

# Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Advancing Agri-Food Processing





## Program Description/ Objectives

Support innovation, competitiveness, and improvement in efficiency and quality in new and existing agri-food processing and manufacturing companies that seek to advance their operations in the following program elements:

- Production improvement and processing capacity expansion - supports the value-added agri-food processors and manufacturers with equipment modernization activities that will increase efficiency, quality, productivity, and competitiveness. (i.e., the purchase of specialized and/or automated equipment).
- Manufacturing Processes Efficiency and Analysis - supports the review of the facility's current production methods and identifies where efficiencies can be gained, or new technologies adopted to increase productivity.



## ELEMENT # 1

# Production Improvement and Processing Capacity Expansion

### Eligible Applicants

- Indigenous Peoples or Organizations
- Agriculture producers (individuals or groups) to further process their primary products or value add
- Abattoirs involved in further processing or value-added
- Agri-Food processing facilities
- Agri-Food licensed Commercial Kitchens
- Agriculture producer associations
- Academic or research institutions
- Other individuals or groups capable of achieving program objectives

### Ineligible Applicants

- Retail food services or grocery stores
- Restaurants
- In-home processing
- Ice Cream parlours

### Eligible Activities

- Equipment cost for processing and packaging for the final value-added product (e.g., Pumps, extractors, juice presses, colour sorter, fermenter tanks, conventional ovens, blenders, smokers, peelers, meat-cutting equipment, stainless steel tanks, and more)
- New and innovative technology
- Incremental equipment for scaling or for product diversification

### Ineligible Activities

- Normal and ongoing operation and maintenance costs incurred by the recipient
- Shipping, freight, or transportation cost fee
- Lab material
- Disposable supplies
- Containers and trays
- Bottles that are sold with the product
- Building infrastructure or purchase

### Level of Assistance

- Up to 30-50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000 for projects involving primary producers. The percentage will be at the discretion of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries based in information submitted during the application process.
- Up to 25% of the eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000 for projects involving a processor or manufacturer not involved in primary agriculture.

## ELEMENT # 2

# Food Processing and Manufacturing Process Efficiency and Analysis

### Eligible Applicants

- Indigenous Peoples or Organizations
- Agriculture producers (individuals or groups) to further process their primary products or value add.
- Abattoirs involved in further processing or value-added
- Agri-Food processing facilities
- Agri-Food licensed Commercial Kitchen
- Agriculture producer associations
- Academic or research institutions
- Other individuals or groups capable of achieving program objectives

### Ineligible Applicants

- Retail food services or grocery stores
- Restaurants
- In-home processing
- Ice Cream parlours



### Eligible Activities:

- Consultant fees.
- Expenses directly related to the cost of process efficiency and improvement analysis:
  - implementing automation;
  - efficient manufacturing processes; or
  - technology review and processing line design for integration of new technology.

A completed Efficiency Analysis must include a detailed description of the following:

- Current production line;
- A schematic of the current process flow diagram of the existing building;
- Current issues facing the facility and how the issues need to be addressed;
- Proposed solution to the issues;
- Any equipment replacements, equipment modifications, and/or facility modifications that must be made or training required. This should include a schematic or process flow diagram.
- Description of the current levels of productivity and gains that will be achieved from the proposed solution with projected return on investment.

### Ineligible Activities

- Facilities where the retail environment is larger than the processing area.
- Publicly funded facilities.
- Processors of seafood or fish.

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## Administrative Guidelines

All applicants must be familiar with the administrative guidelines prior to applying. The Administrative Guidelines can be found here: [\*\*SCAP Administrative Guidelines\*\*](#)



## Other Requirements

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any necessary permits, environmental approvals, or certifications are obtained to complete their project.



## Reporting

Applicants may be required to report on the impact of the funding received. Reporting requirements will be outlined in the letter of offer.



## Regional Collaboration

Projects that are assessed to demonstrate benefits and impacts to more than one province may be eligible for funding on a regional basis.

## How to Apply

Applicants should discuss applications with appropriate Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries staff (Business Growth Officer, Development Officer or Specialist) before applying. A list of departmental contacts can be found at the following link:

[\*\*Business Growth \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)\*\*](#)

**Completed applications may be submitted by e-mail or mail.**

### **E-mail Applications:**

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