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Funding Opportunities for Agriculture

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# Community Food Centres Canada

## .Market Greens Grant ([cfccanada.ca](http://cfccanada.ca))

Amount: Variable

Application Window: May 2021

Eligibility:

Registered Canadian charity or other qualified donee within Canada;

- An established organization, operating for 3+ years;
- Operating, or with the help of this grant are planning to establish, a year-round produce market that aims to reduce financial barriers to fresh fruits and vegetables for people living on low incomes;
- For those starting a new market through the grant] Intention to sustain the affordable market beyond the grant term;
- Committed to delivering the program as outlined in the Grant Guidelines, including monitoring and evaluation activities (see page 9 for details);



# Community Food Centres Canada

- Stream 1 – New Market and Incentives Grant
- Number of grants available: 10
- Amount of each grant: \$70,000 (\$35,000/year x 2 years)
- \$25,000/year to establish and operate a new market
- \$10,000/year for fruit and vegetable incentives
- Grant term: 2 years, 3 months (March 2020 to May 2022)

## Stream 2 – Produce Incentives Grant

- Number of grants available: 5
- Amount of each grant: \$20,000 (\$10,000/year for incentives x 2 years)
- Grant term: 2 years, 3 months (March 2020 to May 2022)



# Fair Finance Fund-Loan Program

- Amount: Between \$20,000 and 200,000
- Application Window: Always open
- Eligibility: must be a food processor, distributor, restaurant, online market, food retailer, food supplier or other food related business in Ontario
- Non profit, charity, co-op or business with clearly stated social or environmental values
- Interest is 5.25 %, five year term, no collateral up to \$100,000 and there is a Real Assist Support Program
- [www.fairfinancefund.org](http://www.fairfinancefund.org)



# CORDA-Grant Program

- Amount: \$35,000
- Application Window: Fall 2021 (usually end Oct)
- Eligibility: First Nations, their members or organizations, and territorial organizations in Ontario are eligible to apply
- The project must promote natural resource development, management, harvesting or conservation in Ontario.
- Eligible expenditures include equipment and materials, labour and transportation
- Applications from a First Nation business or individual must include a Band Council Resolution



# Indigenous Ag and Food Systems Initiative

- **Amount:** \$500,000 per project maximum or 2.5 million over 5 years
- **Deadline:** Sept 20, 2022 (funds may be fully allocated)
- **Application Window:** Always open
- Projects with 1/3 of funding provided by cash or in-kind contribution will receive preference
- AAFC will contribute up to 90% but a 10% cash or in-kind contribution is required
- **Eligibility:** Indigenous communities, Indigenous for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, associations, cooperatives and institutions; and Indigenous businesses, partnerships and joint ventures
- [Agr.gc.ca](http://Agr.gc.ca)



# Indigenous Ag and Food Systems Initiative

- Eligible costs include administration, salaries and benefits, capital assets and costs related to planning and design of infrastructure, contracted services and travel
- Eligible activities under this Initiative can be categorized into two streams:
  - 1. Community readiness and pre-development support activities; and
  - 2. Supporting Indigenous agriculture and food systems projects.



# RAIN (Rural Agricultural Innovation Network)

SNAPP (Sustainable New Agrifood Products & Productivity)

- **Amount:** \$10,000 at 50% cost share
- Collaborations of three or more businesses are eligible for up to \$25,000 at 50% cost share
- **Deadline:** March 5, 2021 (typically with more than one intake over the course of a year)
- **Eligibility:** Northern Ontario agricultural producer, processor, business or collaboration
- **Three regions:** (1) Algoma/Manitoulin, (2) Sudbury/Nipissing/Temiskaming/Cochrane/Parry Sound/Muskoka (3) Northwest/Thunder Bay, Kenora, Rainy River

[www. Rainalgoma.ca](http://www.Rainalgoma.ca)





# SNAPP Continued

- **Three Streams:**

(1) New Products (eg. Commercial kitchen)

(2) Productivity Enhancement (eg. Cold storage unit)

(3) Clean Tech in Agri-Food (eg. Composting system)

Quotations are required for costs over \$1000 and receipts need to be submitted later for payment

**Required Documents:** Application Form, Business Plan and proof of Farm Registration, Master Business License or Business Registration



