



DEADLINE: Application deadline for pre-approval for the Efficiency Analysis is January 31, 2022.
Application deadline for Infrastructure Projects is May 15, 2022.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The SLIM program provides funding assistance to agri-businesses for adoption of process automation, state of the art technology, and process improvements that stimulate significant improvements in productivity and efficiency.

SLIM Program guidelines are available online at Saskatchewan.ca/cap.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Agri-businesses involved in value-added processing of Saskatchewan agricultural products.
- A commercial enterprise located in Saskatchewan.
- Incorporated in Saskatchewan or federally, and filing tax in Saskatchewan.
- An existing facility that has been in operation for a minimum of two years.

FUNDING LEVEL:

- Efficiency Analysis funding is 50 per cent of the eligible costs to a maximum program payment of \$20,000 per applicant.
- Infrastructure Projects are funded at 50 per cent of the eligible costs to a maximum program payment of \$500,000 per applicant, including cost of the Efficiency Analysis, over the life of the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS:

- Efficiency Analysis must be pre-approved by the Ministry and completed prior to submission of an Infrastructure Project application.
- The Efficiency Analysis must be completed by a qualified independent third party.
- Approval of an Efficiency Analysis does not imply prior approval of your Infrastructure Project.
- Complete PARTS 1 and 2.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:

- Pre-approval is required for Infrastructure Projects.
- Efficiency Analysis must be completed and submitted with any application for pre-approval of an Infrastructure Project.
- Only those facility modifications, equipment, and training identified in the Efficiency Analysis will be considered.
- Modifications and equipment must be directly related to significantly improving productivity and efficiency in the facility, and must represent progressive development from equipment and processes currently used.
- Total eligible project expenditures must be a minimum of \$200,000.
- Complete PART 1, 3, and 4 below.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT MUST INCLUDE:

- A copy of the completed Efficiency Analysis.
- All proposed equipment replacements, equipment modifications and facility modifications to be completed and any training required.
- Estimated costs and time frame for each of the proposed items. Higher priority items should be considered first when applying for Infrastructure Project funding.
- Pictures of the current equipment to be replaced or modified, or area to be modified.
- Documentation which shows the applicant's ability financially contribute the necessary funds to the project. This could be a letter from a financial institution or financial statements.



Note: it is recommended that this application form is saved to your computer before entering in your information.

Part 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

OFFICE USE

APPLICANT TYPE (select ONE)

CORPORATION CO-OPERATIVE FIRST NATION COMMUNITY

BUSINESS NAME (CORPORATION, CO-OPERATIVE, FIRST NATION COMMUNITY)

CONTACT LAST NAME

CONTACT FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME (S)

MAILING ADDRESS (CIVIC, RURAL ROUTE, STN, SITE, BOX, ETC.)

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

BUSINESS PHONE (999-999-9999)

CELLULAR PHONE (999-999-9999)

BUSINESS NUMBER (FIRST NINE DIGITS OF GST, CRA BN, TREATY/BAND)

EMAIL ADDRESS

ADDRESS OR LAND LOCATION OF FACILITY (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

INDICATE THE CATEGORY THAT APPLIES TO YOUR COMPANY AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCT LINES:

Food Processor (identify product line):

Feed Processor (identify product line):

Bio-products Processor (identify product line):

Other (identify product line):



Part 2 - EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS (COMPLETE PART 2 ONLY)

1. Are you an agri-business involved in value-added processing of Saskatchewan agricultural products?
YES NO
 - What Saskatchewan inputs are used in your product?:

2. Is the commercial enterprise located in Saskatchewan? Yes No
3. Is your business: An existing facility or A new facility
4. Estimated Square Footage: Retail Area _____ Processing area _____
5. Publicly funded facility: Yes No
6. Processor of seafood or fish only: Yes No
7. Business is incorporated in Saskatchewan or federally and file tax in Saskatchewan: Yes No
8. Provide a brief description of the products you produce:

9. Is the facility currently in operation? Yes No
10. How long have you been in operation in the current line of business in this location? Years _____ Months _____

Part 3 - INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (COMPLETE PARTS 3 AND 4)

1. The investment in your project must be a minimum of \$200,000. Do you currently have the financial resources to undertake your project? Yes No

If yes, a letter of confirmation from your financial institution or financial statement is required. If no, please explain.
2. Indicate the item(s) in the Efficiency Analysis you will complete in your Infrastructure Project.
3. What are the markets for your products? Will the project assist in expanding your markets? If yes, please describe.
4. Will the Infrastructure Project help you introduce new products or expand existing product line(s)?
5. What other benefits will be garnered as a result of this project? Example: improved food safety, improved product quality control, reduced labour needs, increased ability to meet customer needs, etc. Please describe.
6. Identify any permits or licenses required from any level of government in order to proceed with your project.
7. Identify the amount and any other sources of government funding for this project.



