



Beneficial Management Practices Program

PROGRAM GUIDE 2026/27



The Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) is an on-farm cost-share incentive program that assists farm and ranch operations in mitigating some of the risks identified in their associated Environmental Farm Plan or through on-farm extreme weather events.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Background

The Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) Program works to help producers contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment with projects that improve waste management, air quality control, emissions control, soil and riparian integrity, and environmental impacts.

Program Objective & Goal

The BMP Program is an on-farm cost-share incentive program to assist farm and ranch operations in mitigating some of the risks identified in their associated [Environmental Farm Plan \(EFP\)](#) or through on-farm extreme weather events. The BMP Program aims to increase the adoption of technology and practices to mitigate high-risk activities or emerging challenges by promoting agricultural sustainability, climate mitigation, and climate adaptation practices that contribute to a cleaner, healthier environmental and resilient farm systems.

Through targeted investments, the BMP program supports producers in BC by helping them reduce costs, improve operational efficiency and enhance long-term farm and ranch viability. By integrating proactive environmental management with productivity gains, the program strengthens competitiveness, ensures infrastructure durability, and supports sustainable agricultural growth under changing climate conditions.

Program Structure

The BMP Program offers funding to farmers and ranchers completing three types of projects. Within these project types, BMP is split into 15 categories. Each category has its own application form, unless noted. If you'd like to participate in more than one category, an application must be completed for the relevant category.

1. **Planning, Technical Assessments or Engineered Designs (P&D):** These projects plan, assess or design the on-farm adoption of beneficial management practices or technologies.
 - a. **Basic Plans**
 - b. **Complex Plans¹**
 - c. **Complex Designs¹**
 - d. **Biogas Feasibility Studies¹**
 - e. **Extreme Weather: Plans & Assessments**
2. **Environment:** On-farm equipment/infrastructure projects facilitate the sustained adoption (ongoing implementation) of a beneficial management practice or technology aimed at improving environmental conditions.
 - a. **Biodiversity**
 - b. **Energy & Fuel Efficiency**
 - c. **Nutrient & Waste Management**
 - d. **Riparian & Grazing**

¹ Complex Plans, Complex Designs and Biogas Feasibility Studies are applied for in a single application.

- e. Soil Carbon
 - f. Water Infrastructure
3. **Extreme Weather Preparedness (EWP):** On-farm equipment/infrastructure projects facilitate the sustained adoption (ongoing implementation) of practice or technology aimed at preparing farms for extreme weather conditions.
- a. Extreme Heat and Cold Preparedness
 - b. Flood Preparedness
 - c. Wildfire Preparedness
 - d. Creative Solutions

Ultimately, the ongoing implementation of the practice or technology will improve one or more outcomes related to climate change mitigation, adaptation, environmental performance and/or extreme weather preparedness – while improving operational efficiency, reducing costs and strengthening the long-term resilience and competitiveness of farm operations.

If there is a discrepancy between the information found in the Program Guide and the information found at <http://www.iafbc.ca/bmp> the webpage takes precedence. Please visit the webpage(s) for the most up-to-date details.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must have:

1. A valid [Environmental Farm Plan](#) (EFP).
 - Applicants applying for the Extreme Weather Preparedness category and associated plans and designs are not required to have an EFP.
 - EFPs are valid if they are less than 5 years old and reflect the current farm or ranch operation.
 - Please renew your EFP if it is more than 5 years old, or if there have been changes made to the farm/ranch that could have impact on environmental risk.
2. **Farm Status.** Be a primary production agriculture business whose primary purpose is the production and sale of agricultural products and must be a BC registered business entity (including sole proprietor, partnership, corporations, cooperatives, Indigenous economic development corporations, and band-owned businesses).
3. **Premises ID**, if livestock is raised.
4. **GST and CRA business number.** Participants must be a taxable entity (e.g., individual, corporation, or trust), limited partnership, commune, cooperative with GST & business number, or First Nation Band.
5. Main farmstead **located in BC and file farm income tax** (form T2042 or T1273) under the Income Tax Act in BC.
 - Licensed Aquaculture producers, vertical farm producers, and Federally licensed Cannabis or Hemp producers are exempt from meeting farm tax income requirements, however:
 - Aquaculture operations will have to provide their valid aquaculture license number.
 - Vertical farm producers must provide documentation demonstrating their farm businesses have achieved the minimum Farm Class Status Equivalent annual gross revenues for the sale of 'agricultural products' in the year prior to their application.
 - Cannabis or Hemp producers must provide proof of either their standard-cultivators, or industrial hemp license as issued by Health Canada under the Cannabis Act or Industrial Hemp Regulations. The personal production of medicinal cannabis is not eligible for this program.
6. **Complete the prerequisite** activity(s), if required.
 - Some BMP activities require assessments, plans, or engineered designs that must be completed prior. Proof of completion must be submitted at the time of application.
 - Concurrent planning/design projects and on-farm equipment/infrastructure projects may be allowed in some cases where projects are not dependent on the final plan or design for the equipment/infrastructure activity or may be waived at the discretion of IAF on a case-by-case basis.



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Important Program Dates

Applicants to the BMP Program will apply through the [IAF Client Portal](#). Applicants are invited to start (i.e., draft, edit, and view) their applications before the submission window opens. Application submissions will open at 9:00 am and be accepted until funding is fully subscribed. Applications are reviewed and adjudicated using a first-come, first-served approach, unless otherwise outlined.

BMP CATEGORY	APPLICATIONS OPEN	SUBMISSIONS OPEN	APPLICATIONS CLOSE
Extreme Weather: Plans & Assessments	Oct 1, 2025	Open now	Ongoing until funding is fully subscribed
Biodiversity	Feb 11, 2026	Mar 4, 2026, at 9 am	
Energy & Fuel Efficiency			
Extreme Weather Preparedness			
Nutrient & Waste Management	Feb 18, 2026	Mar 11, 2026, at 9 am	
Soil Carbon	Feb 25, 2026	Mar 18, 2026, at 9 am	
Riparian & Grazing			
Water Infrastructure			
Planning, Technical Assessments, or Engineered Designs (P&D) (Basic, Complex and Biogas)			

IAF expects funding to be subscribed quickly, many of the categories within the BMP program are extremely competitive. We will share closing dates on the BMP webpage and via the BMP Newsletter. IAF will do our best to give as much notice as possible about application closures, but for some categories it could happen within days of submissions opening. We strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the applications opening early to draft and review your application so it's ready to submit as soon as possible.