# Advancing Northern Maple (A RAIN Program)

- **Aim:** To expand the maple sector in Northern Ont by enabling producers to increase production, grow markets, adopt new technologies, and create innovative products, while increasing partnerships with Indigenous people and communities
- **Amount:** \$20,000 at 50% cost share
- Both start ups and existing eligible
- Two streams: (1) New Products  
(2) Productivity Enhancements

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# NOHFC Tile Drainage Program

- The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corp. will fund 50 percent of tile drainage contractor costs (including materials) to a maximum of \$500 per acre.
- Open to the Algoma and Manitoulin Districts
- Benefits of Tile Drainage:
  - Soil surface of tiled land will warm and dry out more quickly, allowing access to the field earlier and longer;
  - Crops can develop a deeper root system even in extreme wet or dry conditions (see image below);
  - Studies have shown that crop yields and quality will improve by 20-30% when compared to those on untilled land;
  - Improves aeration in the soil and reduces the risk of soil compaction;



# Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario

- Term Loans: for machinery, livestock, buildings, farm improvements and land
- Operating Credit: Operating lines of credit for input costs such as seed, feed and fertilizer
- Tile Drainage Loans to a maximum of \$20,000 per year at 6% interest to fund 75% of project costs
- Herdbuilder Loans-for cows, goats, sheep
- These loans can also be combined with loans from other organizations such as the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund. [Indianag.on.ca](http://Indianag.on.ca)



# Sovereign Household Grant

- **Funder:** Northern Ontario Indigenous Food Sovereignty Collaborative
- Amount: \$1,000 per household (non-remote)
- \$2,000 per household (remote)
- Project supports Indigenous people in Northern Ontario as they assert control over their food systems
- Equipment or supplies for food harvest, butchery or processing
- Training/workshops for the development of food skills
- Raw materials, agriculture and horticultural product/supplies
- <https://survey.spno.ca/index.php/352222lang=en>
- Or email [foodsovnoront@gmail.com](mailto:foodsovnoront@gmail.com)
- 807-355-1986 or 289-697-2248



# Indigenous People's Resilience Fund

## Covid-related funding

**Amount:** Between \$5,000 to 30,000 to support Indigenous Communities through the crisis

- Training and financial support to areas where gaps in funding are needed to strengthen emergency health care efforts (ex: training of new cleaning procedures) and health related transportation services (ex: purchasing PPE for medical drivers) and community safety initiatives;
- Sustainable access to food and strengthened local food systems (ex: purchasing food to distribute or cook and distribute to vulnerable groups, and purchasing gardening needs);
- Training and infrastructure to help communities overcome technological barriers and connectivity challenges (ex: purchasing additional connectivity for community social distance use, connectivity for summer student support or assisting in training Elders who would not otherwise use Zoom or social media to get connected);
- Innovation in employment, internships and experiential learning, either virtually or through safe, social-distancing programming;
- [info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca) or fax 1-613-280-1553. To verbally apply please call 613-262-3089



# Indigenous People's Resilience Fund

- Applications are due the last Friday of every month on an ongoing basis.
- Funding is currently focused on urgent covid specific food sovereignty related cases

[www. Communityfoundations.ca](http://www.Communityfoundations.ca)

[info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca)

1-613-262-3089



# Farm Credit Canada Agrispirit Fund (Closed)

- Amount: \$5,000 to \$25,000-funding window currently closed
- Eligibility: City, town or indigenous community with fewer than 150,000 people, charities, non profit organizations, municipalities, first nation bands
- Capital projects-construction or upgrades to community facilities
- Sustainability projects-upgrades to heating/cooling systems in a community building, or purchase of capital items for a recycling facility
- [Fcc-fac.ca](http://Fcc-fac.ca)





# Local Food Infrastructure Fund (Closed)

- 5 year 50 million program by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada
- Ends March 31, 2024
- Program is part of Canada's Food Policy
- Objective: improve access to safe, healthy and culturally diverse food, support local economies, improve health outcomes for at-risk populations, promote environmentally sustainable food systems
- Eligibility: community based, not for profit organizations in operation for at least 2 years, applicants must be able to maintain proposed operations beyond the funding period.



