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OFCAF Program Guide

Year 6

1 April 2027 – 31 March 2028

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On-Farm Climate Action Fund
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This guide explains the intent and context of the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) program, including who can apply, what projects are eligible, what costs can be reimbursed, and what information applicants must submit to receive payment.

Project activities must be pre-approved by RDAR in writing before starting projects planned on or after 1 April 2027. Invoice dates and proof of payment must be dated between 1 April 2027 and the project completion date. Applications may be submitted from 20 November 2026; review will begin on 1 April 2027, in the order in which complete applications are received. All projects must be completed by 1 December 2027.

Applications will be reviewed in the order received. To avoid delays in processing your application, please ensure that you carefully read the program documentation, submit all required information, and respond promptly to emails from svcsmartsimple@rdar.ca or individual OFCAF team members.

Periodic updates to the program will be announced on the OFCAF website.

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What is the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF)?

OFCAF helps Alberta producers adopt beneficial management practices (BMPs) that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while supporting production efficiency, sustainability, and farm resilience. In Alberta, the program is delivered by RDAR with funding from the Agricultural Climate Solutions initiative managed by Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

RDAR is a program delivery partner that will administer OFCAF in Alberta to benefit Alberta's producers. RDAR is delivering OFCAF in three BMP categories:

1. Improved nitrogen management
2. Enhanced soil health with cover crops
3. Strengthened rotational grazing systems

For the 2027-2028 OFCAF program activities must:

- Have project start dates on or after 1 April 2027
- Be completed no later than 1 December 2027
- Have total eligible application costs of at least $10,000
- Meet all eligibility requirements listed below

Before applying, make sure you have: your project location and legal land description (LLD), a BMP Action Plan recommended by a PAg or CCA, labelled maps or aerial photos, estimated eligible costs, a planned start date and completion date, and a clear plan for keeping invoices, proof of payment, and before-and-after photos.

How the process works: apply through RDAR's Agriculture Research Grant Organizer (ARGO), wait for written pre-approval from RDAR, accept the approval and confirm your project dates, complete only the approved work, submit invoices and proof of payment with the final report, and receive reimbursement by direct deposit.

Who is eligible to receive funding?

To receive funding, applicants **must** meet all of the following conditions:

- Be an active producer (includes a proprietorship, corporation, or registered partnership) that can demonstrate a minimum of $25,000 gross farm income in Alberta
- Be headquartered in Alberta and apply funds only to lands in Alberta
- Pay 100% of the costs upfront (no in-kind)
- Eligible funding amount of $10,000 or greater per application. Producers with projects that cost less than the $10,000 minimum who want to trial BMPs are encouraged to apply for RDAR PREP (Producer Research and Evaluation Project), which provides up to $20,000 in funding and project support. For more information, contact PREP@rdar.ca
- Work with a third-party Professional Agrologist (PAg) or Certified Crop Advisor (CCA); see the Guide to Accessing Agricultural Recommendations in Alberta to develop a BMP Action Plan that is based on agronomic advice and identifies the cost difference from usual practices
- The BMP Action Plan must include labelled maps of project field boundaries and LLDs on aerial photos or images (for rotational grazing, identify existing fences and water sources). Any labelling method may be used, but a Guide to Locating and Labelling BMPs is available on the OFCAF website
- Complete an online application using ARGO to describe current practices and planned improvements
- **Obtain written pre-approval** from RDAR by email from svcsmartsimple@rdar.ca before starting projects
- Applicants must confirm participation, accept implementation responsibilities, and provide a project start and completion date within 14 days of approval for funding. If the approval is not accepted by the applicant using the Pending Project Acceptance step in ARGO, RDAR may reallocate the funds to other applicants
- Document and submit pre- and post-project conditions with GPS and date-stamped photographs
- Submit documentation with paid invoices that clearly identify LLDs for each BMP in a Final Report
- Provide permission for post-project inspections

Landlords whose only interest is in the land and who are not raising crops or livestock are not eligible for funding.

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Important dates

Topic	Activity	Year 6
Application Intake	Opens	20 November 2026
Application Review	Begins	1 April 2027
Project Acceptance	Reply by Applicant	Within 14 days of written approval notice from RDAR
Application Intake	Closes	To be determined
Project	Completed by	1 December 2027
Final Report	Submitted by Applicant	Within 45 days of project completion date, and no later than 15 January 2028
Payable	Sent by	31 March 2028

How much funding can I receive?

