



Existing agriculture drainage works which have not been constructed with Water Security Agency (WSA) approval may cause significant negative impacts on downstream water quality, quantity and wildlife habitat. This Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) provides assistance to producers to address impacts of existing private drainage works. Eligible funding is for implementing approved drainage stewardship practices, including installation of water control and erosion control structures.

FUNDING LEVEL

- Fifty per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$20,000.

APPLICATION TYPE

- **Pre-approval is necessary to qualify for this BMP.**
 - Application deadline for pre-approval is Aug. 31, 2022. Claims must be received by Dec. 31, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

- Primary producers who can demonstrate a minimum of \$50,000 of gross farm income in Saskatchewan.
- Producers who own, lease or rent property where livestock and poultry are grown, bred, kept, raised, displayed, assembled or disposed of require a Saskatchewan Premises Identification (PID) number.
- First Nations in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- Applications must have a site diagram showing the location of the current drainage works and include details of the proposed drainage stewardship practices.
- Applications should include photos of drainage works or waterways where work will be done.
- A sketch plan on satellite imagery should be included showing wetlands and ditches. Most projects will need a WSA drainage approval. Sketch plans which are prepared for drainage applications are acceptable.
- Pre-site inspections and post site inspections may be completed as part of the pre-approval and/or claim process.
- Support for developing most applications can be found by contacting your [WSA Regional Office](#).
- Drainage works must be private works and must be approved by WSA before payment can be issued under the Farm Stewardship Program.
- Claims for flow and erosion control related projects must include a copy of the project's Approval to Operate once issued and Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (if applicable) from WSA in order to receive funding.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining and complying with any permits or approvals required and for incorporating any relevant mitigation measures for the project.

PROJECT COSTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2018, or later.
- Engineering/consulting costs associated with assessment, survey, supervision and design of water control and erosion control structures.
- Engineering/consulting costs can stand alone as a project and be funded even if the project does not proceed. Drainage approval from WSA is not required in order to receive approval for funding of engineering costs.

- All required WSA drainage approvals must be received before payment can be made for construction and material costs.
- Materials and installation for water and erosion control structures such as rip-rap, gabion baskets, culverts, gates, erosion mats, silt fencing and concrete.
- Costs related to reshaping and revegetating side slopes of waterways or ditches where there is significant evidence of erosion.
- Erosion control in an eroded ditch or natural run may be approved if significant erosion exists and if all upstream drainage receives approvals and is part of the project.
- Supply and transportation of rocks, soil or other materials to the project site by a third party.
- In-kind machinery/equipment. Use rates established in the [Farm Machinery Custom Rate and Rental Guide](#) for class of machinery used.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- Invoices not issued in the applicant's name.
- Costs for erosion or water control projects started prior to April 1, 2018.
- Costs associated with new drainage works or those constructed after April 1, 2018.
- Projects with the intention of improving conveyance capacity (e.g. increasing the size of the waterway or ditch by widening, deepening or removing large amounts of natural vegetation).
- Projects that involve channel clearing only.
- Projects that involve erosion not associated with upstream drainage works (e.g. erosion along a major river).
- Consultant fees to develop applications for drainage approvals which consist solely of mapping drainage works or applying standard mitigation work designs.
- Engineering or consulting costs associated with the design of drainage works other than water and erosion control.
- Projects subject to current orders under *The Water Security Agency Act* (WSAA) or letters of non-compliance under *The Environmental Management and Protection Act* (EMPA).
- Costs associated with projects not in compliance with legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act, EMPA, WSAA, etc.) unless compliance is achieved before submission of claim.
- Construction or maintenance of dams for surface water source development.
- Upgrades to works owned by conservation and development area authorities, watershed associations and rural and urban municipalities.
- Multi-producer projects.
- Taxes, interest and fees, including legal, registration and licensing.
- Purchase of land/property or payment of easements.
- Drainage of potholes, sloughs or wetlands.
- Filling in potholes, sloughs and wetlands.
- Leveling fields.
- In-kind labour.
- In-kind freight/mileage.
- In-kind materials such as rocks, sand, gravel or clay.
- In-kind payment (e.g. trading) for third party services/supplies.
- Transportation of soil or other materials away from the project.

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