



Existing agriculture drainage works impact downstream water quality and quantity. This BMP provides assistance to producers to address impacts of existing private drainage works. Eligible funding is for implementing approved drainage stewardship practices including installation of water control and erosion control structures.

FUNDING LEVEL

50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$20,000 on water and erosion controls.

APPLICATION TYPE

Pre-approval is necessary to qualify for this BMP.

- Application deadline for pre-approval is August 31, 2022. Claims must be received by December 31, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

- Primary producers who earn a minimum of \$50,000 of gross farm income in Saskatchewan.
- Producers who own, lease or rent property where livestock and poultry are grown, bred, kept, raised, displayed, assembled or disposed of require a Saskatchewan Premises Identification.
- Applications must have a site diagram showing the location of the current drainage works and include details of the proposed drainage stewardship practices.
- Pre and post-site inspections may be completed as part of the pre-approval and/or claim process.
- Drainage works must be private works and must be approved by the Water Security Agency (WSA) before payment can be issued under the Farm Stewardship Program.
- Claims for flow and erosion control related projects must include a copy of the project's Approval to Operate and Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (if applicable) from WSA in order to receive funding.
- Applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with any permits or approvals required and for incorporating any relevant mitigation measures for the project.

PROJECT COSTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2018, or later.
- Engineering/consulting costs associated with assessment, topographic survey, supervision and design of water control and erosion control structures.
 - Engineering/consulting costs can stand alone as a project and be funded even if the project does not proceed.
- Materials and installation for water and erosion control structures, such as rip-rap, gabion baskets, culverts, gates, erosion mats, silt fencing and concrete.
- Costs related to reshaping and revegetating side slopes of waterways or ditches

where there is significant evidence of erosion.

- Supply and transportation of rocks, soil or other materials to the project site by a third party.
- Rented equipment or in-kind equipment charged at rates in the current Saskatchewan Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- Costs for erosion or water control projects started prior to April 1, 2018.
- Costs associated with new drainage works or those constructed after April 1, 2018.
- Costs associated with the intention of improving conveyance capacity.
- Consultant fees to develop applications for drainage approvals which consist solely of mapping drainage works or applying standard mitigation work designs.
- Engineering or consulting costs associated with the design of drainage works other than water and erosion control.
- Projects subject to current orders or letters of non-compliance under *The Water Security Act (WSA)* or *The Environmental Management and Protection Act (EMPA)*.
- Costs associated with projects not in compliance with legislation (e.g. *Fisheries Act*, *EMPA*, *WSA*, etc.).
- Fees, including legal, registration and licensing fees.
- Purchase of land/property or payment of easements.
- Drainage of potholes, sloughs or wetlands.
- Filling in potholes, sloughs and wetlands.
- In-kind materials such as rocks, gravel or clay.
- In-kind transportation of materials.
- In-kind labour.
- Transportation of soil or other materials away from the project.
- Leveling fields.
- Construction or maintenance of dams for surface water source development.
- Upgrades to works owned by Conservation and Development Area Authorities, Watershed Associations and Rural and Urban Municipalities.
- Multi-producer projects.
- Projects that involve channel clearing only.