

PART 1: PROJECT CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE MARKETING PLAN TO EXPAND INTO NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES IN CANADA (E.G., NEW GEOGRAPHY WITHIN CANADA, NEW CLIENT/CUSTOMER SEGMENT) IN ORDER TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE PRODUCT SALES

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Established or new processor businesses, or brand/intellectual property owners that are ready to act on a comprehensive business plan to expand into new market opportunities in Canada.

TO APPLY YOU MUST:

- Read, understand and agree to abide by all requirements set out in the <u>Program Guidelines</u> as well as all requirements given in this Project Category Description
- Be a minimum of one of the following:
 - A processor business that manufactures products in a facility with 199 employees or less
 - An owner of an established brand or intellectual property owner that does not meet processor eligibility criteria, is located in Ontario, and has an agreement or arrangement for the transformation of their product(s) in Ontario
 - A new processor business (new entrant) that:
 - Constitutes a legal person
 - Is new to the food and agri-product processing industry and has business projections that demonstrate potential annual gross business income of \$30,000 or more within three years of applying
 - Files personal income taxes in Ontario
 - Has not filed taxes of \$30,000 or more in annual gross business revenue as a food or agri-product processing business in the two years prior to applying for funding
 - Has a valid Premises Identification (PID) Number (if a processing facility is established)
- Have a business or marketing plan that includes:
 - Market research and analysis that supports entry into the specific domestic market
 - Sales targets and assessment of other potential business impacts
 - Implementation strategy

THESE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES ARE ELIGIBLE:

- Implementation of a business or marketing plan to expand into new domestic market opportunities for an agri-based bio-product, food or beverage, that may include the following new activities:
 - Brand development (e.g., logo design, brand identity, logo and colour usage booklet)
 - Focus group research or consumer studies
 - In-market product demonstrations
 - Promotional material development
 - Product introductory campaigns for international markets
 - Sales, marketing and promotional activities, including website development and enhancements (e.g., e-commerce), and virtual events
 - Product samples (not from normal production) for market research, tradeshow or specific events (e.g., samples made specifically for marketing purposes)
 - Packaging design
- Shipping costs for tradeshow materials and product samples that are not intended for re-sale
- One-time labour costs specifically required for the project, such as third-party advisory fees
- One-time costs for rental of facilities specifically for the project
- Travel and meal costs

THESE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE:

- Capital costs including processing equipment, machinery, hardware and software
- Product samples not related to a new product launch or a promotional event (e.g., tradeshow)
- Product samples produced from normal production
- Retail or food services listing fees
- Cost of acquiring production or processing quota permits
- Activities that support existing products in existing markets
- In-kind contributions
- Ineligible activities and expenditures as detailed in the Program Guidelines

AVAILABLE COST-SHARE:

• 50 per cent, up to a maximum of \$75,000

YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- A business or marketing plan that includes:
 - Market research analysis that supports entry into specific domestic market
 - Sales targets and assessment of other potential business impacts
 - Implementation strategy
- Quotes or proposals for all activities that will be sourced from third-party suppliers (e.g., consultants) detailing services, outcomes and costs business or marketing plan that includes:
 - If quotes or proposal are not available then detailed explanation of estimated costs may be accepted (e.g., tradeshow costs, Facebook or Google ads)

THIS MERIT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE YOUR APPLICATION:

Applications will be assessed against the extent to which:

- Business or marketing plan is fully developed and demonstrates need for the project
- New markets are accessed as a result of the project
- Sales are increased through project activities
- Relevant business impacts are anticipated and have been quantified, such as:
 - Reduced identified risks
 - Job creation or retention
 - Increased sales and revenue
 - Increased profitability
- Resources, experience and skills necessary to oversee and carry out the project are identified
- Project work plans are clearly defined and aligned to project goals
- Impact on economic growth



PART 2: APPLICATION FORM

Before you start

This form must be filled out using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

In order to ensure that your application is filled out accurately and completely, you must use Adobe Acrobat Reader to fill out this form.