Applicants can receive up to 85% reimbursement of eligible expenditures across all BMP activity categories.
BMPs must be new to the quarter section or **new** to the farm.

- Stacking is not permitted year after year within the same BMP category on the same LLD
- Multiple fields of the same BMP within a quarter section must be included to qualify as new to the quarter section. This is a once-and-done rule
- BMPs funded by any OFCAF delivery agent in previous years are not eligible for funding of the same BMP on the same land in 2027
- Project plans are pre-approved based on the specific line-item costs as requested in the online ARGO. Reimbursement is capped at the pre-approved line-item costs. Projects are not pre-approved on a “lump sum” basis, meaning that costs cannot be reallocated once the line items are pre-approved
- The applicant is responsible for due diligence on pricing

Costs of multiple BMPs within all activity categories can be combined to a maximum grant payment of:

- $100,000 per applicant from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2028 from any OFCAF delivery partner. The same BMP previously applied to the same quarter section funded by other government sources (e.g., municipal, provincial, and federal programs) is not eligible for OFCAF funding
- Any remaining portion of the $100,000 OFCAF maximum may be applied toward eligible costs in a future project
- Project activities in 2027 must be submitted to and pre-approved by RDAR in writing before starting projects planned for implementation on or after 1 April 2027. Pre-approvals apply only to LLDs by quarter section listed in the pre-approved BMP Action Plan
- BMP Action Plans must be recommended by a third-party Professional Agrologist (PAg) or a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA). The cost of the BMP Action Plan recommendation may not exceed 10% of the total cost of all eligible BMP(s) to a program maximum of $2,000 per applicant (Total for all years of the OFCAF program from 2022 to 2028)

Invoices and Payments

- Applicants must submit invoices and provide proof of payment in a Final Report
- Invoices must include the LLDs for the pre-approved project fields. Substitutions are not eligible for reimbursement
- Invoices must be issued in the name of the applicant or business and must match proof of payment from that applicant or business. Invoices must be paid only after written project pre-approval has been received
- Invoices and proof of payment must be dated on or after 1 April 2027
- All paid invoices and the Final Report must be submitted within 45 days of the project completion date, and no later than 15 January 2028
- Purchased items and custom work must be delivered on farm between 1 April 2027 and the project completion date listed in the project acceptance agreement, which must be no later than 1 December 2027
- A project is closed once OFCAF has reimbursed the costs
- Once payments have been issued, applicants have 10 business days to contact OFCAF with questions or concerns
- As applications are reviewed, some BMPs and eligible costs may not be pre-approved once targeted outcomes are reached
- Reimbursement is by direct deposit only
- All reimbursement payments are considered taxable income

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Please Note:

- Applicants are responsible for submitting a complete application. If RDAR requests missing information and does not receive it by a stated deadline, RDAR will proceed with the information received. Missing information may result in the deferral or rejection of an application
- Submission of a completed application does not guarantee pre-approval. Applications must be pre-approved by RDAR in writing before starting projects
- Not all submitted applications may receive funding due to budget limitations
- Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and evaluated according to eligibility criteria, information submitted, funding availability, and past projects
- If you applied to be in an agreement with RALP (Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program) or the CFGA (Canadian Forage and Grassland Association) for the same BMP on the same LLD, you may not be eligible for reimbursement
- Payment of pre-approved applications will be based on completed reports as outlined in the Invoice Guide. Missing information may result in delays or non-payment
- Notices of pre-approval and other OFCAF correspondence will be emailed from **svcsmartsimple@rdar.ca**. Please check spam or junk email folders to ensure these messages are not missed
- Costs and program details may be updated throughout the year. To receive updates and notifications of program changes, check the OFCAF website and subscribe to the OFCAF newsletter.

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Nitrogen Management

The practices listed below help improve nitrogen use efficiency by matching fertilizer timing, rate, placement, and source to crop needs. They can also reduce nitrogen losses through runoff, leaching, ammonia emissions, and nitrous oxide emissions.

