wells, dugouts, spring developments, cisterns, dams, etc

On Farm Value Added Program

<https://www.alberta.ca/on-farm-value-added-program>

4 Main Categories:

- Processing Capacity Expansion
- Food Safety Improvement

- New Product and Process Development
- Market Development and Access

- 2 main streams
 - Stream A (\$50,000 MAX)
 - Stream B (\$50,000-\$250,000)
- Capital Expenses: 25% grant, 75% applicant
 - Food processing equipment, food safety equipment, software, etc.
- Non-Capital Expenses: 50% grant, 50% applicant
 - Training, trials, studies, brand design, marketing, development, etc.

On Farm Efficiency Program

<https://www.alberta.ca/on-farm-efficiency-program>

New technologies that are progressive, commercially available, and that have already been successful in Alberta are most likely to be successful in applications.

- \$150,000 TOTAL MAX
- 50% cost share
- Requires an Environmental Farm Plan
- Opens April 1, 2025

4 streams:

- \$50,000 for Smart Farm Technology
- \$50,000 for Energy Efficiency
- \$2,000 for Farm Security
- \$100,000 for Efficient Grain Handling

Business Risk Management

AgriInvest

<https://afsc.ca/income-stabilization/afsc-agriinvest/>

An AgriInvest account builds as annual deposits are made, which are based on a percentage of a producer's allowable net sales (ANS), and receive matching contributions from federal, provincial and territorial governments.

AgriStability

<https://afsc.ca/income-stabilization/agristability/>

AgriStability provides Canadian producers with an ongoing whole-farm risk management tool that offers protection against large declines that threaten the viability of their farm and are beyond their capacity to manage.

AgriInsurance

<https://afsc.ca/crop-insurance/>

Federal and provincial governments support AgriInsurance programs by paying all administration expenses and sharing premium costs with clients. The client's premium is calculated by multiplying the dollar coverage by the client's share of the premium rate and applying any applicable premium adjustments.

AgriRecovery

<https://afsc.ca/income-stabilization/agrirecovery/>

AgriRecovery is a federal-provincial-territorial disaster relief framework to help producers with the extraordinary costs associated with recovering from disaster situations. This program is not intended to cover income or production losses, recurring disaster events or replace the need for multi-year strategies to help industries adjust to long-term realities of a disaster. Eligible costs will be supported on the 60/40 federal/provincial cost-shared basis outlined under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

Alberta Environmental Farm Plan

<https://www.albertaefp.com/alberta-efp-program/start/>

The EFP walks you through step by step, highlighting areas that need attention on your operation and coming up with a plan to address those areas. Addressing environmental risks not only benefits your operation, but also the next generation of farmers.

- Voluntary
- Self Assessment
- Local Technicians

Verified Beef Production Plus Incentive

<https://verifiedbeef.ca/vbp-plus-regional/alberta/>

The Verified Beef Production Plus (VBP+) program allows beef producers to prove to consumers, retailers, and industry stakeholders that their operations adhere to the highest standards for food safety, animal care, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship.

2 Main Streams

- Stream 1- VBP+ Training
 - Not VBP+ audited, but have the training
 - \$2,500 MAX
 - 50% cost share

- Stream 2- VBP+ Audited
 - 50% cost share
 - \$5,000 MAX

Eligible expenses

- Veterinarian Assessments
 - \$500 rebate
- Animal Welfare Improvements
 - Bud box, feed scale, cattle oiler, weigh scale, squeeze chute, tilt table, etc.
- Biosecurity Improvements
 - Segregation pens, deadstock site fencing, RFID tag reading equipment, etc.
- VBP+ initial audit or recertification