Important Details

- Project activities should not commence prior to approval of the application; **retroactive costs are not eligible**.
- A **per-farm lifetime funding cap of \$100,000** has been established for the duration of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) period, which runs from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028. This cap applies across all BMP categories unless otherwise specified.
- A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for select activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.
- Applicants can only apply for each BMP activity (i.e., Practice Code) once per fiscal year. Example: Applicants may not apply to install a new irrigation system (Practice Code 1804) twice in one year.
- Stacking funds from other government programs is permitted so long as the funding received from all government sources does not exceed 100% of project costs.
- IAF has the authority to deny an application if there is evidence of misrepresentation of pertinent information.
- The program policy sets a percentage maximum amount of government funds that can be used towards the total project costs. For the Sustainable CAP, this has been set at 100% of the total eligible costs of the BMP Project.
- In-Kind costs are eligible in specific circumstances, see In Kind below (see page 21).

Questions? Reach out to IAF!

Get in contact with the IAF Team! Email bmp@iafbc.ca or call 250.940.6150 during business hours.

Need more help, or have a detailed question? Starting on the Application Open date for each category, you can book a 10-minute phone consultation with an IAF staff member to discuss your BMP application. Prior to booking an appointment, please start your draft application and provide the ID number (similar to: BMP-202425-0####). This gives you and the IAF Staff member a specific application to reference and provide support for during the 10-minute phone call. Applicants are limited to one phone call appointment. Visit the category webpage to book.

BMP FUNDING & PROJECT LENGTH

In addition to the lifetime farm cap of \$100,000 (from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028), each category (and/or activity) has a maximum funding limit and project length. For detailed information about the eligible expenses within each activity, please see the appendix for each BMP category.

Project Type Category		Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Planning, Technical Assessments, or Engineered Designs (P&D)	Basic Plans	100%	Varies by plan (see below)	90 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.
	Complex Plans	80%	Up to \$10,000	
	Complex Designs	80%	Up to \$20,000	
	Biogas Feasibility Studies	80%	Up to \$50,000	
	Extreme Weather: Plans & Assessments	80 – 100%	Varies by plan (see below)	
Environment	Biodiversity	50%	Up to \$25,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.
	Energy & Fuel Efficiency	30% (unless specified)	Up to \$50,000	
	Nutrient & Waste Management	50%	Up to \$50,000 (except 0201 outlined below)	
	Riparian & Grazing	60%	Up to \$70,000	
	Soil Carbon	50%	Up to \$35,000	
	Water Infrastructure	50%	Up to \$70,000	
Extreme Weather Preparedness (EWP)	Extreme Heat and Cold Preparedness	40%	Up to \$50,000	90 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.
	Flood Preparedness			
	Wildfire Preparedness			
	Creative Solutions			

P&D ACTIVITIES

Planning, Technical Assessments, or Engineered Designs

Category	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Basic Plans	100%	Varies by plan (see below)	90 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.
Complex Plans	80%	Up to \$10,000	
Complex Designs	80%	Up to \$20,000	
Biogas Feasibility Studies	80%	Up to \$50,000	
Extreme Weather: Plans & Assessments	80 – 100%	Varies by plan (see below)	

Categories & Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Plans, Technical Assessments, or Engineered Designs Appendix](#)

- **Basic Plans** | 100% up to funding maximum outlined below
 - Nutrient management plan (2401) | up to \$4,500
 - Integrated pest management plan (2501) | up to \$3,000
 - Grazing management (2601) | up to \$3,000
 - Biodiversity management plan (2801) | up to \$3,000
 - Irrigation system assessment or design (2901) | up to \$3,000
 - Water management plan (2902) | up to \$4,500
 - Riparian management plan (3001) | up to \$3,000
 - Vegetative buffer plan (3401) | up to \$3,000
- **Complex Plans** | 80% to max program payment \$10,000
 - Improved manure storage and handling (0106)
 - Product and waste management (0804)
 - Consultative services for on-farm energy efficiency assessment (3301)
- **Complex Designs** | 80% to a max program payment of \$20,000
 - Manure treatment (0204)
 - Farmyard runoff/storm water management (0503)
 - Relocation of livestock confinement (0603)
 - Nutrient recovery from wastewater (1702)
 - Engineering or technical design or assessment – water/riparian (1102)
 - Methane (CH₄) emission reduction (3102)
 - Engineering or technical design / feasibility study (3309)
- **Biogas Feasibility Studies** | 80% to a max program payment of \$50,000
 - Feasibility study – biogas systems installation (0205)
- **Extreme Weather: Plans and Assessments** | Funding maximums outlined below
 - FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment (3601) | 100% up to \$2,000
 - Planning & Design of Fill Pad for Farm Buildings (3704.1) | 80% up to \$15,000

ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES

Biodiversity Projects

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Biodiversity Activities	50%	Up to \$25,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Biodiversity activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.

Biodiversity Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Biodiversity Appendix](#)

- Improved on-farm pesticide storage (0801.2)
- Improved pest management equipment - alterations to sprayers & mechanical pest controls (1601.1)
- Improved pest management equipment - new chemical sprayers & mechanical pest controls (1601.2)
- Improved pest management equipment – rotary or flail mowers in row mowers and tillers (1601.3)
- Pest information collection and monitoring (1602)
- Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers (1901) 
- Habitat structures and enhancement (2204)
- Protection of wildlife – flushing bars (2206)
- Creation of pollinator habitat (2207) 
- Stackyard fencing (2209)
- Precision guidance applications – GPS pesticides/residuals (3202.2)
- Creative environmental solutions (3501.5)

Energy & Fuel Efficiency Projects

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Energy & Fuel Efficiency Activities	30% (unless specified)	Up to \$50,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Energy & Fuel Efficiency activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.

Energy & Fuel Efficiency Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Energy & Fuel Efficiency Appendix](#)

- Replacement of fossil fuel driven equipment or motors with electrical equipment or motors (3302.1) 
- Replacement or transition to fuel-efficient equipment (3302.2) 
- Power line extension for replacement of fossil-fuels driven motors with electrical motors (3302.3) 
- Replacement of fossil fuels driven motors with electric battery pack (3302.4) 
- Alternative energy technology and supplementary energy storage (3303) 
- Replacement of fossil-fuel dependent space heating with renewable heating (3304) 
- Thermal energy efficiency improvements that increase insulation and reduce cooling and heating needs (3307) 
- Lighting efficiency improvements (3308)
- Energy monitoring and controls (3310.1) 
- Grain dryer energy efficiency (3310.2) | 60% up to \$50,000 
- Creative environmental solutions (3501.2) 

Nutrient & Waste Management Projects

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Nutrients & Waste Management Activities	50%	Up to \$50,000 (except 0201 outlined below)	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Nutrient & Waste Management activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.

