

# *Saskatchewan Agricultural Processing Incentive Programs*



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## **Provincial Programs**

### **Agtech Growth Fund (AGF)** *(Innovation Fund)*

#### **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.
- Demonstrates 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 Expression of Intent (EOI) and complete the eligibility questionnaire before the intake deadline. Only selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Shortlist decisions made by Innovation Saskatchewan's internal selection committee are final.

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

### **Saskatchewan Value-Added Agricultural Incentive (SVAI)** *(Tax Incentive)*

#### **Figures**

The SVAI is a non-refundable, non-transferable tax credit on capital expenditures valued at \$10 million or more for newly constructed or expanded value-added agriculture facilities in Saskatchewan.

The SVAI utilizes a graduated tax credit structure for rebates, as follows:

- 15 per cent tax credit on expenditures up to 400 million;
- 30 per cent tax credit on expenditures between \$400 million and \$600 million; and
- 40 per cent tax credit on expenditures exceeding \$600 million.

The total incentives to be claimed by any single project is \$250 million. Companies apply the credit against corporate income tax (CIT) paid and are able to claim the credit over a three-to-10-year period once the new or expanded facility is brought into operation.

#### **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.

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

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

#### **Figures**

Lowers the corporate income tax (CIT) from 12 per cent to six per cent 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 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 six per cent.

#### **Advantages**

Designed to encourage plant and equipment investment.

#### **Requirements**

Eligible equipment to be used in manufacturing and processing activities.

#### **Application Process**

New equipment purchases must be filed with the federal T2 corporate income tax return.

claims for used equipment are administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance. Eligible investments include sustaining and expansion capital, as well as new and used equipment.

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/manufacturing-processing-tax-credits>

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

#### **Figures**

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

#### **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.

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/manufacturing-processing-tax-credits>

### **Saskatchewan Advantage Innovation Fund (SAIF)** *(Innovation Funding Program)*

#### **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**

3,625 immigrants arrived through the SINP in 2025.

#### **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/immigrant-nominee-program>

### **Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP) Program** *(Market Access)*

#### **Figures**

Must be a member; 50 per cent 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 per cent 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 per cent 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 per cent non-refundable tax credit of up to \$1 million. Claim amounts greater than \$1 million 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/research-and-development-tax-credit>

### **Federal Programs**

#### **AgriAssurance** *(Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Component)*

#### **Figures**

Cost-shared funding up to \$50,000.

#### **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 agriculture, agri-food and agri-based industry. Applicants may have up to 250 employees and no more than \$50 million in annual revenue.

## Application Process

The program ends March 31, 2028.

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriassurance-small-medium-sized-enterprises-component>

## Requirements

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriassurance-small-medium-sized-enterprise-component/step-2-eligibility>

## Application Process

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agristability/step-3-how-apply>

## AgriDiversity (Agricultural Diversity & Inclusion)

### Figures

The maximum Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) contribution towards a project will normally not exceed \$200,000 per year or a maximum of \$1 million over five years.

### Advantages

The program supports projects that help Indigenous peoples and other underrepresented or marginalized groups in Canadian agriculture—including women, youth, persons with disabilities, racialized individuals, visible minorities, 2SLGBTQI+ communities, and official language minority communities—overcome barriers and fully participate in the sector.

### Requirements

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations and academic institutions. Associations must operate nationally.

### Application Process

Applications are accepted from March 6, 2023, to September 30, 2027, or until funding is fully committed. The program ends March 31, 2028. More details: <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agridiversity>

## Agilnnovate Program

(Innovation)

### Figures

The maximum Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) contribution toward a project will normally not exceed \$5,000,000.

### Advantages

The program provides repayable contributions to targeted commercialization, demonstration and/or adoption of commercial-ready innovative technologies and processes that increase agricultural and agri-food sector competitiveness and sustainability benefits.

### Requirements

Applicants must be for-profit organizations that are

incorporated in Canada and legal entities capable of entering into legal binding agreements.

## Application Process

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until the end of the program on March 31, 2028, or until funding has been fully committed or otherwise announced by the program. All the projects must be completed by March 31, 2028.

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriinnovate>

## AgriMarketing Program

### Figures

The maximum Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) contribution toward a project will normally not exceed \$2 million per year. If you have multiple projects funded under this program, the total of all projects cannot exceed \$2 million per year or a maximum of \$10 million over five years.

### Advantages

The program aims to grow the economy by increasing and diversifying Canadian exports of agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products by boosting the visibility of Canadian goods and helping exporters identify and pursue market opportunities.