# Local Food Infrastructure Fund Page 2

- Eligible: Community or charitable organizations
- Indigenous Groups, not for profit cooperatives
- Eligible Projects: simple to complex
- Capital Assets can be purchased such as: refrigerators/freezers, refrigerated trucks, community kitchens, food processing equipment, cold storage/shelving, community gardens, urban farms, green infrastructure, digital systems
- **Ineligible:** purchase of land/buildings
- Purchase or lease of private/personal vehicles



# Local Food Infrastructure Fund Page 3

- Amounts: between \$5 and 250,000
- \$50,000 grant, non repayable
- \$50,000 to \$100,000 non-repayable contribution funding
- Eligible project costs must be shared between AAFC and the applicant as well as partners such as industry and government



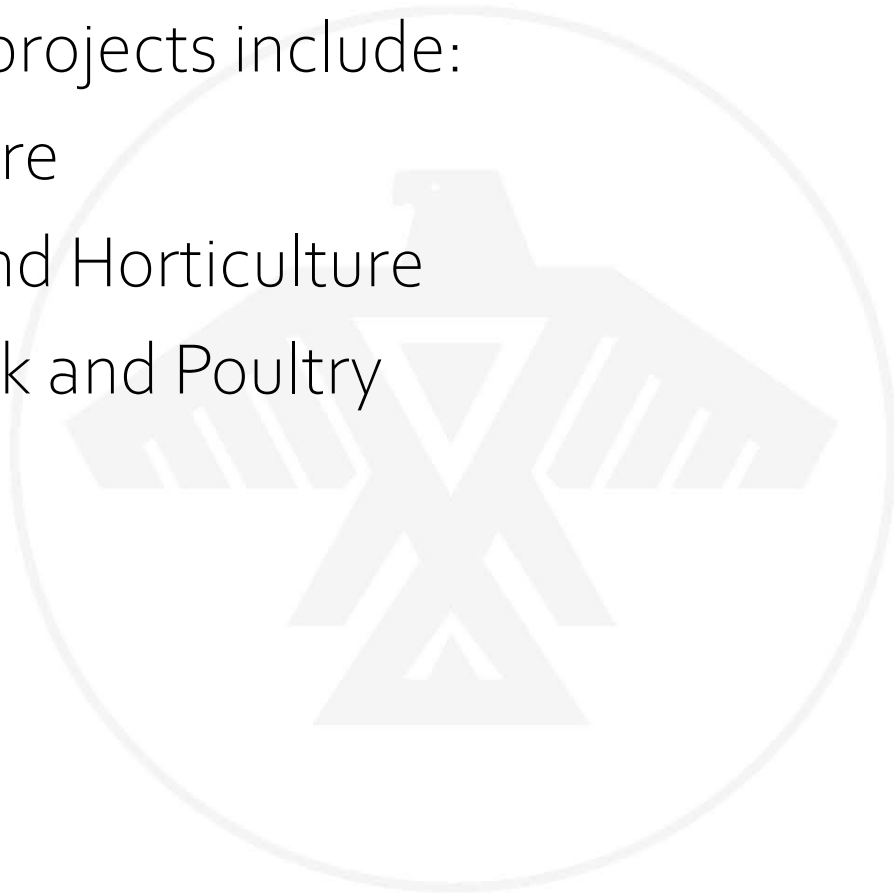
# Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)

- Eligibility: You need to be a legal farm business that produces agricultural commodities in Ontario.
- You need a Farm Business Registration number or eligible exemption
- You need a Valid Premises Identification Number
- Some focus areas require the completion of an Environmental Farm Plan or a Biosecurity Workshop
- Many programs available-some are delivered under the OSCIA (Ontario Soil And Crop Improvement Association).
- You need to fall under one of three categories: Producer, Processor or Other Business.



# Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)

- Producer projects include:
  - (1) Apiculture
  - (2) Crops and Horticulture
  - (3) Livestock and Poultry



# CAP (Intake to Support Managed Bee Health)

- Cost share funding to support 50% of eligible costs for Honey Bee Health Management and Advancing Beekeeper Business Capacity
- Eligibility: You need 10 or more colonies registered with the Provincial Apiarist for the current beekeeping season.
- Amount: Up to \$3500
- [Ontariosoilcrop.org](http://Ontariosoilcrop.org)



# CAP-LEADS Program ([ontariosoilcrop.org](http://ontariosoilcrop.org))

- Leads stands for Lake Erie Agriculture Demonstrating Sustainability
- Program is currently closed (fully allocated)
- Program applies to farms within the Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair watersheds
- The program supports the implementation of Best Management Practices on farms within these watershed areas.
- To apply you need to have completed a Farmland Health Checkup.