Although your form may appear to be filled out correctly when using non-Adobe software, Adobe Acrobat Reader is the only software that will properly retain your form details.

Non-Adobe software such as Microsoft Office products and internet web browsers (i.e. Google Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, EDGE, and Safari) as well as scanned applications are NOT supported. All mobile devices including iphones, androids, ipads and MAC computers are also NOT compatible.

Applicants that do not complete this form in Adobe Acrobat Reader will be required to resubmit their application using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM:

- 1. Download a free version of Adobe Reader if you do not already have it installed on your computer. <u>https://get.adobe.com/reader/</u>
- 2. Save this application form to your computer <u>before</u> you begin filling it out.
 - File > Save As > [give the file a name] > Save.
 - Do NOT fill out this form in your internet browser window.
- 3. Open the file from your computer.
 - Make sure that the file is opening in the Adobe software.
 - You can work on completing the application at any time. Remember to save your file along the way.
 - Once complete, save the file.
- 4. Email the Adobe-completed PDF application form as an attachment to <u>AgPartnership@ontario.ca</u>.
 - Do not send your document using Adobe Cloud.
 - You will receive a file number once your application has been processed.
 - Once the application has been reviewed and a decision has been made you will be notified by email.

PART 2: APPLICATION FORM

PROCESSOR - Market Products in Canada (EMIM-PR-B)

Step 1: Applicant Information

Last Name

City/Town

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Last Name

Primary Phone

Email Address

Operating Name of Business/Organization (Name under which the business operates)

Legal Name of Business/Organization (Complete name business is registered under) Same as Operating Name or:

Business Mailing Address

Municipality

Province ONTARIO

Business Email Address

Step 2: Project Contact and Location

Check if same as above.

First Name

Address (Line 1)

Address (Line 2)

City/Town

Postal Code

Municipality

ONTARIO

Province

2.1 Premises Identification (PID) Number for the Project Location

O N	OR	PID Number for the Project Location has been		
	OR	requested but not yet obtained		

To obtain a valid premises ID or update your premises ID information, please visit <u>https://www.ontariopid.com/en-CA/</u> or call 1-888-247-4999

2.2 My business/organization is certified organic

Yes No In transition towards organic

2.3 Gross Business Revenue

Under \$10,000	\$10,000 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999
\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$1M - \$1.99M
\$2M - \$4.99M	\$5M - \$9.99M	\$10M - \$49.99M	\$50M - \$99.99M
\$100M - \$199M	\$200M and over	Not-for-profit	

2.4 Indigenous Partners/Community

Yes No

2.5 Ownership Structure

Sole Proprietorship	Registered Professional Partnership	Incorporated Business
Cooperative	Community or Other Not-for-Profit	Broader Public Sector

2.6 Business Number – Canada Revenue Agency Client Number

The Business number is a 9-digit business identifier used in Canada to which clients can register program accounts with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The program account number consists of three parts: The Business Number, the two-letter program identifier, and the four-digit reference number.

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/bn-ne/wrks-eng.html

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I/we confirm I/we do not have a CRA number

2.7 Number of Employees

Number of Employees at the Project Location	Number
Full-time (30 hours or more/week)	
Part-time (less than 30 hours/week)	
Temporary/Seasonal	