### Requirements

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agrimarketing/step-2-eligibility>

### Application Process

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agrimarketing/step-4-how-apply>

## Agricultural Clean Technology Program: Research and Innovation Stream (Clean Technology Funding)

### Figures

The maximum amount payable to a recipient will generally not exceed \$2 million per project. The maximum amount payable to a recipient with multiple projects will generally not exceed \$5 million.

Eligible project costs will normally be shared as follows:

- A maximum contribution of 50% from the program
- A minimum contribution of 50% from the applicant

### Advantages

Support pre-market innovation, including research, development, demonstration, and commercialization activities, to develop transformative clean technologies and enable the expansion of current technologies, in three priority areas:

- Green energy and energy efficiency
- Precision agriculture
- Bioeconomy

### Requirements

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricultural-clean-technology-research-innovation-stream/step-2-who-eligible>

## Application Process

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricultural-clean-technology-research-innovation-stream/step-3-how-apply>

## Business Scale-up and Productivity (BSP) in the Prairie provinces *(Business Scale-up & Productivity Funding)*

### Figures

Provides repayable contributions of up to 50 per cent 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

Open to high-growth businesses operating in the prairie provinces for at least two years. Projects must align with one of the following priority areas: clean technology, clean, resources, digital technology, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture, or life sciences.

## Application Process

<https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/services/funding/business-scale-up-productivity.html>

The BSP program uses a two-stage continuous intake approach to which applicants may apply at any time:

- Expression of interest (EOI)
- Full application

Prior to submitting an EOI please contact a local office:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/corporate/contact/offices.html>

## Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Trade Incentive Programs *(Trade Incentive & Customs Program)*

### Figures

Per application.

CBSA offers programs that help businesses reduce costs on imported and exported goods by deferring, waiving, or refunding duties and taxes. These include Duty Deferral, Drawback, Duties Relief, Customs Bonded Warehouses, Canadian Goods Abroad, and ATA Carnets for temporary imports. These programs are designed to improve cash flow and competitiveness for Canadian companies engaged in international trade.

### 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>

## CanExport Innovation *(International Innovation & Export Support Program)*

### 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 signed collaborative R&D agreements with international partners and investors.

<https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/en/our-solutions/funding-financing-international-business/canexport-innovation.html>

## CanExport SMEs Program *(Export Support Program for SMEs)*

### Figures

Apply online for up to \$75,000 in CanExport Small-and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) funding to cover up to 75 per cent 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 program is open to businesses in all sectors, including agriculture and agri-food. To qualify, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a for-profit company
- Be incorporated in Canada or a limited liability partnership (LLP)
- Have a valid Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) business number
- Employ 500 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) staff
- Have annual revenue between \$100,000 and \$100 million in Canada (based on the last full tax year or the past 12 months for monthly/quarterly filers)

**Note:** The program may verify financial details using your company's financial statements.

## Application Process

Applications are open year-round online. Decisions take up to 60 business days. Expenses before approval aren't covered. Only one active project per applicant at a time.

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

## Canada Innovation Corporation (CIC) - (NRC/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

The NRC's Outreach Initiative offers grants to non-profits and charities for science or innovation-focused projects — including conferences, workshops, and outreach activities — especially those engaging under-represented groups in STEM.

<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/support-technology-innovation/outreach-initiative-grants-contributions-program>

## Canada Pavilion Program *(International Trade Promotion Program)*

### Figures

The Canada Pavilion Program helps Canadian food and beverage companies showcase their products at top global trade shows, making it easier to enter new markets and leverage recent market access gains.

### Advantages

The Canada Pavilion Program offsets booth costs at major food and beverage trade shows. Rates vary by the event.

Learn more and apply:

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/international-trade/trade-show-service/canada-pavilion-program> or e-mail [aaaf.mas-sam.aac@agr.gc.ca](mailto:aaaf.mas-sam.aac@agr.gc.ca).

## Canada Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program *(R&D Tax Assistance)*

### Figures

Offering up to 35 per cent 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>

## Farm Credit Canada (FCC) Young Entrepreneur Loan Program *(Agricultural Financing for Young Entrepreneurs)*

### 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.

### Application Process

Contact an FCC official to apply.

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

## Mitacs *(Research Collaboration & Innovation Program)*

### Figures

Mitacs Accelerate and Business Strategy Internship (BSI) programs can cover 50 per cent of the cost of research and innovation projects and up to 75 per cent of research and innovation project costs, starting at \$5,000 for a four-month project. There's no funding cap, and projects can scale to multi-year initiatives.