Nutrient & Waste Management Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Nutrient & Waste Management Appendix](#)

- Assessment and monitoring of existing manure storage infrastructure – poultry and livestock only (0105)
- Treatment systems for solid or liquid manure – poultry and livestock only (0201) | 50% up to \$100,000
- Specific equipment component for land application of agricultural by-products (0301) 
- Improved on-farm fuel storage (0801.1)
- Poultry mortality incinerators (0802.1)
- Orchard and vineyard mulching mowers (0802.2)
- Composting of agricultural waste (0803)
- Wood residue management (0805)
- Plastics compactor equipment (0806) 
- Recycling of wastewater streams (1701)
- Covered manure storage with or without methane collection and renewable energy production (3101.1) 
- Feed additives to manage enteric fermentation in ruminants (3101.3) 
- Precision guidance applications – GPS nutrients (3202.1) 
- Specific equipment components for land application of fertilizer (3203) 
- Fertigation – including perennial and annual crops (3204) 
- Low disturbance placement of seed and fertilizer (3305) 
- Creative environmental solutions (3501.3)

Riparian & Grazing Projects

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Riparian & Grazing Activities	60%	Up to \$70,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Riparian & Grazing activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.

Riparian & Grazing Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Riparian & Grazing Appendix](#)

- Storm water/runoff management around confined livestock facilities (0501)
- Relocation of livestock facilities (0601)
- Field access improvements for livestock winter feeding areas (0704)
- Alternative watering systems to manage livestock (1001)
- Riparian habitat establishment – planting and revegetation (1002) 
- Fencing to manage and improve riparian condition and function (1003)
- Rejuvenation and enhancement of sensitive areas through revegetation and restoration of disturbed areas (1004) 
- Improved grazing management of tame pasture (1005.1) 
- Improved grazing management of native pasture (1005.2)
- Improved stream crossings (1006)
- Riparian erosion control or channel restoration utilizing bioengineered solutions (1101)
- Creative environmental solutions (3501.4)

Soil Carbon Projects

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Soil Carbon Activities	50%	Up to \$35,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Soil Carbon activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.

Soil Carbon Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Soil Carbon Appendix](#)

- Preventing soil compaction (0012.0)
- Strip tillage (3306.1) 
- Creative environmental solutions (3501.1)
- Transition to conservation/no-till tillage (3306.2) 

Water Infrastructure Projects

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Water Infrastructure Activities	50%	Up to \$70,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

Water Infrastructure activities that store water (as identified below) will be prioritized for program funding.

Water Infrastructure Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Water Infrastructure Appendix](#)

Water Storage Prioritized Activities (and codes)

- Dams and reservoirs – new and existing (0903)
- Dugouts – new and existing (0904)
- Rainwater harvesting systems – new and existing (0905)

Other Water Infrastructure Activities (and codes)

- Well protection (0901)
- Improved irrigation system management and irrigation scheduling (1802)
- Irrigation systems – new and existing (1804)
- Improvement of water supply systems to farm(s) (1806)
- Water meters, backflow prevention devices, or other flow-measuring devices (1808)
- Improved drainage (3201)

Please see Review and Adjudication below for 2026/27 funding prioritization within the Water Infrastructure category.

EWP ACTIVITIES

Extreme Weather Preparedness Projects

Sub-Categories	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Extreme Heat and Cold Preparedness	40%	Up to \$50,000	90 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.
Flood Preparedness			
Wildfire Preparedness			
Creative Solutions			

Sub-Categories and Activities (and codes)

See full details in [Extreme Weather Preparedness Appendix](#)

- Wildfire Preparedness
 - FireSmart™ BC Farm Building Retrofits (3602)
 - FireSmart™ BC Critical Farm Structures (3603)
 - FireSmart™ BC Addressing Vegetation & Combustible Materials (3604)
- Flood Preparedness
 - Flood Resilient Storage for Farm Inputs (3703)
 - Fill Pad for Farm Buildings (3704.2)
 - Flood Resilient Feed Storage (3705)
 - Flood Resilient Apiary Overwintering & Equipment Storage (3706)
- Extreme Heat and Cold Preparedness
 - Improved Barn and Indoor Aquaculture Cooling Systems (3801.1)
 - Cooling Systems for Outdoor Aquaculture Operations (3801.2)
 - Extreme Heat Protection for Horticultural Crops (3802)
 - Extreme Heat Protection for Outdoor Livestock – Shade Trees (3803.1)
 - Extreme Heat Protection for Outdoor Livestock – Infrastructure (3803.2)
 - Enhanced Livestock Watering to Mitigate Heat Stress (3804)
 - Extreme Cold and unpredictable weather protection for horticultural crops (3805)
- Creative Solutions
 - Creative solutions (3501.6)



INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES & EXPENSES

Unless specified in a BMP Practice Code, the following costs are ineligible:

- GST
- Fertilizer, seed, and crop protection products
- Fees are permits, approvals, or legal activities
- Typical farm equipment and related accessories or attachments (including tractors, skid steers, and trailers)
- Costs of ongoing activities
- Maintenance or repair costs
- Financing charges, loan interest payments, bank fees
- Maintenance or extended warranties on equipment, electronics, or technology purchases
- New building construction, including sheds, barns, or storage (for products or by-products), unless specified under a BMP activity.
- Expenses incurred before approval or expenses after the project completion date, unless consent is received from the program.
- Monthly or annual subscription fees (e.g., satellite, cellular, or internet uplinks for data transmission) or monthly or annual rental fees for equipment (e.g., orchard heaters)
- Costs associated with removing and disposing of old equipment (e.g., renting a crane to remove a decommissioned wind machine)
- In-kind costs for the Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs category or the Extreme Weather Preparedness category.



HOW TO APPLY

Access the IAF Client Portal

To apply to the program, you must first create an [IAF Client Portal](#) account and register your organization by navigating to the IAF Client Portal and selecting “Create an account now.” Once you confirm you are a BC- based business/farm/individual, you will then need to Set up your Account and Register your Organization.

If you have applied to IAF-delivered program in the last few years you can skip this step!