2.8 Primary Commodity - Identify commodity that contributes to the majority of gross income

Crop Production	Animal Production	Food and Beverage	Wholesale and Retail Sales
		Processing	Farm Product
Oilseed and Grain (1111)	Beef Cattle including feedlots (11211)	Animal Food Manufacturing (31111)	Wholesaler-Distributo (4111)
Vegetable and Melon Farming (1112)	Dairy Cattle and Milk Production (11212)	Grain and Oilseed Milling (3112)	Food, beverage and tobacco merchant wholesaler (413)
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming (1113)	Hog and Pig farming (11221)	Sugar and Confectionary Product Manufacturing (3113)	Machinery, equipmen and supplies merchar wholesaler (417)
Food Crops Grown Under Cover (11141)	Poultry and egg Production (1123)	Bakeries and Tortilla Manufacturing (3118)	Food and beverage stores (445)
Nursery and Floriculture Production (11142)	Sheep Farming (11241)	Fruit and Vegetable Preserving and Specialty Food (3114)	Other
Maple Syrup and Products Production (111994)	Goat Farming (112420)	Dairy Product Manufacturing (3115)	Support Activities for Crop Production (115110)
Other Crop Farming (1119) (e.g. sugar beets, hay, herbs, spices, mint, hops)	Aquaculture CAN (112510)	Meat Processing and Meat Product Manufacturing (3116)	Support Activities for Animal Production (115210)
General Manufacturing	Apiculture (112910)	Soft Drinks and Ice Manufacturing (312110)	Veterinary Services (541940)
Tobacco Manufacturing (3122) (Note: Cigarette manufacturing is NOT	Fur-Bearing Animal and Rabbit Production (112930)	Breweries (312120)	Electric Power Generation (221119)
eligible under the Partnership)	Horse and Other Equine Production (112920)	Wineries including alcoholic cider (31213)	Water supply and irrigation (22131)
Fibre, yarn and thread mills (3131)	All other Animal Production (including deer, elk, and llama) (1129)	Distilleries (31214)	Rail transportation (482)
Fabric Mills (3132)	Chemical Manufacturing	Seafood Product Preparation and Packaging (3117)	Truck Transportation (484)
Converted paper product manufacturing (3222)	Other basic organic chemicals manufacturing (325190)	Snack Food Manufacturing (31191)	Warehousing and storage (493)
Agricultural, construction and mining machinery manufacturing (3331)	Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing (3254)	Coffee and Tea Manufacturing (31192)	Professional, Scientifi and Technical Services (541)
	Resin, synthetic rubber, and artificial and synthetic fibres and filaments (3252)	Flavouring Syrup and Concentrate Manufacturing (311930)	MULT – Multiple Industries
	Pesticide, fertilizer and other agricultural chemicals manufacturing (3253)	Seasoning and Dressing Manufacturing (31194)	
	Paint, coating and adhesives manufacturing (3255)	All Other Food Manufacturing (311990)	

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Step 3: Describe Your Business and Products (50 words maximum)

Step 4: Project Title (10 words maximum)

Step 5: Project Description

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5.1 Describe what you are doing and why. Provide the challenges, issues and/or opportunities addressed by the project. (500 words maximum)

5.2 Describe the overall impacts you hope to achieve by completing this project. (500 words maximum)

Step 6: Resources and Skills

Describe the personnel (including third-party organizations if applicable) and skills you will use to complete this project. (100 words maximum)

Step 7: Work Plan and Eligible Costs

7.1 List each activity necessary to successfully complete the project. Itemize costs to complete activity or purchases (in Canadian dollars; include quotes, estimates, etc.) Only eligible costs incurred and paid after the approval of the project will be considered. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Proposed Project Start Date (YYYY/MM/DD): Proposed Project End Date

(YYYY/MM/DD):

(no later than September 30, 2022)

7.2 Activity/Key Milestone

	Activity/Key Milestone	Estimated Completion Date (YYYY/MM/DD)
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Eligible Costs Only	Jan-Mar 2021	Apr-Jun 2021	Jul-Sep 2021	Oct-Dec 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Apr-June 2022	July-Sep 2022	Su
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TOTALCOST								
Line A: Total Elig	ine A: Total Eligible Costs (from the above)							
Line B: Per Cent	Line B: Per Cent Cost-Share (enter percentage based on project category)						%	
Line C: Calculate	Line C: Calculate Cost-Share Funding (Line A x Line B)							
Line D: Cost-Share Cap (\$ amount based on project category)								

Step 8: Expected Sources of Funding for this Project (e.g., cash, funding from other sources)

Sources of Funds	Amount of Funds
Partnership Cost-Share Funding Requested	
Applicant's Contribution	
Other Financing*	
Other Provincial or Federal Funding*	
TOTAL	

*Please provide details (e.g. what kind of financing (lease, loan, etc.), which provincial/federal program)

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Step 9: Project Details for PROCESSOR – Market Products in Canada (EMIM-PR-B)

9.1 Which of the following applies to your business (select one)?

A processor that manufactures products in a facility with 199 employees or less.