Eligible costs	Ineligible costs, limitations, and explanations
• BMP Action Plan development*, or specialized agronomic support provided by a PAg or CCA • Cost** of increasing soil sampling*** intensity or depth; soil testing; field zone mapping together with sampling*** and testing for variable rate N prescriptions, $20,000 maximum over all program years (2022 to 2028) • Cost** of N fertilizer application (custom application or equipment rental) to allow for spring banding when the previous practice was broadcasting N fertilizer, $15,000 maximum per applicant in 2027** • Price difference** between standard N fertilizer and N fertilizer with dual nitrification and urease inhibitors (see Fertilizers Template* link below for a list of eligible products); inhibitor price-difference costs must total at least $10,000 per application • Cost** of N fertilizer application (custom application or equipment rental) for split in-crop as side dressed, or broadcast with a dual N nitrification and urease inhibitor (see Fertilizers template* link below for a list of eligible products) • Price difference** between actual N cost in standard N fertilizer and in Environmentally Smart Nitrogen (ESN) minimum of $10,000 in ESN costs per application (approximately 62.5 metric tonnes or 137,789 lbs of product) • Transportation and spreading costs** of synthetic N fertilizer replacements (manure, compost, or digestate amendments) on land where it has not been applied in the past 10 years, up to $75/ac and $20,000 per year and a total maximum of $20,000 from 2022 to 2028 • Cost** of injecting liquid amendments on perennial forage or annual crop land up to $75/ac • Cost** of seed (up to $85/ac) and planting (custom application or equipment rental) to increase perennial legumes or pasture in annual crop rotations. The seed mix must have at least 50% perennial legume and be planted by September 15 to allow adequate growth before winter. **If clover is to be seeded** it must be part of a perennial legume mix with a maximum of 50% clover**	• Quarter sections that have previously been mapped for variable rate N • Field zone mapping that does not include zone based soil sampling to a minimum 12” depth • Soil samples not tested using recognized analysis protocols in accredited laboratories • Long-term leased or rent-to-own equipment • Fields not currently in an annual crop rotation • Banding fertilizer into pasture • ESN if applied with a dual N inhibitor • Fall banding • Amendments on native grassland • Amendments on pasture or perennial cropland that are not injected • Cost of amendments and incorporation of amendments • Stockpiling manure without application and incorporation • Use of manure and compost that does not follow the Agricultural Operation Practices Act • Single foliar applications in mid-season • Biological products, e.g. inoculants • Breaking to seed or re-establish hay or pasture • Land rolling seeded legumes • 100% red clover as a perennial

*Templates are available to identify a Nitrogen Management BMP Action Plan for Soil Testing and Mapping. Consideration of the BMP Action Plan requires a recommendation from a PAg or CCA. The cost of the BMP Action Plan recommendation may not exceed 10% of the total cost of all eligible BMP(s), to a maximum of $2,000 per applicant (over all years 2022 to 2028).

**Eligible cost limits are listed in a summary table on page 10.

***The minimum soil sampling depth required is 12" (30 cm). Soil analysis for nitrogen content must use recognized analysis protocols in accredited laboratories (see Soil Testing and Mapping Template).

Note: If a project is only for soil testing and mapping and does not include a different BMP approved by OFCAF in the previous or current year (2022 to 2027), a report on N management changes for the sampled field will be required (e.g., average N rate).

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Nitrogen Management - Drone Projects

Drones are also eligible tools to help improve some nitrogen use efficiency projects, as listed below.

Eligible costs	Ineligible costs, limitations, and explanations
• Cost* of custom drone seeding • Cost* of custom split in-crop application of N-fertilizer with a dual nitrogen stabilizer product • New drone purchase** with spreader attachment for perennial legume seed broadcasting through an authorized dealer. Must also be applying for a minimum of 80 acres of perennial legume crop as per the terms and conditions • New drone purchase** and spreader attachment for split application of N-fertilizer. Applies to granular fertilizer only and must be combined with both a urease and nitrification inhibitor*** to decrease the risk for N-loss. Must also be applying for a minimum of 80 acres of split application of N-fertilizer as per the terms and conditions • Before approval, the applicant must provide: (a) a Transport Canada pilot certificate appropriate to the drone and the proposed operation (a Pilot Certificate – Advanced Operations is required for any drone with a maximum take-off weight (MTOW), including payload, of more than 25 kg); and (b) evidence that the drone model has the Transport Canada Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) Safety Assurance Declaration that applies to the proposed operation. A Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC-RPAS) is required only where the proposed operation falls outside the basic, advanced, or Level 1 Complex operation rules, for example a drone with an MTOW over 150 kg, or an operation carrying a dangerous or hazardous payload. Applicants are responsible for confirming their regulatory requirements with Transport Canada. • Standard power supplies and batteries (up to 3) for drones are included in the base package. • The cost of a base station is an eligible expense; however, the cost is included within the maximum drone cost share of 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum reimbursement of $30,000 • Maximum of one drone purchase per applicant across all program years (2026 to 2028) • Please note that the cost share for a drone used to seed a perennial legume crop or for split application of N-fertilizer is 50%, up to a maximum reimbursement of **$30,000** for all program years (2026 to 2028)	• Leasing costs of a drone and/or supporting equipment • Drones purchased without a spreader package • Drone registration, training or pilot certification fees • SFOC-RPAS issuance fees • Costs associated with subscriptions, including base station subscription fees **Note:** the cost of the drone will not be eligible for reimbursement if: • Perennial legumes are not seeded • Split applications of N-fertilizer with a dual nitrogen stabilizer product did not occur • Eligible invoices and proof of payment are not provided for the drone and product being applied (seed/inhibitor)

