

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Processing Incentive Programs



# Provincial PROGRAMS

## Agtech Growth Fund (AGF)

### Figures

Lead proponents can receive a maximum of \$450,000 in AGF grants over their lifetime.

### Advantages

Support industry-driven R&D projects that advance innovation in the agtech sector.

Accelerate commercialization and adoption of innovative technologies that will benefit the agricultural sector.

### Requirements

Proposed by a group of active private sector partners that represent the project's value chain (researchers, those involved in the production/supply process, and customer/end users).

- » Demonstrates how the technological innovation will solve a specific industry challenge and benefit the agriculture sector as a whole, not just individual companies.
- » Technological solutions must be novel and innovative.
- » Demonstrate a feasible path to commercialization and how the benefits of the project will be sustained over the long-term.

### Application Process

Intakes for the AGF are held twice per fiscal year. To be considered for funding, prospective applicants must submit an EOI and complete the Eligibility Questionnaire before the intake deadline. Only selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Shortlist decisions made by IS' internal selection committee are final.

<https://innovationsask.ca/research/agf>

## Canada-Saskatchewan Job Grant

*(Labour Focused)*

### Figures

Up to \$10,000 in training resource assistance per trainee. Maximum of \$100,000 per company per year.

### Advantages

Help employers train workers to meet their specific workforce needs.

### Requirements

Reimburses Saskatchewan employers for training costs, such as tuition, mandatory fees, textbooks, software, exam fees.. Employer contributes 1/3 of training costs, remaining 2/3s is funded by the CSJG. Training is flexible but must be provided by a third party.

### Application Process

Administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. Detailed information, an application, and training quote can be found online.

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/job-grant>

## Saskatchewan Value-Added Agriculture Incentive (SVAI)

*(Tax Incentive)*

### Figures

Offers a 15% tax rebate on eligible new capital expenditures for newly constructed or expanded value-added agriculture facilities that make a significant capital investment to expand production capacity.

### Advantages

Designed to encourage expansion of value-added agriculture sector in Saskatchewan.

### Requirements

Project must have \$10 million in eligible new capital expenditures for the purpose of undertaking an eligible value-added agriculture activity.

### Application Process

Two-step application process. administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

<http://saskatchewan.ca/value-added-ag-incentive>

## Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive - Patent Box (SCII)

*(Innovation Focused)*

### Figures

Lowers the Corporate Income Tax (CIT) from 12% to 6% on income earned on the commercialization of patents and other intellectual property into new products by Saskatchewan companies.

### Advantages

Competitive/innovative investment reward.

### Requirements

Open to any company operating in any sector, from anywhere in the world, regardless where or when the research and development for the qualifying intellectual property occurred or was licensed. Eligible commercialization must take place in Saskatchewan.

### Application Process

Two-step application process. administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

*Provided to innovative companies that contribute through job creation and new investment.*

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/innovation-incentive>

## Saskatchewan Manufacturing and Processing (M&P) Exporter Tax Incentive

*(Tax Incentive)*

### Figures

The incentive will offer an eligible business non-refundable tax credits for the 2015-2022 taxation years, equal to \$3,000 per each incremental full-time employee, or equal to \$10,000 per employee for head-office function employees.

### Advantages

A tax deduction per employee, making it easier to hire more people for increased production and other operational capacities.

### Requirements

Eligible businesses are those that derive at least 25% of revenues from the export to the rest of Canada or internationally of their manufactured goods each year. Must expand the number of full-time employees in Saskatchewan head offices.

### Application Process

Administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance.

*Full-time employees*

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/taxes-licensing-and-reporting/tax-incentives/manufacturing-and-processing-tax-credits>

## Saskatchewan Manufacturing and Processing Investment Tax Credit (ITC)

*(Tax Incentive)*

### Figures

This is a refundable income tax credit applied to total capital costs on new/used machinery/equipment per year. This tax credit's rate is equivalent to the provincial sales tax (PST) rate, currently at 6%.

### Advantages

Designed to encourage plant and equipment investment.

### Requirements

Eligible equipment to be used in manufacturing and processing activities.

### Application Process

Filed as part of the federal T2 corporate income tax return for new equipment purchases. Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance administers claims for used equipment purchases.