### Advantages

Mitacs, a large Canadian not-for-profit organization, supports industry-driven innovation projects through effective partnerships with post-secondary institutions. Mitacs-funded projects create growth opportunities, attract and retain talent, and enhance competitiveness.

### Requirements

Businesses of any size and from any sector are eligible, as long as they have staff and a physical location in Canada. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

### Application Process

Mitacs provides one-to-one support to companies to find collaborators and talent to solve their business challenges. We help companies navigate the application process to ensure success. For more information on the application process, access: <https://www.mitacs.ca/en/industry>.

## Natural Products Canada Proof of Concept Program *(Proof of Concept & Innovation Funding Program)*

### Figures

The Proof-of-Concept Program supports Canadian research institutes, SMEs, and start-ups in proving the commercial potential of innovative natural products or technologies. The goal is to help attract investment and reduce risk for future development.

**Funding available:** Up to 40 per cent of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$350,000 over a project period of up to 18 months.

**Applicant contribution:** At least 60 per cent of the total project cost must be covered by the applicant.

This program does not fund basic research. Instead, it supports activities that show commercial promise through animal, field, demonstration, or human trials.

**For companies:** The focus is on proving the commercial feasibility of a product or technology.

**For research institutes:** The aim is to move innovations

from intellectual property disclosure toward spin-out companies or licensing opportunities.

### **Application Process**

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

### **Natural Products Canada Fast-Track to Financing Program** *(Innovation Commercialization & Financing Program)*

#### **Figures**

The Fast-Track to Financing Program helps Canadian SMEs, start-ups, and research institutes develop strong business or commercialization plans to attract public funding or private investment for natural products, technologies, or services.

The program is open to Canadian companies and research institutes and provides a non-repayable contribution of up to 40 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$25,000. Applicants must contribute at least 60 per cent of the total project cost.

Funding can be used to hire one or more external experts (consultants or service providers) to help strengthen or revise business or commercialization plans. These plans may include any or all of the following components:

- Market, customer, and competitive analysis
- Value proposition
- Marketing and sales plans
- Regulatory strategy
- Intellectual property (IP) plan
- Financial plan, revenue model, and evaluation
- Branding and pricing strategy
- Production plan

**For SMEs and Start-ups:** The focus is on building plans that clearly demonstrate market potential and growth opportunities to attract investment or public funding.

**For Research Institutes:** The goal is to develop commercialization plans that support public funding applications, industry partnerships, licensing opportunities, or the creation of spin-off companies.

#### **Application Process**

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) must be submitted for review prior to final approval.

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

### **Protein Industries Canada (PIC)** *(Agricultural Innovation Cluster Program)*

Protein Industries Canada is an industry-led, not-for-profit organization and one of Canada's five Global Innovation Clusters. It partners with private sector companies on co-investment projects that aim to transform agriculture and food production, positioning Canada as a global leader in plant-based products and co-products.

<https://www.proteinindustriescanada.ca/>

### **Strategic Response Fund (SRF)** *(Innovation)*

#### **Figures**

The Strategic Response Fund (SRF) provides major investments in innovative projects that will help grow Canada's economy for the well-being of all Canadians. The minimum SRF contribution amount is \$10 million for a project with at least \$20 million in total eligible supported costs. The amount you request from SRF should be based on your project needs.

#### **Requirements**

All sectors of the economy and is available to for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

#### **Application Process**

Administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. The application process of the Strategic Response Fund (SIF) focuses on project outcomes and benefits for Canadians.

<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en/programs-and-initiatives/strategic-response-fund>

### **Supply Management Processing Investment Fund (SMPIF)** *(Agriculture and Food Processing Funding)*

#### **Figures**

The SMPIF supports processors of supply-managed commodities in adapting to market changes brought on by two major trade agreements: the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

**Total program budget:** \$397.5 million (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2028).

#### **Advantages**

The SMPIF provides non-repayable contributions to support investments in dairy, poultry, and egg processing facilities. The goal is to help processors improve productivity and efficiency by adopting new automated equipment and technologies.

**Funding available:** Up to \$10 million for dairy organizations. Up to \$5 million for all other eligible applicants: for-profit organizations, including corporations and cooperatives, that are processors of supply-managed commodities (such as dairy, poultry, and eggs).

#### **Requirements**

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/supply-management-processing-investment-fund/step-2-who-eligible>

#### **Application Process**

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/supply-management-processing-investment-fund/step-3-how-apply>

### **Federal-Provincial**

### **Agriculture Development Fund (ADF)** *(Assistance for Growth)*

#### **Figures**

Project funding of nearly \$15 million per year; up to

100 per cent 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**

Anyone with a practical idea for Saskatchewan's agriculture and food sector is encouraged to submit a letter of intent. The project's lead investigator must be a full-time, permanent employee of an organization.