Set up your Account

This is the information needed for your account:

- Name
- Job Title
- Phone Number
- Email

Register your Organization

This is the information needed for your organization to be validated:

- Legal Organization Name (either Federal or BC)
- Operating Name (if different from legal)
- Organization Type (select from set options)
- Organization Address, Email, Phone number, and website
- Organization Registration Date (either Federal or BC)
- Head Office Location
- BC Registration ID ([search for your BC ID](#))
- CRA Business Number
- NAICS Code 6-digit (select from set options – [click here for guide](#))
- Primary Purpose of Operation (select from set options)
- Sector Group (select from set options)
- Brief Business Profile
- Business & Signatory authentication (if applicable) - submit one of the following:
 - **Preferred:** BC Business Summary (Notice of Articles) listing you as an owner or director (e.g. Sample corporate summary)
 - Articles of Incorporation listing you as an owner or director
 - Shareholder summary listing you as an owner or director

IAF Client Portal emails are sent from do-not-reply.grants@fluxx.io, please save this as a contact in your email.

It can take up to two business days to validate your organization. If you haven't received an email in 3 – 5 business days check your spam folder, then contact IAF.

Starting Your BMP Application

You can start (i.e., draft, edit & view) your application prior to submitting (see the Application Dates above). IAF encourages applicants to include only activities they are confident will be completed on time and within budget limits.

As the Water Infrastructure category of BMP has prioritized activities for 2026/27. **If you plan to apply to more than one activity within a this category and they are not all equally prioritized, please submit two applications** (see prioritization information above). Example: Water Infrastructure Application 1 – code 0903 and 0905; Water Infrastructure Application 2 – code 1804. This two-application process is required because an application must be approved in its whole, not just a portion. If you do not complete separate applications IAF staff may need to remove the non-prioritized activities in order to proceed to approval, and you will have to reapply for other activities – losing your placement in the first-come, first-served queue.

To find the application, navigate to the 'Opportunities' tab in IAF Client Portal and select the appropriate program. A BMP application generally consists of:

Organization Information

This section is where you will provide program-relevant organization information that was not collected when you registered your organization with IAF. For BMP, this includes:

- Select the Organization Name applying for the funding (relevant if you have more than one farm)
- Primary and Secondary Contact Information
- Business Type
- Farm Status
- Premises ID (if applicable)
- Confirm the following is accurate:
 - CRA Business Number
 - Organization Type
 - Sector Group
 - Primary Purpose
 - Organization Registration Date

Demographic Information

As this program is funded under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, you are required to provide additional demographic information. The demographic information is collected by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and must be done before submitting your application. To provide your demographic information:

- Start drafting your application in the IAF Client Portal.
- Copy your application ID (it will be provided to you at the Demographic data section of the application or see the top of your application form). You will need to put this ID into the Ministry's form.

- Visit the Ministry's webpage through the link on the application and complete the form. (Note: this will open a new browser tab).
- Once the form is complete, copy the Ministry's confirmation number and enter it into the application form. It should look something like this AB 123456.

Note: Demographic information will not be used to assess eligibility for the program.

Project Overview

- Provide your EFP Workbook Number²
- Your EFP Advisor's Name
- Farm Name on the EFP Statement of Completion
 - This should be the same as your legal operation name, if not, please upload supporting documentation such as a certificate of incorporation, or a name change certificate, or [download and complete a copy of our landowner statement](#).
- Project summary:
 - Farm breakdown by hectares
 - Brief overview of the environmental issues this project will address
 - Description of your project, steps to complete your project
 - List of materials and equipment needed
 - Contractors you plan on using
 - Start & end dates of your project – this is especially important if your project is only viable between certain dates because of weather or farm operations. IAF staff are happy to accommodate start and end dates provided they fit within the program constraints.

Budget

Break down your project costs into the applicable project codes. If your application has multiple activities that would fit under two or more practice codes, please include a budget summary in your project documents that outlines what quoted costs reflect your selected project codes.

Declaration and Consent

Review and sign the terms and conditions for applying to an IAF-delivered program.

Documents

The following documents should be submitted with your application:

- Mandatory
 - Property Assessment Notice (current year)
 - Legal Lease Agreement/Proof of Ownership
 - Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Statement of Completion
 - Reminder: An EFP is not required for Extreme Weather Preparedness projects
 - Quotes for the work to be completed
- If Applicable

² An EFP is not required for Extreme Weather Preparedness category applications.

- Supporting Lease Documentation
- Proof of water license for proposed use
- Water license for the proposed storage volume
- Plan, assessment and/or technical design
- Assessment/Approval/authorization from the Dam Safety Program staff
- Change approval to make changes in and about a stream easement
- Maps/Sketch/Photos

Helpful Hints

IAF recommends clicking “Save” frequently as you work on your application in case of an unexpected disconnection – it doesn’t save automatically.

Once you are finished editing, click “Save and Close” to minimize the editing panel and take you back to review the application.

Submit an application: Click ‘Save and Close’ when you have finished editing your application. Then click ‘Submit’. The ‘Submit’ button will only appear from the date and time of Submission Open.



NOTIFICATIONS & OBLIGATIONS

Review and Adjudication

Upon submission, all BMP applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis (unless prioritized activities are present, see below). Applications are screened and reviewed by IAF. This review and adjudication involves:

- Ensuring application completeness.
- Organization/Applicant eligibility check.
- Project alignment and eligibility check.

IAF staff will return incomplete applications to applicants via the [IAF Client Portal](#) for resubmission with missing information/clarifications requested.

Water Infrastructure Prioritization

For 2026/27 select BMP activities are prioritized for funding within the Water Infrastructure category. On the first-come, first-served basis, IAF will review and adjudicate eligible applications for the prioritized activities prior to reviewing and adjudicating the remaining activities. Pending available funding, IAF will adjudicate the remaining activities first-come, first-served.

For a list of prioritized activities, see BMP Activities above, or the Appendix for the Water Infrastructure category.

CleanBC Funding Prioritization

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for BMP activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration (marked with a  symbol). For 2026/27 if funding is limited (i.e. only CleanBC funding remains), projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.

Funding Notifications and Contracts

IAF will contact the applicant with the details of a funding decision and any associated terms and conditions by email via the [IAF Client Portal](#).

Funding decisions for complete applications will be communicated to an applicant within 8 weeks of a complete application submission. If funding is fully committed, applications may be placed on a waitlist pending additional funding becoming available.