*Sustaining capital and expansion capital investments qualify, as well as new and used equipment investments.*

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/taxes-licensing-and-reporting/tax-incentives/manufacturing-and-processing-tax-credits>

## Saskatchewan Manufacturing and Processing (M&P) Profits Tax Reduction

*(Tax Incentive)*

### Figures

An opportunity to reduce the CIT rate from 12% to as low as 10%.

### Advantages

Reducing the amount of profit subject to taxation, which allows the firm more flexibility and stability for future decisions.

### Requirements

Saskatchewan-based firms with a high allocation of income to Saskatchewan receive a larger tax reduction than firms with a low allocation of income.

### Application Process

Filed as part of the federal T2 corporate income tax return.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/taxes-licensing-and-reporting/tax-incentives/manufacturing-and-processing-tax-credits>



## Saskatchewan Advantage Innovation Fund (SAIF)

### Requirements

Must benefit a sector, address technically challenging issues, display benefits, have funding from other sources.

### Application Process

Administered by Innovation Saskatchewan.

<https://www.innovationsask.ca/research/saskatchewan-advantage-innovation-fund>

## Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP)

*(Labour Focused)*

### Figures

Approx. 10,000 immigrants arrive through the SINP each year.

### Advantages

Allows businesses greater access to skilled workers to fill labour shortages/needs.

### Requirements

Skilled and experienced workers.

### Application Process

Administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. Create an online account and upload the necessary documents.

*Applicable fees to the applying person range from 0 to \$2,500*

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/sinp>

## SINP Entrepreneur and Farm Owner/Operator Program

### Figures

Up to 500 entrepreneurs and farm owners per year

### Advantages

Allows entrepreneurs and farmers with relevant qualifications and assets to immigrate to Saskatchewan to operate a business or farm. If requirements are met, can obtain permanent residency.

### Requirements

Entrepreneurs must own 1/3 or more of the Saskatchewan business or make an equity investment of at least \$1 million; live in the province and provide ongoing management of the business; have relevant experience and invest \$200,000-\$300,000; minimum net worth of \$500,000. Farmers must meet separate criteria for the farmer/owner category or young farmer stream.

### Application Process

Administered by Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Training. Create an online account and upload necessary documents.

*Application fees are \$2,500.*

## Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG)

*(Infrastructure Assistance)*

### Figures

Funding up to \$500,000.00 per rural municipality (RM), per project, per year for road construction projects.

### Advantages

Funding will be provided for roads, bridges and large diameter culverts; bridges will continue to be inspected on a three-year rotation. Electronic applications for road and bridge/culvert projects will be kept on file and eligible for three years.

### Requirements

Eligible projects must be a Rural Road Classification (RRC) 1 to 6 or located on a CTP corridor. Bridge maintenance/repairs will not be an eligible expense's. All projects will have two years to be completed.

### Application Process

Applications for the Road Construction Program and the Bridge and Large Diameter Culvert Initiative are now open.

<https://sarm.ca/programs/rirg>

## Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP) Program

*(Market Access)*

### Figures

Must be a member; 50% reimbursement of travel costs up to \$5,000.

### Advantages

STEP supports the domestic and international marketing efforts of its members in entering new markets and assists with "export readiness".

### Requirements

Become a STEP member, supply to markets outside of Saskatchewan, produce products that have at least 50% Saskatchewan content (labour/materials).

### Application Process

Apply online. STEP is supported by Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade and Export Development and administers itself to serve member companies.

<https://www.sasktrade.com>

## Saskatchewan Research and Development Tax Credit – R&D

*(Research Tax Assistance)*

### Figures

For Canadian Controlled Private Corporations (CCPCs) - a refundable credit equal to 10% of qualifying expenditures up to a maximum of \$1 million (or \$100,000). For all other corporations (and for CCPC claims greater than \$100,000) - a 10% non-refundable tax credit of up to \$1million. Claim amounts greater than \$1million to be carried forward.

### Advantages

Reduces total tax due and designed to encourage further private investment.

### Requirements

Qualifying R&D (engineering/design/computer programming, etc.) expenditures incurred in Saskatchewan.

### Application Process

Administered by Canada Revenue Agency.

*Scientific research and experimental development incurred in Saskatchewan*

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/taxes-licensing-and-reporting/tax-incentives/research-and-development-tax-credit>

# Federal PROGRAMS

## Accelerated Investment Incentive for Manufacturing

*(Tax Assistance)*

### Figures

The full cost of machinery and equipment used in manufacturing and processing of goods may be written off immediately for tax purposes. Applies to assets acquired after Nov. 20, 2018, and will be gradually phased out starting in 2024.

