

The Canada-New Brunswick Water Management Program

The objectives of the Canada-New Brunswick Water Management Program are to ensure the agricultural and agri-food sector has access to secure and high-quality water sources to meet existing and growing needs, to reduce the risk of future water shortages through planning, development and conservation, and to ensure appropriate on-farm water management.

Funded under the Canada-wide National Water Supply Expansion Program (NWSEP), the Canada-New Brunswick Water Management Program is specifically targeted to the New Brunswick agricultural sector to help it address water concerns.

Who can participate in the Program?

Eligible applicants for Program assistance in New Brunswick include:

- individual agricultural producers and/or groups of agricultural producers;
- agricultural and conservation groups;
- rural communities and municipalities;
- agri-businesses and rural enterprises;
- educational institutions; and
- provincial government departments, agencies, and Crown corporations.

Individual producers must have a validated Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) developed or updated since February 2001, in order to be eligible for assistance under Tiers One and Two (*please see the following section on Tiers*) of the Program.

What kinds of projects are eligible?

The Program will provide assistance for three types of projects:

- **Tier One - On-farm water infrastructure projects:** individual on-farm water infrastructure such as well and/or spring development, ponds, delivery systems to end-user sites that provide a secure water supply; and/or soil drainage infrastructure for enhanced management of water resources.
- **Tier Two - Multi-user infrastructure projects:** larger scale infrastructure developments that provide secure sources to multiple users for agricultural purposes, and facilitate enhanced water management for groups such as multi-farm drainage infrastructure.
- **Tier Three - Strategic initiatives:** activities that increase opportunities for strategic cooperation, and enhance users' and stakeholders' understanding of the operational and developmental limitations of the water resources in their communities or regions. Eligible projects also include activities which promote the development of information and technologies or the dissemination of information, including but not limited to regional groundwater studies, regional water-management planning, water-supply conservation, feasibility studies, and information-extension activities. Each project must have a strong agricultural component and be supported by the local agricultural industry.

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In addition, projects must be scientifically, technically, and financially feasible, environmentally acceptable, and fall within at least one of the following criteria:

- enhance the management of water resources;
- reduce the risk of future water shortages;
- meet a provincial water management priority;
- enhance the potential for rural economic growth; and
- result in a long-term water supply and management solution.

What financial assistance is available?

- For **on-farm infrastructure projects (Tier 1)**, a contribution of one-third of eligible costs up to a maximum amount of \$5,000 per project, and up to \$15,000 per producer.
- For **multi-user infrastructure projects (Tier 2)**, a contribution of one-third of the eligible costs up to a maximum amount of \$50,000 per project.
- For **strategic initiatives (Tier 3)**, cost sharing arrangements may vary and will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Funding may be up to \$100,000 per project.

What is the application deadline?

Applications for Tiers One and Two projects may be submitted throughout the year, until the Program ends. The deadlines to submit Tier Three applications are: June 15 and September 1, 2006; and March 1 and September 1, 2007.

Please note: *The Canada-New Brunswick Water Management Program ends **March 31, 2008.***

How to apply

To apply for assistance under the Canada-New Brunswick Water Management Program, applicants must obtain a copy of the application form at, and submit it to, any New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture (NBDAFA) office. Application forms can also be downloaded off the following Web site: www.gnb.ca/0180/apf-csa/index-e.asp.

Program Implementation

All proposals will be assessed to ensure compliance with the **Terms and Conditions** of the Program.

Once a project is approved for financial assistance, applicants will receive a **Letter of Offer** specifying the terms and conditions of the approval, including rate of assistance and total amount approved, deadline to complete the project, and procedures to submit claims for reimbursement. Any cost for project activities initiated prior to project approval date are not eligible for funding under the Program.

For more information on the Canada-New Brunswick Water Management Program, please contact any office of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture, or visit the following Web site at: www.gnb.ca/0180/apf-csa/index-e.asp.