### **Application Process**

The ADF uses a two-stage application process:

**Stage One** – letter of intent:

Applicants must first submit a letter of intent between March 1 and April 15 using the online system.

**Stage Two** – Full Proposal:

If your letter of intent is accepted, you'll be invited to submit a full proposal to further develop your project idea.

Completed forms must be submitted through:

<https://arb.gov.sk.ca/>

### **Product Development Program (PDP)** (*Growth & Innovation*)

#### **Figures**

A reimbursement up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenses, to a maximum of \$10,000 CAD, in a lump sum at the end of the funding agreement

#### **Advantages**

Through financial assistance, the program seeks to catalyze the development of novel value-added products and processes that will significantly enhance the value of Canadian agricultural products in Saskatchewan.

- Increase value-added revenues
- Enhance value-added processing of Canadian agriculture products
- Foster the development of new value-added products, prototypes, and processes
- Reduce by-product waste
- Expand and nurture value-added businesses

#### **Requirements**

Applications from agriculture value-added processors who meet the following criteria:

- A value-added product is defined as the upgrading of a raw primary agricultural product(s) or further upgrading of a processed product or derivative (including co-product, by-product) into a new product
- Processors must use an identifiable portion of inputs originating from primary agricultural commodities grown or raised in Canada
- The applicant's operations and tax payments must be within the Province of Saskatchewan

- The proposal/product must demonstrate substantial use of Canadian-grown agricultural product
- Applicants must be for-profit organizations.

#### **Eligible Activities:**

The following activities are eligible for consideration:

- Technical service costs
- Product development and demo costs
- Test processing costs
- Assessment and development of process & manufacturing technology costs
- Specification development cost

#### **Ineligible Activities Include But Not Limited To:**

- Activities already receiving funding from other Government of Saskatchewan sources or the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Agri-Marketing program
- Training and wages/salaries for employees.
- Expenses for ongoing activities or other typical operating expenses
- Per diems and meals domestically and internationally
- Equipment purchases or other capital expenditures not explicitly identified as eligible
- Administration costs and other activities not directly related specifically to the project
- Cost of production for saleable products.
- Taxes, legal fees, and/or financing fees
- Membership in trade organizations

#### **Application Process**

Administered by Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre.

<https://foodcentre.sk.ca/product-idea/product-development-program/>

### **Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing (SLIM)** (*Agri-Food Processing & Manufacturing Improvement Funding*)

#### **Figures**

A third-party contractor must complete the business analysis. The program will cover 50 per cent of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$20,000 over the lifetime of the Sustainable CAP SLIM program. Business analyses completed internally are not eligible for in-kind reimbursement.

#### **Funding Streams:**

- **Efficiency stream:** 50 per cent of eligible expenditures
- **Emissions reduction stream:** 60 per cent of eligible expenditures
- **Expansion stream:** 50 per cent of eligible expenditures

#### **Maximum Funding (based on project size):**

- \$50,000 – \$1,000,000: Up to \$300,000
- \$1,000,000 – \$5,000,000: Up to \$500,000

- Over \$5,000,000: Up to \$750,000

Funding caps are determined using a tiered funding model based on project size.

### **Advantages**

The Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing (SLIM) program provides funding assistance to agri-businesses for the adoption of best practices, new state-of-the-art technologies and processes stimulating significant improvements in productivity efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

### **Requirements**

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be one of the following:

- Agri-businesses
- First Nations
- Abattoirs

Applications must be involved in value-added processing of Canadian agricultural products.

### **Additional Requirements:**

- Must be a commercial enterprise located in Saskatchewan
- Must be incorporated federally or in Saskatchewan, and have filed income tax in Saskatchewan within the past year
- Must operate an existing facility that has been engaged in value-added processing for at least two years
- Must demonstrate a minimum of \$100,000 in gross annual revenue from value-added processing

### **Definition of Value-Added Product:**

- Involves upgrading a raw primary agricultural product, or further upgrading a processed product or derivative (including co-products or by-products) into a new product
- Must use an identifiable portion of inputs originating from primary agricultural commodities grown or raised in Canada

### **Application Process**

This program is administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Applicants must receive pre-approval before beginning a business analysis. Pre-approval applications are due by October 31, 2027, and completed business analyses must be submitted by December 31, 2027.

All approved projects must be fully completed — including equipment purchase, installation, and operation — with the final claim submitted by the earlier of the date specified in the approval package or March 31, 2028.

Applicants are encouraged to speak with a ministry official to discuss their project.

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

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