

AAFC AAC Emergency Processing Fund Manitoba, Nunavut, and Ontario

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
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Program

Emergency Processing Fund Manitoba, Nunavut, and Ontario

For More Information

For more information on the Emergency Processing Fund - Manitoba, Nunavut and Ontario, please contact AAC by: Email: epf@adaptcouncil.org [1] Telephone: 1-519-822-7554 or visit the website

(https://adaptcouncil.org/uploads/program_uploads/A60E-emergency-processing-fund-mb-nu-and-on-applicant-guide-version-2.pdf [2])

Description

The agriculture and agri-food sector is a critical industry that produces safe, high-quality food for Canadians. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused rapid and urgent adaptation in Canada's food system to be able to maintain food production in Canada, while protecting the health and safety of workers, their families and communities. As a result, Canadian food producers, processors, and manufacturers have taken on unexpected and exceptional activities associated with risk mitigation measures to manage health and safety during the pandemic and to be able to maintain Canada's food production.

The program has two main objectives and are prioritized as follows:

Objective 1 – Emergency COVID Response – to assist companies to implement changes required by COVID-19 to safeguard the health and safety of workers and their families.

This funding will assist with:

1. plant retrofits or adjustments to existing facilities to accommodate changes to processes and production as a result of COVID-19:

1. meat processing
2. other food processing or manufacturing
2. temporary increased capacity for humane slaughter of surplus animals resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic

Objective 2 – Strategic Investments – to assist companies to improve, automate, and modernize facilities needed to increase Canada’s food supply.

This funding will assist with:

1. Improvements or modernizations:
 1. Automation and modernization of food processing and manufacturer plants
 2. Upgrades to reopen shuttered meat facilities or to attain federal registration
 3. Conversion or adaptation of existing greenhouses to increase year-round horticultural production or to increase variety of products grown.

Projects under Objective 1, with a focus on meat processing, will be the initial priority for funding under the EPF. The secondary priority will be projects under Objective 1, with a focus on other areas of food and beverage processing, then projects under Objective 2.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include for-profit organizations; cooperatives; and Indigenous groups.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- be located in Manitoba, Nunavut or Ontario
- be a legal entity capable of entering into a legally binding agreement
- have been in operation for at least two (2) years
- be involved in food production in Canada, in the area of:
 - agricultural food processing – cleaning, sorting, cutting, packaging of food for consumption or as an ingredient.
 - agricultural food manufacturing – comprised of establishments primarily engaged in producing food
 - agricultural producers that are converting or adapting existing greenhouses to increase year-round horticultural production

Note: Seafood processing or manufacturing is not eligible under the program

Funding Availability

The Emergency Processing Fund (EPF) is a one-time, federal investment of up to \$77.5 million to help companies located across Canada implement changes to safeguard the health and safety of workers and their families due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maximum Project Value

Applicants from Manitoba, Nunavut and Ontario requesting greater than \$10,000 and less than \$100,000 in funding will apply through the AAC.

- All funding requests made through the AAC that are less than \$100,000 will be provided in the form of a non-repayable contribution under both objective 1 and objective 2.
- Funding will be issued as a reimbursement payment upon the applicant providing AAC with claim documentation and a final report.
- Applicants requesting \$100,000 or more in funding must apply through AAFC (<https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/emergency-processing-fund/?id=1591291974693> [3])

Eligible costs will be retroactive up to and including March 15, 2020. All activities must be completed and costs incurred by September 30, 2020. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with AAC.

Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are 40%

Special Notes

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#) [4].

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Friday, July 24, 2020 - 4:30pm	Please submit a PDF copy of your application, along with an OR-5 Form to the Office of Research Services (research.services@uoguelph.ca [5]) a minimum of one week prior to the external deadline.

External Deadline Friday, July 31, 2020 -

Type	Date	Notes
	11:59pm	Completed applications and supporting documentation should be emailed to epf@adaptcouncil.org [1]. Use your EPF - for Manitoba, Nunavut and Ontario Project application form(s) to submit your complete application.

How to Apply

The application process for the EPF is as follows:

Step 1: Complete the Screening checklist

- Complete the Screening checklist as an initial assessment of your eligibility based on the mandatory program criteria.
- If you decide you are eligible and want to submit application(s) under the program, go to Step 2.

Step 2: Complete the EPF - for Manitoba, Nunavut and Ontario Project Application Form(s)

- Complete a separate application form for each objective (1 or 2) of the program that you are applying to.
- Note: If you are applying under both objectives of the program, you must complete SEPARATE application forms. Projects under Objective 1, with a focus on meat processing, will be the initial priority for funding under the EPF. The secondary priority will be projects under Objective 1, with a focus on other areas of food and beverage processing, then projects under Objective 2.
- All supporting documents as described in Annex C in the Applicant guide must accompany a complete application. Step 3: Submit your application Use your EPF - for Manitoba, Nunavut and Ontario Project application form(s) to submit your complete application.

For Questions, please contact

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