### Advantages

Helps businesses to invest in the machinery and equipment they need in order to increase productivity and allow taxpayers to more quickly recover the cost of their capital investment.

### Requirements

File income tax.

### Application Process

Administered by Canada Revenue Agency.

*Manufacturing and processing equipment*

<https://www.budget.gc.ca/fes-eea/2018/>

## AgriAssurance

*(Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Component)*

### Figures

Cost-shared funding up to \$50,000 (a maximum of 50% AAFC and a minimum of 50% applicant). The program provides targeted support to companies to help implement third-party assurance certification projects that address international market requirements, thus helping expand export opportunities for Canadian agricultural and agri-food products.

### Advantages

Helps Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector SMEs get a third-party certification for the first time required to meet a specific export opportunity.

### Requirements

Eligible applicants include for-profit organizations operating in the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based industry, including the fish and seafood industry. Applicants may have up to 250 employees and no more than \$50 million in annual revenue.

### Application Process

Administered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2022, or until funding has been fully committed or otherwise announced by the program. The program ends March 31, 2023.

<https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriassurance-small-and-medium-sized-enterprise-component/?id=1517865477303>

## AgriDiversity

### Figures

Cost-shared funding up to \$200,000 per year (with priority given to proposals that are cost-shared at 50%). The program aims to help under-represented groups in Canadian agriculture, including youth, women, Indigenous Peoples, and persons with disabilities, to fully participate in the sector by helping these groups address the key issues and barriers they often face for sector participation

### Advantages

Supports activities that strengthen Canada's agriculture sector by better leveraging the potential offered by youth, women, Indigenous peoples and people with disabilities.

### Requirements

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations. Associations should operate on a national basis; however, consideration may be given to regional not-for-profit associations if there is no representation at the national level.

### Application Process

Administered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until September 30, 2022, or until funding has been fully committed or until otherwise announced by the program.

The program ends March 31, 2023.

<https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/agridiversity-program/?id=1517326808755>

## AgriInnovate Program

(Innovation)

### Figures

Repayable contributions up to \$10 million per project, for projects that aim to accelerate the demonstration, commercialization and/or adoption of innovative products, technologies, processes or services that increase agri-sector competitiveness and sustainability. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2023.

### Advantages

Help companies utilize and commercialize new knowledge to be applied commercially.

### Requirements

Must be a for-profit organization or a co-operative and be innovative.

### Application Process

Administered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Can apply anytime before program funding is exhausted.

<http://agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/agriinnovate-program/?id=1515682916298>

## AgriScience Projects

### Figures

Non-repayable contributions and/or collaborative support from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research scientists up to a combined contribution of \$5 million per project over five-years. The program aims to accelerate the pace of innovation by providing funding and support for pre-commercial science activities and cutting-edge research that benefits the agriculture and agri-food sector and Canadians.

### Advantages

Supports specific shorter-term research activities to help industry overcome challenges and address fiscal barriers experienced by small and emerging sectors.

### Requirements

Eligible applicants include for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

### Application Process

Administered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The program ends March 31, 2023 and applications will continue to be accepted until funding has been fully committed or until otherwise announced by the program.

<https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriculture-program-projects/?id=1516993063537>

## BDC's Co-Lending Program

### Figures

The BDC Co-Lending Program funds operational cash flow needs between \$1M and \$12.5M, depending on your company's 2019 annual revenue. Maturity date is up to 10 years

### Advantages

The BDC Co-Lending Program funds operational cash flow needs including regularly scheduled principal and interest payments on existing debt.

### Requirements

Canadian business directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19

Borrowers must have been financially viable, in good standing as of March 1, 2020

The financing will be used solely to support operational cash flow requirements

Subject to your primary financial institution's credit criteria

### Application Process

To access the BDC Co-Lending Program, businesses must contact their primary financial institution where they are already clients

<https://www.bdc.ca/en/pages/co-lending-program.aspx>

## Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Trade Incentive Programs

### Figures

Per application.

### Advantages

Opportunity to lower tax and allow for free flow of goods.

### Requirements

Check program links.

### Application Process

Administered by CBSA.