Specify number of employees located at the facility:

An owner of an established brand or intellectual property that does not meet processor eligibility criteria, is located in Ontario, and has an agreement or arrangement for the transformation of their product(s) in Ontario

A new processor business (new entrant) that:

- Constitutes a legal person;
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- Has a valid Premises Identification (PID) Number (if a processing facility is established)

9.2 Select the activity/activities you will complete as part of the project (check all that apply):

Brand development (e.g., logo design, brand identify, logo and colour usage booklet)

Focus group/consumer studies

In-market product demonstrations

Promotional material development

Product introductory campaigns for domestic market

Sales, marketing, and/or promotional activities including website development and enhancements (e.g., e-commerce), and virtual events

Product samples (not from normal production) for market research, tradeshow or specific events (e.g., samples made specifically for marketing purposes)

Packaging design

Shipping tradeshow product samples not intended for resale

9.3 Describe the new market opportunity (e.g., new geographic region in Canada, new client/customer segment) that you are pursuing through this project: (maximum 350 words)

9.4 Provide the following information about domestic sales and sales projections

	CURRENT	PROJECTED AT THE END OF THE PROJECT	PROJECTED 2 YEARS AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION
Value of sales within Canada that will result from the project per annum, according to projections			
Value of all business sales in export markets per annum			

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9.5 Provide the following information about business impacts you are expecting from the project:

BUSINESS IMPACTS	ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENTS AT PROJECT COMPLETION	PLEASE EXPLAIN AND QUANTIFY (I.E., DOLLAR VALUES, %, VOLUME)
Reduced identified risks	Yes	
	No	
Job creation or retention	Yes	
	No	
Increased profitability	Yes	
	No	
Other business impact? Please identity:	Yes	
	No	

9.6 Provide the following information about markets that will be retained, expanded or accessed as a result of this project:

	INDICATE IF: MARKET WILL BE RETAINED		INDICATE IF: ACCESS WILL BE EXPANDED (E.G., WITH A NEW PRODUCT)		INDICATE IF: MARKET WILL BE ACCESSED FOR THE FIRST TIME:	
Within Ontario	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Within Canada (except Ontario)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

9.7 What is the total investment that your business will make to implement this project (including but not limited to the eligible costs of this application)?

9.8 Given the information you have provided about your project above, please explain how your project will contribute to economic growth especially as the agri-food sector is undergoing COVID-19 recovery. (350 words maximum)

Step 10: Declaration, Acknowledgements and Consent

To apply, you must agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of Canadian Agricultural Partnership ("the Partnership") Cost-share Funding for Processors.

The applicant must be a legal entity that is eligible under the Partnership Cost-share Funding for Processors.

The individual who submits the application form must be a person who is authorized by the applicant to submit the form on behalf of the applicant and to bind the applicant to the contents therein. This person is referred to as "you" below.

You must certify on the Application that:

- You have read, understand, and agree to abide by all requirements of the Partnership Costshare Funding for Processors. This Guide sets out the Terms and Conditions for the Partnership Cost-share Funding for Processors, and the Project Category Descriptions.
- All information submitted on the application is true and complete, to the best of your knowledge, belief and understanding.
- All sources of funding for the proposed project, other than the applicant's, have been disclosed in this application, including sources and amounts from federal, provincial and municipal governments, and such funds do not, and will, not exceed 100 per cent of total project costs.
- The applicant does not currently owe any money to Ontario, or you have attached a description of the applicant's debt to Ontario to this application.
- You are not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) a current or former federal public office holder or federal public servant, or, if you, or any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are a current or former federal public officer holder or federal public servant, you or that officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are in compliance with the *Conflict of Interest Act*, the *Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons*, the *Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector and the Policy on Conflict of Interest and Post-employment*, as applicable.
- You are not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any), a member of the House of Commons or of the Senate, or if you, or any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are, you or the officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are permitted under the Parliament of Canada Act to receive funding from Canada under the Partnership.

