

RED RIVER MÉTIS ON-FARM CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM



SUPPORTING RED RIVER MÉTIS ADOPTION AND ON-FARM IMPLEMENTATION OF BENEFICIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)

Support for this program has been provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) through the Agricultural Climate Solutions – On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF).

Through this program, the MMF will provide non-repayable funding (up to \$75,000) to each Red River Métis business engaged in land-based agricultural production (anywhere in Canada), to support the adoption and on-farm implementation of (1) Nitrogen

Cost-share ratio:

95% non-repayable contribution
5% in-kind contribution required

**For all inquiries on the program, please email: agriculture@mmf.mb.ca
To ensure we are able to contact you, please provide us with your phone number(s)**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be a Red River Métis Citizen
- Applicant must currently be engaged in agricultural production (anywhere in Canada) on lands owned 50% or greater, by a Red River Métis Citizen(s), Must provide proof of at least 50% ownership on the lands in which project activities will be conducted on.
- Applicants who wish to utilize project funds on rented or non-crown lease lands are required to provide the MMF with signed consent by the landowner(s), and proof of possession lasting until at least March 31, 2024. All documented proof must be provided upon application submission to ensure eligibility and avoid delays. It is recommended applicants utilize Red River Métis owned land whenever possible.
- Applicants with no alternative but to utilize rented lands not owned (50%+) by a Red River Métis Citizen(s), or must utilize crown lease lands, should first contact agriculture@mmf.mb.ca to discuss recommended eligible activities.
- Red River Métis applicants who's farm business holds less than 50% total Red River Métis ownership, will be held until after considerations are given to Red River Métis businesses owning 50% or greater.
- All project costs and activities must first be approved by the MMF before any expenses incurred by the applicant are to be eligible for payment to the applicant.
- **All applicants must be able to demonstrate either a new practice or an improvement to existing practices on the land in which the activity would take place and should provide a clear benefit to the health of the land and surrounding ecosystem.**
- Applicants must ensure all eligible activities and costs are approved and signed by the appropriate MMF staff delivering the Manitoba Métis On-Farm Climate Action Program, before any purchases or on-farm work begins by the applicant.
- Applicants are welcome to include their Red River Métis values and traditions into eligible activities, provided applicants are able to justify how their values and traditions fit within eligible project activities.
- Costs associated with the creation of an applicant's action plan, and the labour costs to perform approved activities will be permitted with defined limits (details included within application).

Eligible Beneficial Management Practice's Program Categories:

- (1) Nitrogen Management BMPs –
- (2) Cover Cropping BMPs –
- (3) Rotational Grazing BMPs –

In-Kind Eligible Activities:

All successful applicants will be required to provide a 5% in-kind contribution on the total value of funding provided to each recipient. All In-kind activities require the pre-approval from MMF program staff and/or an MMF contracted Professional Agrologist and will be determined together with applicants on or after the date of their application approval. In-kind activities must be completed by the applicant by no later than March 1, 2024.

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• **Recommended:** Mentoring of a Red River Métis young agrarian or established producer looking to improve their knowledge (age 18-39). Note: It is possible for a mentor to also receive mentorship to gain new perspective and knowledge to improve their business.

Details on mentoring cost that can be claimed toward in-kind will be detailed during the application approval phase. (Note: Immediate family would not typically be eligible to receive mentoring).

- Maximum 3 hours at \$25 per hour can be claimed toward in-kind to complete the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). Voluntary and confidential. The MMF will not be requesting confirmation of completion.
- Provide a gift to the MMF for distribution to Red River Métis Citizens in-need (e.g. Meat processed in certified facility, livestock feed, Fur/hides, traditional offerings including artwork, traditional knowledge, bison skulls, food, heritage seeds.
- Labour costs associated with implementing eligible activities (if they are not already claimed by the applicant)
- Other activities as determined with each successful applicant on a case-by-case basis.