Funding is application and project specific. It must be used for the approved project and related expenses, and it is non-transferable

Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants must complete a project report prior to receiving funds from the program. This report must be filled out and submitted via the [IAF Client Portal](#) with all invoices to be considered for funding reimbursement. It is important the final report is submitted on time and with all required

information. Expenses will be reimbursed based on submitted receipts, the approved project budget and the corresponding cost-share ratio. All reporting will be completed via the [IAF Client Portal](#).

Reminder: Retroactive costs are not eligible with the BMP program. Receipts or invoices dated prior to project approval will be declined.

Funding Acknowledgements

This program is funded by the Governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. As such, acknowledgement of funding is required when publicly communicating about a project and/or funding. To ensure appropriate acknowledgement, all communications and marketing materials, including public announcements or social media posts, must be pre-approved by the IAF Communications Team. Materials can be submitted via the [IAF Client Portal](#).

POLICY STATEMENTS & CONDITIONS

The following BMP policies, statements, and conditions for the program are subject to revision during the life of a Sustainable CAP Agreement, which began on April 1, 2023.

Application Requirements

Additional requirements for applications include:

- Cost estimates or quotes
- A current BC property assessment notice
- A valid EFP statement of completion is required for all categories, excluding the Extreme Weather Preparedness category
- Management plans or designs as required
- Legible sketches or drawings with labels indicating the layout and details of projects are required for all projects related to planting of vegetation, fence or livestock watering installations, irrigation system installation, and any construction projects (e.g., buildings or other structures).

Area-Based Projects

Where neighbouring producers in an area work together to resolve a defined environmental issue, participants may be eligible for an alternate funding arrangement. This excludes projects in the Planning, Technical Assessments, or Engineered Designs and Emergency Weather Preparedness categories.

Individual projects: These projects are implemented as a collaborative effort by two or more producers working together to resolve a defined environmental issue.

- If approved, projects would be funded based on Project Code criteria plus an incentive premium equivalent to a 10% lift in the individual practice code cost share up to the Practice Code Cap.
- Applications must identify the environmental issue and the neighbouring operations working to resolve it. They must be received within the same program year.

Pooled Projects: Where the project occurs at an individual location but is shared by two or more producers.

Pooled Project Guidelines:

- All applicants must have a current Statement of Completion
- Applicants or agents must consult IAF Program staff
- Applicants and Program staff must agree that a pooled project may be the most appropriate and cost-effective approach to developing the BMP.
- All applicants will obtain all necessary regulatory approvals, including any required environmental assessment, as a group.
- Applicants will apply for the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership BMP funding based on actual individual costs of the total project.
- Applications and invoices for pooled projects must clearly indicate the participants in the project and the share of the total project cost each applicant is responsible for.

Arm's Length Transactions

All businesses from which goods or services are purchased must be at Arm's Length from the applicant, meaning not related to the applicant, not affiliated with the applicant, or controlled in any way by the applicant.

Cancelled Projects

Any projects cancelled by the applicant or those that exceed the deadline are considered cancelled. Any materials or services obtained for a cancelled project are not eligible for payment if a new application is received later. A previously started but cancelled project is eligible for further consideration. However, all costs incurred for materials or services under the previous application will be ineligible for funding under the new application.

Caps and Cost Shares for BMP Categories

These are valid for the 2026/27 BMP Program Year; however, they are subject to revision.

Changes to Project

Once a project is approved, it must be completed as per the application and approval unless written communication from the Program agrees to changes to the project. Projects may be subject to cancellation if they are not completed as approved. This applies to equipment purchases and construction projects. Projects that require planting of any form of vegetation (i.e., tree or shrubs) or the management of vegetation, such as vegetative buffers, riparian plantings, pollinator habitats or grazing management practices must be based on the approved designs in required management plans and/or approved plans and description in the project application.

Engineering or Technical Design

All planning, technical assessments or engineering designs must include a quote at time of application from a qualified professional. To learn more about the requirements for professionals and/or to find a qualified professional that has previously worked on a BMP project, visit: <https://iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/>.

In addition to the qualified professionals listed in the link above, an appropriately qualified professional who meets the following criteria is eligible to complete engineering or technical designs:

- Is registered in British Columbia and in good standing with the relevant professional organization.
- Has self-declared competency in specific reserved areas of practice relevant to the work being completed.
- Adheres to the Code of Ethics of that organization.
- Is subject to the disciplinary authority of that organization.

Qualified professionals may also be required to demonstrate a working knowledge of when to engage other professionals (e.g., Registered Professional Foresters (RPF), Professional Engineers (PEng), Certified Irrigation Designers (CID) to collaboratively design and implement appropriate plans or projects.

Engineering or technical design work may be an eligible cost as a stand-alone item. Engineering or design costs should be included as part of the overall BMP project costs or as a stand-alone cost for structures that require engineering approval (e.g., structures, roofs, containment systems, etc.).

Equipment

Funding may be provided for the environmental-enhancing components (incremental costs) or new or existing equipment. This is based on project justification, cost estimates, and may be subject to a technical review by appropriate experts. Equipment (e.g., mowers, sprayers, spreaders, wood residue grinders, etc.) purchases must only be new equipment or, if used, they must be from a recognized and reputable farm equipment dealer who certifies the equipment has been reconditioned and is in good working order.

Evidence of Payment

The program requires you to provide proof of payment for all invoices, and proof of payment must be under the Legal Name on your application. Proof of payment can be a paid company invoice(s) showing the amount as fully paid with a zero-balance owing and the contact information for the company, a processed cheque with an invoice, or a credit card statement as evidence payment. Cash payments will not be eligible unless accompanied by an official company voucher and proof of payment. Financing or monthly payments to a contractor will not be eligible. Barter/exchange transactions are not eligible.

Lifetime Funding Cap Per Farm

Each farm can receive up to \$100,000 in total funding under the Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) Program during the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) period, from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2028. This limit of \$100,000 is called the lifetime funding cap.

NOTE: In 2025/26 a per-farm cap of \$200,000 for the Water Infrastructure category was in place. This is no longer in effect for 2026/27.

All BMP funding approved in the 2025/26 program year counts toward this \$100,000 cap. This includes funding approved under Extreme Weather Preparedness (EWP).

The lifetime cap applies across all BMP categories unless otherwise specified. This means:

- Funding approved in 2025/26 under the BMP: Water Infrastructure category in 2025/26 counts toward the \$100,000 lifetime cap, even though the category allowed for a higher per-project cap of up to \$200,000. Some farms that received Water Infrastructure funding in 2025/26 may have already reached the lifetime cap and may not be eligible for more BMP funding in future intakes.
- If your farm received funding under BMP: Extreme Weather Preparedness (EWP) in 2025/26, that funding counts toward the \$100,000 per-farm lifetime cap.