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tip-pec-eng.html docs/nrc/2018-11-21-en-html>

## CanExport SMEs Program

### Figures

Apply online for up to \$75,000 in CanExport small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) funding to cover up to 75% of international market development activities.

### Advantages

CanExport SMEs provides financial assistance to SMEs) registered in Canada to help them develop export opportunities for their product or service in new international markets.

### Requirements

The CanExport SMEs program is open to all industry sectors, including agriculture and agri-food. To be considered for funding, the applicant must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- » Be a for-profit company
- » Be an incorporated legal entity or a limited liability partnership (LLP) in Canada
- » Have a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) business number
- » Have no more than 500 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees
- » Have no less than \$100,000 and no more than \$100 million in annual revenue declared in Canada during its last complete tax reporting year (or during the last 12 months for monthly and quarterly filers).

The CanExport SMEs program reserves the right to validate the information provided through the company's financial statements.

### Application Process

Applications are accepted year-round through the online platform. Applicants can expect to receive a decision within 60 business days of submitting a complete application; plan your application accordingly, as the program will not reimburse expenses incurred prior to the approval of an application.

Applicants can only have one active project at a time.

<https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/sme-pme/index.aspx?lang=eng>

## CanExport Innovation

### Figures

Up to \$75,000 to help Canadian innovators to commercialize, validate or adapt their technologies to bring them to market and meet with foreign collaborators.

Funding is to assist with research and development (R&D) for a single technology and costs to pursue and signed collaborative R&D agreements with international partners and investors

<http://tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/ggi-vmi/index.aspx?lang=eng>

## Canada Pavilion Program

### Figures

The program is aimed at making trade show participation easier at the world's premier food and beverage events. With trade shows being an integral marketing technique used by industry when entering new regions, the Canada Pavilion Program will allow companies to take advantage of opportunities arising from market access gains. Booth pricing will be set on a show-by-show basis to ensure that funding levels are appropriate.

### Advantages

Program funding is used to offset the direct cost of exhibiting (booth prices), thereby reducing the administrative burden of participating

## Requirements

Export-ready Canadian companies who feature products from the agriculture and agri-food sectors are eligible for program support. Emphasis will be placed on first-time exhibitors, new to market exhibitors, and companies with innovative products. Priority will be given to SMEs with up to 500 employees and no more than \$50 million in annual revenue.

## Application Process

Administered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Applicants must review Flagship Trade shows on the [Agriculture and Food Trade Show](#) Service webpage, then send an email to [aaafc.mas-sam.aac@canada.ca](mailto:aaafc.mas-sam.aac@canada.ca) indicating shows of interest. See [applicant guide](#) for more information.

<https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/international-trade/trade-show-service/canada-pavilion-program/?id=1518440736899>

## Canada Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program

*(R&D Tax Assistance)*

### Figures

Offering up to 35% refundable tax credit of qualifying expenses (wages, materials, contract expenditures, lease, overhead, capital); up to maximum of \$3 million.

### Advantages

Reduces total tax due and designed to encourage further investment.

### Requirements

Complements and likely to be combined with the Saskatchewan Research and Development Tax Credit and based on the same criteria.

### Application Process

Administered by Canada Revenue Agency.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/scientific-research-experimental-development-tax-incentive-program.html>

## EDC's Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) Guarantee

### Figures

The BCAP Guarantee Program has a maximum loan amount of \$6.25M. Maturity date is up to 5 years with 100% due at maturity.

### Advantages

EDC BCAP Guarantee is for new operating lines of credit or new term loans to support your cash flow needs (working capital to cover operational costs) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Requirements

Canadian business directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19  
Borrowers must have been financially viable, in good standing as of March 1, 2020

### Application Process

EDC provides a guarantee to your financial institution for the majority of the money you borrow, encouraging them to increase your company's access to credit.

<https://www.edc.ca/en/solutions/working-capital/bcap-guarantee.html>

## Farm Credit Canada COVID 19 Support Program

### Figures

FCC's lending options for producers, agri-businesses and food processors include:

- » a deferral of principal and interest payments for six months OR a deferral of principal payments for up to 12 months;
- » access to an additional credit line of up to \$500,000;
- » access to an additional term loan up to \$2.5M.

Term loans up to \$2.5M, with no fees and an 18-month interest-only option available over a 10-year amortization. These funds can be used for working capital and to modify production due to the impacts of COVID-19.