*Eligible cost limits are listed in the summary table on page 10.

** Used materials, refurbished drones, fabricated items, equipment or materials not purchased from a recognized dealer are not eligible. For the purpose of the program, a recognized dealer is typically defined as a business where manufacturing is a key service or the business is an authorized dealer for specific item(s).

***To identify eligible nitrogen stabilizer products see the Nitrogen Management - Fertilizer template.

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Cover Cropping

New BMP activities that use regionally appropriate cover crop species to provide additional soil cover with living roots into the winter and retain a minimum of 6 inches (15 cm) of cover crop through the winter period. Cover crops protect soil from erosion, help retain nutrients, and enhance soil health.

Eligible costs	Ineligible costs, limitations, and explanations
• BMP Action Plan development*, or specialized agronomic support provided by a PAg or CCA • Seed costs for regionally appropriate seed that will leave at least 6 inches (15 cm) of growth over winter after harvesting or grazing. $85/ac maximum • Planting costs** (custom rates or equipment rental) • Cover crops can be underseeded with an annual crop, interseeded into an annual crop, or seeded following harvest of an annual crop. The cover crop must be seeded by September 15 to allow sufficient time for adequate growth before winter • Cover crops must include non-marketable crops that will be terminated so annual cropping can resume • Only the underseeded or interseeded crop that will have a living root until freeze-up (e.g. winter cereals, annual ryegrass, turnip, brassica) • Applies only to fields currently in annual crop rotation • New drone purchase and spreader attachment for cover crop seed broadcasting through an authorized dealer. Must also be applying for a minimum of 80 acres of cover crop seed. • Please note that the cost share for a drone used to seed cover crops is 50%, up to a maximum reimbursement of $30,000 • Before approval, the applicant must provide: (a) a Transport Canada pilot certificate appropriate to the drone and the proposed operation (a Pilot Certificate – Advanced Operations is required for any drone with a maximum take-off weight (MTOW), including payload, of more than 25 kg); and (b) evidence that the drone model has the Transport Canada Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) Safety Assurance Declaration that applies to the proposed operation. A Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC-RPAS) is required only where the proposed operation falls outside the basic, advanced, or Level 1 Complex operation rules, for example a drone with an MTOW over 150 kg, or an operation carrying a dangerous or hazardous payload. Applicants are responsible for confirming their regulatory requirements with Transport Canada. • Standard power supplies and batteries (up to 3) for drones are included in the base package. • The cost of a base station is an eligible expense; however, it will be included within the maximum drone cost share of 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum reimbursement of $30,000 • Maximum of one drone purchase across all program years (2026-2028) **Note:** the cost of the drone will not be eligible for reimbursement if the cover crop is not seeded or an eligible seed invoice and proof of payment are not provided	• Costs where growing and leaving cover crops undisturbed over winter is not new to the field and has been a routine practice used by the farmer • Costs related to mechanical or chemical termination of the cover crop • Crop species seeded in spring for annual forage (e.g. corn, silage or greenfeed) or grazing (e.g. spring cereals) • Biological products, including inoculants • Fertilizer and crop protection costs • Annual crop regrowth • Costs related to rejuvenation of existing forages, pastures, or hayland • Breaking perennial land (pasture or hayland) to seed cover crops • Land rolling • If the project is to seed clover or perennials, please go to either the Nitrogen Management – Fertilizer BMP or Rotational Grazing BMP categories • Crops that will be harvested or grazed leaving less than 6 inches (15 cm) of cover crop growth over winter • Crops that can be harvested in the next growing season and intended for market • Long-term lease or rent-to-own equipment • Leasing costs of a drone and/or supporting equipment • Drones purchased without a spreader package • Drone registration, training or pilot certification fees • SFOC-RPAS issuance fees • Costs associated with subscriptions, including base station subscription fees

*Templates are available (see Cover Cropping template) to identify a BMP Action Plan to include with OFCAF applications. Consideration of the Plan for funding requires a recommendation from a PAg or CCA. The cost of the BMP Action Plan recommendation may not exceed 10% of the total cost of all eligible BMP(s), to a maximum of $2,000 per applicant (over all years, 2022 to 2028).

