

Backgrounder

Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP)

1. On-Farm Component:

Eligible applicants: Farmers, ranchers and First Nation bands that legally occupy a minimum of 320 acres of farmland, earn minimum of \$35,000 gross farm income in Saskatchewan.

Eligible projects: Wells, dugouts, pipelines, connections to rural water utilities, relocating livestock water systems for environmental purposes, protecting well heads and decommissioning wells. The projects must be for agricultural use.

Funding levels and caps: 50 per cent of eligible expenses to maximum of \$60,000. Well decommissioning will be funded at 90 per cent of eligible expenses and does not count against program cap.

2. Community Well Component:

Eligible applicants: Rural Municipalities and First Nation bands.

Eligible projects: Community Wells with tank loading facilities.

Funding levels and caps: two-thirds of eligible expenses to maximum of \$150,000.

3. Agricultural Business Development

Eligible applicants: Intensive livestock operations, intensive horticulture operations, value-added agricultural businesses and non-district irrigators.

- Must operate one of the identified operations and earn a minimum of \$35,000 from those activities.
- In the case of non-district irrigators, they must increase irrigation capacity by a minimum of 10 acres and earn a minimum of \$35,000 gross farm income in Saskatchewan.
- Must have an agricultural or value-added business use for the water.

Eligible projects: Same as the on-farm component, with the addition of non-district irrigation infrastructure to the edge of the irrigable land parcel. Land parcel irrigation systems are not eligible.

Funding levels and caps: 50 per cent of eligible expenses to maximum payment of \$150,000 per applicant.

- Non-district irrigation projects 50 per cent of eligible expenses to maximum of \$1,000 per irrigable acre developed to maximum payment of \$150,000.

4. Irrigation District Projects

Eligible applicants: Irrigation Districts in Saskatchewan with a Ministry approved in-fill plan and irrigation replacement fund.

Eligible projects: Development of irrigation infrastructure within an irrigation district to the edge of the irrigable land parcels. Land parcel irrigation systems will not be eligible.

Funding levels and caps: 90 per cent of eligible expenditures to maximum \$7 million.

Deadlines

Applications must be received by the Ministry by August 1, 2017.

Projects must be completed and claims received by the Ministry by the earlier of 18 months of receiving written project approval or February 15, 2018.

- Irrigation district projects have until February 15, 2018 to complete approved projects and submit claims.

For more information:

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