# Ontario Trillium Foundation (Grant Program)

- **Eligibility:** Non-profit organization [otf.ca](http://otf.ca)
- **Amounts:** Between \$5 and 75,000
- **Intake:** No deadline
- Seed Grant-support at the ideas stage
- Grow Grant-higher levels of funding for 2-3 yrs (minimum 50 to max of 250 K with a term of up to 36 months)
- Capital Grant-improve community buildings/spaces (one year, from \$5 to 150,000 K)





# TD Canada Trust Friends of Environment (Grant)

- Eligible: Charities, educational institutions, indigenous groups/communities
- Amounts: Between 2K and 8K
- Projects: Community gardens, environmental education, outdoor classrooms, tree planting and urban greening
- They do not fund infrastructure or admin
- Winter (Jan 15) and summer submissions (July 15)
- [Td.com](https://www.td.com)



# Northern Ontario Women Program

- Enable female entrepreneurs to access professional services they would typically not be able to afford on their own
- Funding up to \$5000.00 [www.lambac.org/NOW](http://www.lambac.org/NOW)
- Enable female entrepreneurs to access experts in the transportation sector
- Provide access to consultants who can assist female entrepreneurs in operating more efficient businesses/realizing cost-saving measures
- Educate female entrepreneurs with regards to the regulatory requirements involved in exporting goods
- Provide female entrepreneurs with the opportunity to attend, free of charge, workshops hosted by their local Community Funding Development Corporations



# Community Futures Development Corporations

- Financing and loans
- Business counselling
- Local community development
- **Regional Relief Recovery Fund (RRRF)**-provides support to businesses affected by covid
- 25% set aside for the tourism industry
- Eligibility: Business, cooperative, partnership or indigenous-owned business with 1 to 500 employees, organizations and associations

[www.cfontario.ca](http://www.cfontario.ca)

[Feddevontario.gc.ca](http://Feddevontario.gc.ca)



# Innovation Accelerator Program (Grant)

- **Amount:** Half of total eligible project costs or a maximum of \$10,000 whichever is less
- **Eligibility:** Small to Medium Enterprise (for Profit) located in the Sault Ste Marie in the SSM Innovation Service area
- **Eligible Project:** Require assistance to develop a service, product or process in the area of Science and Technology with potential to contribute to increased sales and employment
- **Eligible Activities:** Planning, marketing, sales, business management and enhancement



# Business Resiliency Recovery Program

- Focus: Algoma Region Businesses
- Amount: \$Maximum of 1500
- This micro-grant can be utilized by Algoma region businesses for retaining third party approved consultants, such as:
- Digital Marketing Experts to update and modernize a website for their business and/or adopt e-commerce platforms for selling products/services
- Marketing Consultants or Business Advisors to research new markets and promotion techniques to pivot existing marketing strategies
- Accountants to assist in applying for government assistance programs for small business
- Other Professional Advisors to adjust/update their business plan Contact: Brad Senecal [b.senecal@cityssm.on.ca](mailto:b.senecal@cityssm.on.ca)



# Northern Ontario Heritage Fund

- [https://nohfc.ca/en/nohfc\\_programs](https://nohfc.ca/en/nohfc_programs)
- 1) Community Enhancement Program-covers infrastructure to upgrade/repair existing assets, ec dev infrastructure and strategic ec dev
- 2) Invest North Program-business development in Northern Ontario.
- 3) People & Talent Program-Indigenous workforce development streamo-90% of salary of \$35,000 per year for indigenous communities and 75% of salary of \$52,500 for a business.



# SARPAL

- Stands for **Species at Risk Partnership on Agricultural Lands**
- Spring Intake: March 3 to March 10
- 50% cost share to a max of \$20,000
- First come first served until money is gone
- Up to \$50/acre for delayed haying projects
- Up to \$50/tree for tree planting projects
- Up to \$11.50/m of permanent fence and \$2.45/m for temporary fence
- Up to a maximum of \$2,000 in in-kind
- Tree Service Agreements for spring 2022 tree planting
  
- To ensure habitat protection for Species at Risk, an agreement must be signed with Environment & Climate Change Canada
- <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/sarpal/>.



# Other Organizations and Programs

- Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security  
[Seedsecurity.ca](http://Seedsecurity.ca)
- Ecological Farmers of Ontario  
[Efao.ca](http://Efao.ca)
- Roots to Harvest (Thunder Bay)  
[www.rootstoharvest.org](http://www.rootstoharvest.org)
- Focus Forward for Indigenous Youth  
([focusforwardfiy.org](http://focusforwardfiy.org))
- Two Billion Trees Program





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