**Eligible third-party custom rates are listed in the summary table on page 10.

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Rotational Grazing

New rotational grazing BMP strategies can improve forage quality, increase soil health, and improve resilience to changing climates.

Eligible costs	Ineligible costs, limitations, and explanations
• BMP Action Plan development*, or specialized agronomic support provided by a PAg or CCA • Rotational grazing (including virtual fencing) materials and installation** (e.g. cross fencing, temporary fencing, energizers). Virtual fencing collars are eligible for cattle, and for sheep and goats (Nofence collars only). • Including shallow buried water distribution systems that are part of a rotational grazing strategy • Shallow water pipelines must be a maximum of 2 inches (5 cm) in diameter and less than 15 inches (38 cm) deep. • Remote watering systems when powered by renewable energy. • Custom installation and equipment rental** • Cost*** for seed (maximum of $85/ac) and custom planting or equipment rental to improve perennial legume composition in pastures (e.g. alfalfa, sainfoin etc.). The seed must include at least 50% perennial legumes and be seeded by September 15. If red clover is to be seeded it must be part of a perennial legume mix with a maximum of 50% clover • All costs, including watering systems, must be part of an improved rotational grazing strategy • Costs of BMPs pre-approved in an activity category may not be reallocated within that category, or transferred to a different category Note: Applications to install permanent features on rented land must declare that they have permission from the landlord.	• Ongoing maintenance • Watering systems (winter or summer) with no improvements to a rotational grazing strategy • Limiting livestock access to existing water sources • Placing a watering system on an existing source with no improvements to a rotational grazing strategy • Perimeter fence, maintenance or replacement of existing fences, bush clearing and fencing specific to wildlife management only • Owned fencing materials or in existing inventory, including previous purchases through OFCAF • Upgrades of gates beyond electric wire or barbed wire (e.g. steel, Texas) • Portable livestock corral panels, and trailers • In-yard or in-corral watering devices • Development of new water supplies such as springs, dugouts, or wells • Surface water lines, or, deep or frost-free, buried water lines and non-renewable power sources such as generators • Stacking within the same category on the same land location, e.g. a second rotational grazing project in a following year (one and done) • Breaking existing perennial land to seed • Seeding only grass into perennial forage, or to establish hay, or seeding into native pasture • 100% hairy vetch seed as pasture improvement • Long-term leased or rent-to-own equipment • Platforms such as RANGEVIEW (multi-use devices to display the virtual location of Virtual Fence collars that can reach beyond the project scope) • Subscription fees

* Templates are available (see Rotational Grazing – General or Rotational Grazing - Virtual Fencing templates) to guide planning. Consideration of the Plan for funding requires a recommendation from a PAg or CCA. The cost of the BMP Action Plan recommendation may not exceed 10% of the total cost of all eligible BMP(s), to a maximum of $2,000 per applicant (over all years, 2022 to 2028).

** Invoices and photos must demonstrate that the entire pre-approved plan was implemented.

***Eligible materials and third-party installation costs are listed in the Rotational Grazing template and the summary table on page 10.

[+] Other government programs are available for water source development

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Summary of Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) Cost Limits

These costs represent the difference between usual practices and BMP practices that are new to a quarter section or farm. A BMP in the same category as a BMP previously funded by any OFCAF delivery agent is not eligible for funding on the same quarter section. This is a once-and-done rule. The program funds a maximum of $100,000 per applicant over all OFCAF program years, from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2028. Costs and program details may change as new information becomes available. To stay informed about updates check the OFCAF website and subscribe to the OFCAF newsletter.