### Advantages

The purpose of FCC's lending options is to ensure producers, agribusinesses, and food processors have access to the cash flow to manage through this challenging time.

### Requirements

FCC customers and non-customers are eligible to apply for FCC lending products. Businesses applying for FCC lending products are subject to normal lending due diligence, which considers business viability, credit history, and management integrity and experience.

### Application Process

Contact [local FCC office](#) or the Customer Service Centre at 1-888-332-3301.

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/covid-19/program-details.html>

## Farm Credit Canada (FCC) Young Entrepreneur Loan Program

### Figures

Qualify up to \$1 million, low interest rates.

### Advantages

Purchase or improvement of an agriculture-related business; purchase shares in an agriculture-related business. No loan processing fees.

### Requirements

Apply to the program.

### Application Process

Contact an FCC official.

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/financing/young-entrepreneur-loan.html>

## National Research Council (NRC) – Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)

*(Innovation)*

### Figures

Can cover up to \$1 million.

### Advantages

Assistance to take on technology innovation.

### Requirements

Available to small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

## Application Process

Administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Direct consultation on specific projects with a technology adviser.

<https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap>

## Natural Products Canada Executive Talent Program

### Figures

The Executive Talent Program helps Canadian SMEs or start-ups within the natural product sector achieve key growth milestones through a new hire of a C-level or other senior-level executive within the company.

NPC will contribute up to \$125,000 toward the cost of the new executive's salary. The company must demonstrate the ability to finance salary costs that exceed \$125,000. The NPC contribution will be in the form of a 50% non-repayable grant and 50% repayable loan. The financing can be used to hire the executive for part-time or full-time employment for a maximum of 12 months (project period<sup>1</sup>). The Program is intended to permanently expand the expertise of the executive team to enable new growth opportunities.

Applicants interested in applying to the Program are strongly encouraged to contact the NPC Program Director [kim@naturalproductscanada.com](mailto:kim@naturalproductscanada.com), prior to submitting an application.

<https://www.naturalproductscanada.com/en/programs/executive-talent/>

## Natural Products Canada Proof of Concept Program

### Figures

The Proof of Concept Program helps establish the commercial feasibility of innovative natural products and technologies in order to attract and de-risk subsequent investment.

The Program is open to Canadian research institutes, SMEs and start-up companies. Applicants can receive up to 50% of the cost of the proof of concept plan to a maximum of \$250,000 during the project period (not to exceed 12 months). The applicant will be required to contribute 50% of the cost over the project period.

The Program does not support basic research or preliminary product/technology development. It supports animal, field, demonstration, or human trials that are intended to demonstrate the commercial potential of the product or technology.

For research institutes, the Program is intended to move a product or technology from intellectual property disclosure to near term spin-out and/or licensing opportunities. The NPC contribution will be in the form of a 50% non-repayable grant and a 50% conditionally repayable loan.



For companies, the Program is intended to demonstrate commercial feasibility of products and technologies. The NPC contribution will be in the form of a 50% non-repayable grant and a 50% repayable loan.

Applicants interested in applying to the Program are strongly encouraged to contact the NPC Program Director [kim@naturalproductscanada.com](mailto:kim@naturalproductscanada.com), prior to submitting an application.

<https://www.naturalproductscanada.com/en/programs/proof-of-concept/>

## Natural Products Canada Fast-Track to Financing Program

### Figures

The Fast-Track to Financing Program helps to create strong business or commercialization plans to attract public financing or private investment to help natural products, technologies or services get to market.

This Program is open to Canadian companies (SMEs or start-ups) and research institutes.

**SMEs or start-ups:** The intent of the Program is to develop strong business or commercialization plans that demonstrate the market and/or growth potential necessary to attract private capital or public funding.

**Research Institutes:** The intent of the Program is to develop strong commercialization plans to attract public funding, secure industry partnerships, licensing opportunities, and/or create start-up companies.

The Program supports the costs of engaging one or more expert(s) (external consultant(s) or other service provider(s)) to assist in strengthening or revising the business or commercialization plan. This could include all or a subset of the following components:

- Market, Customer, & Competitive Analysis

- Value Proposition
- Marketing Plan
- Sales Plan
- Regulatory Plan
- IP Plan
- Financial Plan/Evaluation/Revenue Stream
- Branding
- Pricing Plan
- Production Plan

Successful applicants will receive a conditionally repayable loan of up to 50% of the costs of the project, to a maximum of \$25,000. The applicant is required to contribute at least 50% of the cost over the project period.