Applicants are encouraged to review their past BMP and EWP approvals to make sure they have not reached the lifetime and/or category-specific funding limit.

Operations that participated in the BMP program under the previous Agricultural Policy Frameworks such as, Continuity Year, Growing Forward, Growing Forward 2, and the Canadian Agricultural Partnership agreements, will have their funding caps reset, and those farms are now eligible for and can continue to access the program until such time as their farm cap has been reached.

Fencing Costs (all fences)

The maximum amount of eligible costs for materials is \$20.00 per meter at the cost-share for the applicable practice code. This is regardless of whether the fence is installed by the applicant or by a fencing contractor.

Funding

Funding is designated to change practices on existing farm or ranch operations where an undesirable environmental risk(s) has been identified in an Environmental Farm Plan. It is not designed for the development of new farm or ranch operations or to incentivize a change in enterprise type. The practice to be changed must have been in existence on the operation at the time of completion of the Environmental Farm Plan. The BMP funding is designated to make necessary changes to existing operations or practices that are impacting water quality, quantity, soil health, air quality, biodiversity, or climate change.

Funding of Partial Projects

Funding for partial projects will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and is eligible only when the partial projects, on their own, achieve significant environmental risk reduction. Requests for consideration must include justification or evidence of regulatory agency documentation that may have delayed project completion.

In-Kind

The primary purpose for allowing in-kind contributions to cover a portion of the project costs is to reduce the cash cost to the applicant.

- Eligible for in-kind:
 - Reasonable hours of labour invested by the applicant, his/her dependents, and business partner(s) may be claimed.

- Equipment costs associated with equipment owned by an applicant and considered essential to implement the approved project.
- The maximum allowable in-kind labour and the equipment rates are:

Category	Description	Rate
Labour	General labour (e.g., building, planting, etc.)	\$21.40/hour
Small Equipment & Labour	Farm Tractor and Implements – up to 80 hp (does not include hand tools or motorized tools less than 25hp)	\$64.15/hour
Medium Equipment & Labour	Farm Tractor and implements – 80 to 120 hp (e.g., tandem axle dump truck)	\$96.20/hour
Large Equipment & Labour	Farm Tractor and Implements – greater than 120 hp (e.g., excavator, loader backhoe or land scraper)	\$150/hour

- If approved, actual labour equipment hours must be tracked and submitted.
- Not eligible for in-kind funding:
 - Materials or supplies in a farm's inventory (on-hand), or products produced on the farm and contributed to the project by the applicant.
 - Applicant costs associated with education, project planning, supervision, or administration.
 - Projects in the Planning, Technical Assessments, or Engineered Designs and Extreme Weather Preparedness categories.
- For all eligible Categories, the total estimated in-kind contributions are limited to 25% of the total eligible project costs.
- For in-kind related to fencing, in-kind labour and equipment for producer-installed fencing will be reviewed for applicant-installed fences. In-kind costs can equal the receipted value of purchased fence materials. If approved, actual labour and equipment hours must be tracked and submitted.
- For in-kind related to shelterbelts, hedgerows, and vegetative buffers planting – [see Tree and Shrub Planting](#)

If a farm business plans to claim in-kind contributions, accurate estimates must be reflected in the total project cost submitted with the project application. All proposed uses of in-kind labour and equipment must be identified on the initial BMP project application. Refer to the BMP Application Form for more details. IAF will make a final determination on the number of hours and a reasonable rate for the hours claimed based on the BMP being implemented and the nature of the work performed.

Legislation

All projects must abide by all applicable federal, provincial, and local government laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Federal and Provincial environmental assessment and protection acts,

trade agreements, and zoning bylaws. **It is the responsibility of the applicant, not the Program, to ensure compliance.**

Livestock Premises ID

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food is responsible for providing a livestock and poultry premises identification system for the BC livestock sector. A premises is any parcel of land where animals are kept, assembled, raised, or disposed of. A premises ID is an important part of a full traceability system that also includes animal identification and animal movement. In the event of an animal health or disaster emergency, the faster suspect animals can be identified, the better. To be eligible for program funding under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, applicants to livestock operations are required to register with the BC Premises Identification Program must provide their 9-digit BC Premises Identification Number.

A Premises Identification Number is a unique national number assigned to a piece of land by the Government of British Columbia and is a critical component of the National Livestock Traceability System. If you have livestock or poultry on your property, you are required to provide your 9-digit BC Premises Identification Number (e.g., BC33A13P4 or BC44TR55E) to be eligible for this cost-shared funding. If you have not previously registered your premises with the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, please visit the BC Premises ID Program website at www.gov.bc.ca/premisesidprogram or email BCPID@gov.bc.ca or call (Toll-Free) 1-899-221-7141 or 604-556-3001 to register your premises.

Multi-Year Projects

Funding for projects that are expected to take longer than the set deadline for the project category (for example, for Riparian and Grazing Projects, there is a set deadline of 140 days from the Project Approval/Start Date and/or projects that are expected to span more than one fiscal year (April – March) will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Applications that intend to span more than one fiscal year must indicate the work that will occur in each project year, and the budget associated with that work. It should be noted that projects that span more than one fiscal year will still only be entitled to the same Maximum Total Funding Amount for the one Fiscal Year (for example, for Riparian and Grazing Projects, the maximum total funding amount would remain \$70,000). Requests for consideration must include justification for extending the project.

Number of Project Applications

Eligible farm or ranch operations are not limited to the number of projects or equipment-related BMP applications per year per eligible farm enterprise.

Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) (Practice Code 2401)

Farm or ranch operations that have completed an NMP between April 1, 2016, and February 28th, 2019, are only eligible for funding under this practice codes if their NMP no longer meets the “in-force” Sections of The Code of Practice for Agricultural Environmental Management (BC Reg 8/2019). Operations that have not previously completed an NMP are eligible to access this practice codes if all other BMP Program eligibility requirements are met.

Planning or Technical Assessments or Engineered Design BMP Applications and Reports

All planning, technical assessments or engineering designs must include a quote at time of application from a qualified professional. The quote(s) must clearly indicate issue(s) requiring action and the recommended actions or equipment required to achieve the desired agri-environmental outcomes (e.g., type of equipment currently in place and recommended new equipment).

A 'paid' invoice is required from the eligible qualified professional who completed the work at the time of project reporting.

Both quote and invoice should include itemized charges for consulting services and costs (i.e., hours, testing, and travel).