BMP	Eligible Cost	Unit	Notes*
Each project application	$10,000 or greater	$	Minimum total cost of $10,000 per application
Soil testing by producer	Up to $100	$ / sample	Per field to multiple depths — **Maximum of $20,000 for all Soil BMPs over all years, 2022 to 2028**
Custom soil sample and analysis	Up to $300	$ / field	Third-party sampling and analysis
Field zone mapping, soil sampling and analysis in each zone	Up to $8	$ / ac	Includes variable rate N prescriptions
Switch from regular nitrogen (N) fertilizer to ESN	Up to $160	$ / tonne	**Minimum $10,000 in ESN costs per application in 2027**
Broadcast to banding applications of N	Up to $25	$ / ac	Custom rates**, **maximum of $15,000 per applicant in 2027**
Split applications of N	Up to $12	$ / ac	Custom rates**
Amendments (manure and compost)	Up to $75	$ / ac	Transportation and spreading only, **maximum of $20,000 per year and a total maximum of $20,000 over all years (2022 to 2028)**
Seed costs	Up to $85	$ / ac	Applies to all BMP categories. Must be at least 50% perennial legume for Nitrogen Management and Rotational Grazing BMPs
Drill or direct seeding	Up to $30	$ / ac	Custom rates**
Broadcast seeding	Up to $12	$ / ac	Custom rates**, custom drone seeding is eligible
Cost of drone and base station to seed cover or perennial legume crop, or for split application of N-fertilizer (minimum 80 acres)	-	-	Please note that the cost share for drones used to seed cover crops or perennial legumes, or for split application of N-fertilizer, is **50% up to a maximum reimbursement of $30,000. Only eligible for one drone 2026-2028.**
4 strand permanent barbed wire	Up to $13	$ / m	Includes materials and custom installation***
2-strand permanent electric wire	Up to $7	$ / m	Includes materials and custom installation***
BMP Action Plan recommendation	Up to 10%	$ total cost of all eligible BMP(s)	**Maximum $2,000 per applicant over all program years (2022 to 2028)**

*Total costs will be reimbursed at 85% of the maximums noted

** If a different (non-soil) OFCAF BMP category was not implemented between 2022 and 2027, a report showing the nitrogen management change for the sampled field will be required, such as the average nitrogen application rate

Please note: In-kind costs and leased or rent-to-own arrangements are not eligible costs. Rentals are only eligible for the project area and duration

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What's not covered?

In addition to the ineligible activities / costs listed for each BMP category above, the following general activities and costs are not eligible for reimbursement.

- In-kind payments, including the labour of the farmer or family members and non-cash transactions involving the exchange of goods and services
- Cash transactions
- Invoices and proof of payment not issued in the applicant's name or their business name
- Any cost not explicitly required for the implementation of the pre-approved project
- Multi-use items that can reach beyond the project's scope (e.g. computers, printers, cell phones, weather stations, software)
- Typical farm equipment (e.g., seeding equipment, tractors, skid steers, combines, livestock trailers, trailers to haul water) and related accessories or attachments
- Fabricated items, equipment or materials not purchased from a recognized dealer. For the purpose of the program, a recognized dealer is typically defined as a business where manufacturing is a key service or the business is an authorized dealer for specific item(s)
- Costs considered regular replacement, repair or maintenance
- Buyer’s bidding or auction fees
- Used materials and refurbished drones
- Materials from the applicant's inventory
- Costs claimed for expenses or activities that may receive other government grants, rebates, or assistance programs
- Costs of basic research
- Activities not aligned with legislation in Alberta (e.g. Agricultural Operation Practices Act, Water Act)
- Carbon offsets for greenhouse gas emission reductions generated with OFCAF support may not be claimed in regulatory carbon offset systems but may be claimed in voluntary offset credit programs
- Normal operating costs associated with carrying out or expanding a business's current operations
- Permits and approvals
- Annual service fees of any type
- Subscriptions
- New building construction
- Tile drainage systems
- Purchase or sale of land, buildings or facilities or associated taxes or fees (e.g., land transfer tax)
- Taxes, legal fees, financing charges, loan interest payments, bank fees
- Any costs, including a tax that is eligible for a rebate, credit or refund (e.g., a refundable portion of the GST)
- Lease of land, buildings and facilities for the purpose of starting up a new business or as part of normal operation or costs for rental of facilities, equipment or machinery
- Costs of training and skills development that fulfill any academic requirements toward completion of a professional certificate, diploma, or degree program
- Costs of sponsorship of conferences and learning events or initiatives
- Costs of travel, hospitality, meals and accommodations
- Gifts and incentives
- Costs related to activities that directly influence or lobby any level of government

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