The applicant may have a preferred expert(s) at the time of application or may begin their search after the application is submitted. A summary of the qualifications of the expert(s) and the statement of work(s) (SOW) must be submitted to NPC for review prior to final approval.

Applicants interested in applying to the Program are strongly encouraged to contact the NPC Program Director [kim@naturalproductscanada.com](mailto:kim@naturalproductscanada.com), prior to submitting an application.

<https://www.naturalproductscanada.com/en/programs/fast-track-to-financing/>

## Regional Economic Growth through innovation - Business Scale-up and Productivity (BSP) program stream

### Figures

Provides repayable contributions of up to 50% of total eligible costs for each project, to a maximum of \$5 million per project and \$10 million per recipient over the life of the program.

### Advantages

Assistance to support late-stage technology commercialization, as well as productivity improvement and business scale-up activities.

### Requirements

Available to incorporated companies operating in western Canada for a minimum of 2 years. Preference may be given to SMEs with less than 500 full-time employees. Project must support one of the following priorities: Clean Technology, Clean Resources, Digital Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Value-added Agriculture, Life Sciences.

### Application Process

Administered by Western Economic Diversification Canada. Provide all project and business information outlined in the online Applicant Guide, and confirmed non-government funding of at least 50% proposed project costs.

<https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/19762.asp>

## Strategic Innovation Fund

### Figures

- » Stream 1: Encourage research and development that will accelerate technology transfer and commercialization of innovative products, processes and services.
- » Stream 2: Facilitate the growth and expansion of firms in Canada.
- » Stream 3: Attract and retain large-scale investments to Canada.
- » Stream 4: Advance industrial research, development and technology demonstration through collaboration between academia, non-profit organizations and the private sector.

### Requirements

Must be for-profit corporation (of any size).

### Application Process

Administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

*Repayable and non repayable contributions.*

<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/strategic-innovation-fund/innovation-funding/application-toolkit/program-guide.html>

## Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC)

*(Pre-commercialization)*

### Figures

Coverage, on average, is up to 40% of eligible costs

### Advantages

Assistance with pre-commercial demonstration of emerging (clean) technologies

### Requirements

Tech, natural gas, joint government projects, next-generation biofuels funding streams

### Application Process

Contact an SDTC funding adviser

*Flexible*

<https://www.sdct.ca/en/apply/funds>

# Federal - Provincial PROGRAMS

## Agriculture Development Fund (ADF)

*(Assistance for Growth)*

### Figures

Project funding of nearly \$15 million per year; up to 100% of eligible costs; can leverage funds from other sources. To be used for applied research, no official project cap.

### Advantages

Create future growth opportunities and enhance competitiveness

### Requirements

Public- and private-sector researchers with an idea that may be of practical value to Saskatchewan agriculture and food industry.

### Application Process

Administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Complete a Letter of Intent and the formal application. One intake per year.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap/science-research-and-innovation/adf>

that are regulated by a government agency (health, provincial or federally inspected facilities). Must be an existing facility that has been in operation for at least 2 years. A recognized gap analysis is a pre-requisite.

### Application Process

Administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Applications are pre-approval and must include a Food Safety Gap analysis.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap/value-added-agriculture-and-agri-food-processing/food-safety-for-processors-program>

## Food Safety for Processors

### Figures

50% of eligible costs for food safety training and for food processor facility upgrades after obtaining a food safety gap analysis. Maximum of \$60,000, per eligible food processor, including a maximum of \$10,000 for food safety training.

### Advantages

Assistance supports food processors to achieve food safety regulatory requirements that will increase their competitiveness, productivity, and profitability.

### Requirements

Saskatchewan food processing companies

## Product2Market: Value-Added

### Figures

Projects are eligible for up to \$100,000 per company per year and the program covers 50% of eligible expenses.

### Advantages

Promotes the development and expansion of SMEs by supporting agri-business product development and marketing of value-added products

### Requirements

Applicants must be agriculture value-added processors that operate and file taxes in Saskatchewan and can demonstrate activities are part of an ongoing, sustainable business plan. Projects must include value-added processing of a Saskatchewan-grown agricultural product.