Part 4 - BUDGET (INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT ONLY)

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND ASSOCIATED INSTALLATION/RENOVATION COSTS, AND TRAINING COSTS	Estimated Costs(\$)	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Example: Grommet packaging unit	\$45,000	Oct 1, 2019
Example: Grommet packaging unit installation	\$3,000	Nov 1, 2019
Example: Grommet packaging unit training provided by X manufacturer	\$2,000	Jan 10, 2020

CHECKLIST:

Copy of the Efficiency Analysis report attached.

Pictures of the equipment and/or the area to be modified or replaced included and described.



Part 4 - STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

1. I hereby apply to the Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing (SLIM) Program (the "Program") administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture (the "Ministry") for payment under the program made pursuant to The Agriculture Administration Act for the grant requested in this application;
2. I certify that I am the Applicant or that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the Applicant, (attach documents establishing the authority to sign on behalf of the Applicant). I agree that all references to "I" in this Statement of Certification shall be deemed to read the "Applicant", with the necessary grammatical changes required; and, that by my signature and delivery of this document to the program, I agree to be legally bound to adhere to the program policies as outlined in the attached guidelines.
3. I declare that I am:
 - (a) an agri-business involved in value-added processing of Saskatchewan agricultural products;
 - (b) a commercial enterprise located in Saskatchewan;
 - (c) incorporated in Saskatchewan or federally, and filing tax in Saskatchewan;
 - (d) an existing facility that has been in operation for a minimum of two years.
4. I consent to and authorize the release of any information to the Program administrators relating to my/our business operations from any government ministry, agency, or third party, for the purpose of verifying information under this application;
5. I authorize the Ministry to request information from any federal or provincial government ministry or agency, or from any third party, to disclose that information to the Ministry, and consent to disclose any information contained in this application or pertaining to payment, to such ministry, agency, or third party, for the purpose of administering the Program;
6. I consent to and authorize the Ministry to disclose information relating to my application or payment to any review committee that may be established for the purposes of this Program, in the event that a review is requested;
7. I authorize the Ministry, or its designated representatives, to enter the premises identified on the application or any other premises related to the expenditures identified in this application for the purposes of verifying the eligibility of the application and associated expenditures claimed for payment;
8. I certify that no other application or claim has been made or will be made under this Program or any similar program in Saskatchewan or in another province, with respect to the same expenditures claimed under this application;
9. I declare that I will
 - (a) incur the expenditures for an Efficiency Analysis and an Infrastructure Project between April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2022;
 - (b) use the materials, equipment, and/or services for the purpose of improving productivity and efficiency in the facility, subject of this application;
 - (c) purchase or lease the materials, equipment, and/or services for use within Saskatchewan.
10. I agree to provide the Ministry of Agriculture with a program evaluation survey, original receipts, proof of payment for costs claimed and photos of the completed, eligible project on request.
11. I consent to and authorize the release of any information to the Ministry relating to my/our business operations from any government ministry, agency, or third party, for the purpose of verifying information and eligibility of this application.
12. I understand that there is no liability with respect to the Ministry of Agriculture, or other government agencies, regarding the construction of an approved project. Neither the Ministry of Agriculture, nor the Government of Saskatchewan, shall be liable to indemnify the Applicant for any liabilities the Applicant incurs in the performance of the work undertaken by it in this project. The Applicant shall hold the Minister, the Government of Saskatchewan, and all government employees, agents and representatives, past or present, harmless from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses and causes of action, including claims.
13. I agree that the Ministry of Agriculture, or its designated representatives, are authorized to enter the premises identified on the application or any other premises operated by the Applicant in order to conduct an inspection of the eligible project that is subject of this application.
14. I acknowledge that I am responsible for any cost overruns or expenditures in excess of the amounts contributed by the Ministry under the Program.
15. I acknowledge that the provision of false, misleading or fraudulent information may result in this application and any other past, current or future applications being deemed ineligible and any payments issued being deemed an overpayment.
16. I understand that the Ministry has the right to offset all or any portion of a payment against any debt I have owing to the Government of Saskatchewan.
17. I certify that the information included in this application is true and correct in every respect.

I acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions as set out above.

Dated: _____

Applicant Signature _____

If submitting by email, please type your name below.
If submitting by mail, please sign the printed form.

By email: agprograms@gov.sk.ca

For more information: 1-866-457-2377

Saskatchewan.ca/CAP

By mail: Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing

Ministry of Agriculture, Programs Branch

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