You must further certify on the Application, that the applicant:

- Shall retain all records relating to any payments made to the applicant under the Partnership, including all invoices and proof of payment for at least seven (7) years from the date on which payment was received by the applicant.
- Shall consent to Ontario, Ontario's program administrator (if any) or Canada publishing information about the project/activities funded including the amount of funding the applicant has been approved to receive and/or has received under the Partnership, the nature and results of any project/activities funded, along with the applicant's name.

You must further acknowledge and accept that:

- The Partnership is a discretionary, non-entitlement program and that the applicant is not entitled to funding merely as a consequence of submitting an application. Payment is subject to Ontario receiving all the necessary appropriations from the Ontario Legislature, Ontario receiving all the necessary monies from Canada, the applicant and the applicant's project (and all activities) satisfying eligibility criteria, as well as the applicant's compliance with all terms and conditions of the Partnership.
- If it is determined the applicant has received a payment the applicant was not eligible to receive, through administrative error or otherwise, the applicant will repay any and all payments that the applicant was not eligible to receive as well as any surplus funding.
- Any payments made to the applicant may be subject to recovery or offset against the applicant's pre-existing debts to the Crown in Right of Ontario or Canada.
- Ontario, Ontario's program administrator (if any) or Canada, including, their respective Ministers, directors, officers, agents, employees or representatives (as applicable) shall not be liable for any damage or loss whatsoever, or howsoever arising, including damage or loss arising from any advice, opinions, representations, warranties or the provision of information under the Partnership.
- The information provided for the Partnership may be disclosed by Ontario or Ontario's program administrator (if any) on behalf of Ontario to verify compliance with other provincial and federal funding initiatives administered by Ontario or another program administrator on behalf of Ontario or by Ontario in order to confirm the information provided, to verify eligibility and to ensure there is no duplication of funding.
- The information provided to the Partnership, with the exception of the Social Insurance Number of recipients of funding who are sole proprietors or unincorporated entities, may be subject to disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario), the *Access to Information Act* (Canada) or *Privacy Act* (Canada).

You must consent to the following on behalf of the applicant:

- To provide accurate, timely and full information, including supporting documentation, to Ontario or Ontario's program administrator (if any) and will notify Ontario or Ontario's program administrator (if any) immediately in the event there are any changes to information provided.
- To provide Canada, Ontario and Ontario's program administrator (if any), as well as their authorized representatives, with any information or access to a person, place or thing within ten (10) business days of any request, field verification or audit.
- To comply with onsite field inspections and/or audits by Ontario or Ontario program administrator (if any) upon notice, and during normal business hours, to verify eligibility, and to evaluate compliance with the requirements of the Partnership.
- To comply with reviews by Ontario of information related to other programs and initiatives delivered by, or for, Ontario in which the applicant is enrolled or has applied.

• The use of the applicant's name and contact information by Ontario, Ontario's program administrator (if any) and/or Canada to contact the applicant for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the Partnership programming, or for any other similar purpose.

In the event of a conflict between anything set out in Guides, Guidebooks, Guidelines and the Minister's Order, the Minister's Order will prevail.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ontario may collect the Social Insurance Number (SIN) of a Partnership funding recipient where that recipient is a sole proprietor, partner in a partnership or a member of an unincorporated entity, in order to meet its obligations under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and for the purposes of auditing and collection of over-payments, as required under Minister's Order 0005/2018, as amended from time to time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection of this information, please contact: Administrative Services Representative, Rural Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, at 1 Stone Rd. W, Guelph ON N1G 4Y2, phone: 226-979-7884.

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, I AM ATTESTING THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AND TO BIND THE APPLICANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP, AS WELL AS THE ABOVE,

Name

Title

Email

Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

Submit your form: By email:

agpartnership@ontario.ca Only send files smaller than 10MB Only send files that do not contain live links