### Application Process

Administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Applications require pre-approval.

### Canadian Agricultural Partnership

#### *Innovate. Grow. Prosper.*

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap/value-added-agriculture-and-agri-food-processing/product-2-market-value-added>

## Recovery Fund (RRRF)

### Figures

Under the RRRF, eligible businesses can receive a conditionally repayable contribution up to \$40,000. Repayment of 75%, or up to \$30,000, of the contribution amount, on or before December 31, 2022, will result in the forgiveness of 25%, or up to \$10,000 of the total contribution

No scheduled monthly repayments are required until after December 31, 2022

If 75% of the contribution amount is not repaid by December 31, 2022, the balance owing will be converted to an additional three (3) year term repayable contribution (with a fixed monthly repayment schedule), beginning January 2023, with no forgivable portion

The full balance, of the contribution amount must be repaid no later than December 31, 2025.

### Advantages

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) or Community Futures (CF) will provide eligible small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with an interest-free repayable contribution of up to \$40,000 to help alleviate financial hardship resulting from COVID-19. The objective of this program is to assist western Canadian SMEs that do not qualify for the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) program or the "RRRF – Women's Enterprise Initiative Stream".

### Requirements

- Have fewer than 500 full-time employees (FTEs)
- Are located in Western Canada (defined as British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba)
- Are not eligible for the "RRRF – Women's Enterprise Initiative Stream"
- Have applied and were declined for funding from the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) or were not eligible for CEBA funding
- Were operational as of March 1, 2020
- Have suffered financially because of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Intend to continue operations in Western Canada

### Application Process

For the WD SME Fund, apply online: <https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20060.asp>

For the Rural Business Fund, apply online via your local Community Futures office: <https://cfsask.ca/rrrf-search?q=&Search=>

## Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing (SLIM)

*(Efficiency Focused)*

### Figures

50% of eligible expenses for efficiency analysis and infrastructure improvements. Maximum of \$500,000 per proponent including maximum of \$20,000 for an Efficiency Analysis. Only facility modifications, equipment, and associated installation and training identified in the Efficiency Analysis will be eligible for reimbursement. Total eligible infrastructure project expenditures must be a minimum of \$200,000.

### Advantages

Assistance to adopt best practices, new technologies and state-of-the-art processes that stimulate significant improvements in productivity and efficiency.

### Requirements

Agri-businesses located and filing taxes in Saskatchewan and involved in the value-added processing of Saskatchewan agricultural products. Must be an existing facility that has been in operation for at least 2 years.

### Application Process

Administered by Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Pre-approval is required before project commences. Encouraged to speak with an official to discuss project.

*Businesses involved in the value-added processing of crops and livestock into food, feed or bioproducts are eligible to apply.*  
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap/value-added-agriculture-and-agri-food-processing/saskatchewan-lean-improvements-in-manufacturing-slim>

## The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP)

### Figures

Special Projects are eligible for a rebate of 50 per cent of pre-approved eligible costs to a maximum payment of \$150,000, over the life of the program.

### Advantages

The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) supports the development of secure and sustainable water sources for agriculture use, including use for value-added agricultural processing.

### Requirements

All applicants must demonstrate an agricultural or value-added use for the water.

### Application Process

Completed application packages can be submitted by email or by mail to:

### *Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program*

Ministry of Agriculture, Programs Branch  
329 - 3085 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4S 0B1  
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap/environmental-sustainability-and-climate-change/farm-and-ranch-water-infrastructure-program-frwip/pre-approvals-special-projects>

### Canadian Agricultural Partnership *Innovate. Grow. Prosper.*

**Please note that many of the programs listed in this document apply to multiple sectors and are not dedicated to agri-value and agriculture alone.**

For more information, contact:

Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade and Export Development

Email: [invest.sask@gov.sk.ca](mailto:invest.sask@gov.sk.ca)

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/invest>

## Additional Support References

Ag-West Bio Inc.

University of Saskatchewan - Crop Development Centre (CDC)

Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre Inc. (Food Centre)

Canadian Light Source Inc.

[Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Midwestern Regional Office – Saskatchewan](#)

Saskatchewan's Economic Overview Brochure:

<http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=81817>

The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service - Saskatchewan

<http://www.international.gc.ca/investors-investisseurs/cities-villes/west-ouest/saskatchewan.aspx>