To learn more about the requirements for professionals and/or to find a qualified professional, visit <http://www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/>.

Project Completion

All projects must be completed by the deadline outlined in their funding approval letter. Work, invoices, and project summary reports must be completed and dated on or before the deadline date outlined in the approval letter. Projects will be considered cancelled if the paperwork is not received by the deadline date; the funding will then be reallocated to other projects.

If a project extension is required, the applicant may request written approval from program administration to extend their project work beyond the deadline date. A project extension will only be considered in extenuating circumstances (i.e., delays because of regulatory approval or significant environmental conditions such as forest fires or flooding).

Project Initiation

Projects will be considered ineligible for funding if any portion of the project has been initiated prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1, 2026) or as outlined in the project approval letter.

Projects per Application

Each eligible project constitutes a single application, but some projects may include more than one practice code. Category caps and farm caps still apply.

Stacking

Program policy sets a percentage maximum amount of government funds that can be used towards the total project costs. For Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership environmental and climate programming, this has been set at 100% of the total eligible costs of the BMP Project.

Subscription and Rental Fees

Monthly or annual subscription fees (e.g., satellite, cellular, or internet uplinks for data transmission) or monthly or annual rental fees for equipment (e.g., weather stations) are not eligible for reimbursement. The exception to this would be the one-time rental of equipment or tools required to construct a project (e.g., excavators).

Tree and Shrub Planting Costs

The maximum amount of eligible cost for any tree or shrub planting materials is \$85 per tree/shrub, exclusive of establishment costs. This applies to contractor or applicant planting.

- Where a contractor supplies and installs plants, there is no in-kind eligibility.
- Where an applicant completes the planting, the in-kind labour and equipment categories above will be used.

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Beneficial Management Practices Program 2026/27

Appendix: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

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Planning, Technical Assessments, and Engineered Designs Activities: Practice Code Details

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 program guide outlines the activities for the Planning, Technical Assessments, and Engineered Designs portion of the program.

For all planning, technical assessments or engineering designs a quote is required from the plan/design writer. IAF has assembled a list of qualified professionals who have written plans/assessments/designs in the past. In addition to this list, other qualified professionals may also complete plans/assessments/designs provided they hold appropriate professional designations and reserved areas of practice. To learn more about the requirements for professionals and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.



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Basic Plans

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
2401	Nutrient Management Planning (NMP)	Consultative services to develop nutrient management plans, planning, and decision support tools designated for Nutrient Management Planning (as per The Code of Practice for Agricultural Environmental Management) Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$4,500 per plan Plan must include • Required elements according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food's checklist that best match the farm or industry type Eligible costs: • Laboratory analyses (e.g., manure, soil, leaf tissue, or compost) • NMPs should include required elements (appropriate record keeping and reporting standards) • Estimated actual costs associated with the development of the plan must be submitted for review and approval Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional on the verified contractors list or by a Qualified Professional who is a BCIA Professional Agrologist in good standing, has the appropriate reserved practice areas, and has completed the Ministry-approved Nutrient Management Plan training course. Note: Raw laboratory nutrient data analysis– free of farm identification – will need to be saved for environmental health indicators reporting purposes.
2501	Integrated Pest Management Planning (IPM)	Consultative services to develop integrated pest management plans, planning, and decision support tools. Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$3,000 per plan Eligible costs: • IPM consultant must be approved by IAF to be eligible for reimbursement • IPM plans must contain the required elements of a plan as designated by the Government of British Columbia • Actual costs associated with the development of the plan must be submitted for review and approval Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional on the verified contractors list OR by a BCIA registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in the relevant reserved practice areas (e.g. Invasive Species and Pest Management, Crop Development, Production, and Management). Note: Limit of one plan per eligible farm operation.

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
2601	Grazing Management Planning	Consultative services to develop range and grazing management plans, planning and decision support tools. Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$3,000 per plan Eligible costs: • Grazing management consultant must be approved by IAF to be eligible for reimbursement • Grazing management plans must contain the required elements of a plan • Actual costs associated with the development of the plan must be submitted for review and approval Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional on the verified contractors list OR by a BCIA registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in the relevant reserved practice areas (e.g. Rangeland and Grazing Management; Crop Development, Production, and Management; Livestock Development, Production, and Management; Agroforestry). Note: Limit of two plans per eligible farm operation. Connected to: • Riparian & Grazing project code 1005.1 – Improved grazing management of tame pasture • Riparian & Grazing project code 1005.2 – Improved grazing management of native pasture Reference Guide: Grazing management guide – Province of BC
2801	Biodiversity Management Planning	Professional consultant services to create a biodiversity management plan. Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$3,000 per plan Plan must include: • An opportunities assessment, an action plan, identification of potential activities to be implemented, and a monitoring plan • A comprehensive list of species present and known occurrences for species at risk (or anecdotal reports from landowners and neighbours if no occurrence data is present) • Any planning and decision support tools used (e.g., computer software and aerial photos) • Maps and land resource information costs • Consultant's report • A document covering what was discussed during the producer and consultant's final plan review Guidance for this plan is derived from the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food's "Planning for Biodiversity: A Guide for BC Farmers and Ranchers."

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional on the verified contractors list, by a BCIA registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in the relevant reserved practice areas. (e.g. Rangeland and Grazing Management; Agroforestry; Land Evaluation, Classification, Mapping, Conservation and Management; Invasive Species and Pest Management; Land Restoration, Reclamation and Remediation), OR a College of Applied Biologist (CAB) registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in relevant reserved areas of practice (e.g. Environment Management; Habitat or Ecosystem Restoration and Enhancement, Invasive Species Management; Wildlife management). Connected to: • Biodiversity Project Code 2207 – Creating Pollinator Habitat Reference Guide: Biodiversity guide – Province of BC
2901	Irrigation System Assessment or Design	Professional consultant services by a Certified Irrigation Designer (CID) registered in good standing with the Irrigation Industry Association of BC (IIABC) to assess existing irrigation systems and provide a recommendation on how to increase water use efficiency and irrigation system performance, and/or to complete an irrigation system design for new system installation and replacing/upgrading existing systems. Note: The BMP program does not recognize certified irrigation designers from other provinces or countries (e.g., CIDs from the Irrigation Association in the United States). Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$3,000 per combination of Irrigation System Assessment (existing systems only) and/or Irrigation System Design (new and existing systems) • An Irrigation System Assessment and an Irrigation System Design are required for producers who wish to replace or upgrade their existing irrigation systems. • Irrigation System Design only is required for producers who wish to install a new irrigation system for a crop that has not been irrigated previously but is intended to be. Irrigation system assessment is not required in this case. For existing irrigation systems, an Irrigation System Assessment must evaluate system performance to ensure that: • The system is operated to match the crop, soil and weather conditions • The system is operated within the terms and conditions of current water licences • The design aligns with industry standards established by the IIABC The Irrigation System Assessment must include recommendations on how system performance (including water use efficiency) can be improved by a minimum of 15% and if additional water licences/amendments are required to meet crop needs.

