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## Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Agriculture Support Program Application

Applications will be accepted between **April 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026**

### Step 1: Eligibility Requirements

I confirm that all the following conditions are met:

- Applicants new to Programs since 2023 must complete the Program Funding Registration form. Returning applicants must update the form as needed.
- A farm that is currently registered under the *Farm Registration Act*, or Mi'kmaq conducting farming activities in Mi'kmaw communities.
- Belong to an underrepresented or underserved group (persons with disabilities, African Nova Scotians, Indigenous peoples, other racialized individuals, and women in underrepresented occupations) and be starting a farm business or currently operating a farm business with farm income of \$30,000 or less.
- Current (within five years) Environmental Farm Plan, including schedule A and B for land improvement.
- Project quotes are attached.
- Applicant is at least 19 years of age.

**Note:** The above requirements must be met, otherwise the application will not be processed. Reference program guidelines for eligible projects, project timelines, and claim dates.

### Step 2: Applicant Information

<b>Business/Farm Name</b>				
<b>Applicant Name</b>				
<b>CRA Business Number</b>				
<b>Phone Number</b>				
<b>Email</b>				
<b>Mailing Address</b>				
<b>City/Town</b>		<b>County</b>		<b>Postal Code</b>

#### Self Identification

*The following section is voluntary and does not affect program eligibility. If completed, Department of Agriculture will share the provided information, identified only by a business name (farm name) or HST/GST ID, with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. This information will be used to improve the program and address access barriers for underrepresented and marginalized groups.*

<b>Select all that apply</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Individuals 40 years old and younger)	<input type="checkbox"/> African Nova Scotian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mi'kmaq <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to identify
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

### **Step 3: Business Details and Planning**

All participants are encouraged to complete a full business plan and financial documents to help support their growth in the agriculture industry. These documents are not needed for the program; however, all application details below must be provided in full. Work with your local Diversity Programming Specialist to discuss your application prior to submission.

#### **Applicant Details**

**Explain how your business will assist in the expansion of local agricultural production.**

**What are your top 3 challenges within your business/operation?**

**What are your top 3 opportunities in your business/operation for the next 12 months?**

**If there are identifiable challenges, how will you adapt and change in subsequent years of the program to help achieve your goals and grow your business?**

**How will the item(s) for which you are requesting Program funding help grow and/or sustain your business?**

## Step 4: Details about your Proposed Project and Activities

**County of Project Location (select one)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annapolis   | <input type="checkbox"/> Antigonish | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Breton | <input type="checkbox"/> Colchester | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland | <input type="checkbox"/> Digby     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guysborough | <input type="checkbox"/> Halifax    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hants       | <input type="checkbox"/> Inverness  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kings      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunenburg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pictou      | <input type="checkbox"/> Queens     | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond    | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelburne  | <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yarmouth  |

**Do your projects take place on rented/leased land?**

- Yes – requires attachment of a copy of the lease agreement       No

**Activity List**

Identify below which activities you are applying for and the associated project costs. Projects other than those listed will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must include a business case explaining how they will grow your business. Include the Parcel Identification Number (PID) for your project location. For help with finding your PID, you can contact your regional office or visit: <http://www.nsfa-fane.ca/efp/resources/factsheets/>

<b>Field and Farm Equipment</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Mounted sprayers		
Hoists or cranes		
Tillers		
Commercial irrigation equipment		
Rippers		
Power harrows		
Reverse osmosis machine		
Seeders		
Flail and finishing mower		
Maple harvesting equipment		
Harvester		
Livestock watering system		
Bush hog (attachment to tractor)		
UV lights/rack system		
Paper pot transplanter system (transplanter/drop seeder/dribbler)		
Weeding equipment/attachments (commercial grade, PTO attachment)		
Frost free hydrants		
Commercial grade trellis system		
Commercial vacuum pump		
Other item: _____ Business case:		
<b>Pest Control/ Mitigation Equipment</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Bird bangers		
Bird/insect netting		
Bird wailers		
Fencing (field design required)		
Other item: _____ Business Case:		

<b>Processing Equipment</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Commercial grade wash station equipment		
Commercial kitchen equipment (stove, oven, digital scale, stainless steel sinks, etc.)		
Commercial filtering system for food products		
Maple processing equipment		
Other item: _____ Business case:		
<b>Climate Control Equipment</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Commercial refrigeration		
Commercial freezer		
Walk-in cooler and cooling system (no buildings)		
Other item: _____ Business case:		
<b>Growing Structures</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Commercial caterpillar tunnel system		
Commercial greenhouse kit		
Trellis system for greenhouse growing		
Other item: _____ Business case:		
<b>Farm Building Improvement(s)</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Fuel tank (including pump)		
Curtains (heat or ventilation)		
Upgrading electrical system or adding electrical capacity		
Livestock handling system		
Adding water supply to farm buildings for a new purpose (not new builds)		
Generator		
Accessibility upgrades to accommodate persons with disabilities		
Other item: _____ Business case:		

<b>Land Improvement (EFP Required)</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Surface and sub-surface drainage		
Tile drainage		
Farmyard runoff management		
Water well		
Other item: _____ Business case:		
<b>Food Safety</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Enclosed light fixtures/non-breakable light fixtures for food processing areas		
UV systems/reverse osmosis water treatment		
Floor covering to meet food safety requirements (no concrete work)		
Other Item: _____ Business Case:		
<b>Marketing Activities</b>	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Website design and adding e-commerce to a website		
Farm signage		
Graphic design for product packaging, logo, product labeling		
Product photography and video		
Other item: _____ Business case:		
<b>Business Advisory Services</b> (\$2000 available over the lifetime of Sustainable CAP)	<b>8-digit PID</b>	<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>
Business plan		
Feasibility study		
Emergency preparedness plan		
Food Safety Plan		
Lean management		
Six Sigma		
Development of farm safety plan		
Engineering certification		
Other item: _____ Business case:		

Identify the eligible activities where in-kind labour will be used.

Activity	Estimated Hours	Eligible Funding (for office use only)

I confirm that I discussed my application with a Department of Agriculture Diversity Programming Specialist.

Name of Department of Agriculture staff: \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration, Authorization and Consent

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge and agree with the following:

- I have disclosed accurate, true and complete information to the program administration to date and I will continue to provide accurate, true and complete information which is not misleading;
- I have read the Program Guidelines and, if the application is approved in whole or in part, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the Program Guidelines;
- I consent to the audit and verification of the information at any time prior to project commencement, during work, or upon completion of the project. Such audit and verification may be performed by the Province of Nova Scotia, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for audit and verification purposes;
- I consent to the use and disclosure of the information by officials of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, officials of programs offered by the Government of Canada or Province of Nova Scotia, and cooperating funding partners, where the information is relevant for the purposes of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining program funding;
- I agree to repay any amount determined through audit or inspection that is deemed to have been provided in excess of the program funding to which I am entitled;
- I consent to the release of my name and the amount of any funding received under the Program as public information, to be actively disseminated by the Province of Nova Scotia and Government of Canada;
- I acknowledge that any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes to which I have consented above, will be subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOI/POP)*;
- I consent to representatives of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture contacting me to discuss the results of the Program;
- I consent to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture publishing the results of the Program with respect to the farm which may include my name, my farm location, the amount received and details about the projects associated with this Program; and
- I confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.

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Applicant Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Return completed application to:

**Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture  
Programs Office**

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Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2

Phone 902-893-6377 or toll-free 1-866-844-4276

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Website: [novascotia.ca/programs/](http://novascotia.ca/programs/)

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