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		For new system installation or replacing/upgrading existing irrigation systems, an Irrigation System Design requires selecting equipment with performance (including best water use efficiency) that matches the crop, soil and weather conditions and the terms and conditions of current water licences. The design also includes recommendations on system operations, management, and maintenance, and if additional water supply or licences/amendments are required to meet crop needs. Assessments and/or Designs must include: • Notes from the CID's initial site investigation prior to action plan and quote preparation • Identification of areas where maintenance is required • CID's signature and seal • A certified design layout, material list, and operation and maintenance requirements • CID's invoice to the producer outlining the services before payment for the plan can be made • For existing irrigation systems: ○ Pre-project (baseline) and post-project energy source ○ Pre-project (baseline) and post-project annual energy consumption (in kWh) ○ Estimated annual reduction of fossil fuel consumption (in kWh, if applicable) ○ Assessment to determine whether the design aligns with industry standards and whether the water supply and water licences are adequate to meet crop needs ○ Details on how the system can be improved to increase water use efficiency and performance for all components of irrigation systems, including water delivery and application • Any applicable worksheets from the BC Government's Irrigation System Assessment Guide or the farm's current Environmental Farm Plan • Details of the current water licence(s) for the farm property, as they appear on the water licence(s), including but not limited to 1. Maximum irrigated area 2. Maximum quantity of water (annual water use) 3. Maximum withdrawal rate (peak flow rate) permitted, if specified A copy of the water licence(s) must be provided by the funding applicant or retrieved through the Water Licence Search website. If the proposed project requires an additional water licence or amendment to an existing water licence, provide details on additional irrigated area, additional quantity of water, point(s) of diversion, purpose use, and other related information, as applicable, for the applicant to apply for a new water licence or water licence amendment (as part of the action plan).

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		Connected to: Water Infrastructure project code 1804 – Irrigation systems – new or existing
2902	Water Management Plan	Professional consultant services' plan for water management planning to deal with issues arising from excess water (stormwater and drainage), shortage of water supply, and other water-related issues resulting from climate change must be developed, signed and sealed by a Qualified Professional. Note: Certified Irrigation Designers (CID) must be registered in good standing with the Irrigation Industry Association of BC (IIABC). The BMP program does not recognize CIDs from other provinces or countries (e.g., CIDs from the Irrigation Association in the United States). Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$4,500 per plan A Water Management Plan evaluates farm water supply and demand. It provides recommendations for efficient and sustainable use of water. It includes a review of water licensing requirements to ensure adequate authorizations are in place for both current and projected future uses identified in the plan. Plan must include: - Assessment of water supply to the farm (i.e., how the water is being managed on the farm for irrigation, livestock watering, and other farm water uses), as well as drainage and stormwater management. This includes assessment of existing water storage facilities for all farm water uses (e.g., dugouts), water supply sources, drainage channels/structures, and management of runoff/stormwater - Recommendations for water management improvements on the farm and specify whether additional water supply, water storage, drainage/runoff control, or water licences are recommended/required - Details of the current water licence(s) for the farm property, as they appear on the water licence(s), including but not limited to - Maximum irrigated area - Maximum quantity of water (annual water use) - Maximum withdrawal rate (peak flow rate) permitted, if specified A copy of the water licence(s) must be provided by the funding applicant or retrieved through the Water Licence Search website. If the proposed project requires an additional water licence or amendment to an existing water licence, provide details on additional irrigated area, additional quantity of water, point(s) of diversion, purpose use, and other related information, as applicable, for the applicant to apply for a new water licence or water licence amendment (as part of the action plan). - Design and operation parameters should follow those identified in the BC Irrigation Management Guide, BC Agricultural Drainage Manual, and/or the EFP Drainage Management Guide A complete Water Management Plan Checklist

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		- Assessment and design of irrigation systems are funded under Irrigation System Assessment or Design (2901), while assessments of water sources are funded under Agricultural Water Supply Assessment (1102 – Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment: Water/Riparian). Both activities (2901 and 1102) may be funded in conjunction with a Water Management Plan (2902) within the Plans and Designs category Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional on the verified contractors list, a BCIA registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in relevant reserved practice areas (e.g., in Water Resource Planning and Management, a EGBC registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in relevant reserved areas of practice (e.g., Agricultural Irrigation and Drainage) OR a CID in good standing in either Agriculture Sprinkler or Agriculture Trickle. Connected to: Water Infrastructure project code 1806 – Improvement of water supply systems to farms Water Infrastructure code 3201 – Improved drainage
3001	Riparian Management Plan	Professional consultant services to develop a Riparian Management Plan (RMP) that: - Includes the completion of a new Riparian Health Assessment (RHA), or - Is based on an RHA previously completed through an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: - Up to \$2,000 for an RMP based on an existing (previously completed) RHA - Up to \$3,000 for an RMP that includes a new RHA Plan must include: - Completed Riparian Health Assessment (RHA) - Detailed farm and site description, including site maps showing riparian areas, proposed project locations, and treatment areas - Site photos showing existing conditions and proposed project areas - Any planning and decision support tools used (e.g., computer software, aerial photos) - Detailed management / restoration plan for the site including recommendations and estimated costs for: Bioengineering solutions for erosion prevention and stream channel restoration, as applicable under BMP 1101; detailed engineering or design plans must be prepared by a QP Habitat establishment and restoration projects (eligible under BMP 1002 and 1003), including: - Riparian planting plans (species selection, planting density, seeding recommendations, cost estimates) - Fencing plans (type, temporary/permanent, location, length, materials, cost estimates)

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		○ Infrastructure improvements, new installations, or maintenance (eligible under BMP 1001, 1006,1101), including: ▪ Livestock watering systems ▪ Stream crossings • Description of required authorizations (e.g., Section 11 notifications or permits under the Water Sustainability Act) • Prioritized actions and timelines • Maintenance plan Ineligible costs: • Time, effort, and travel by the producer • Professional services not directly related to riparian health assessment (RHA) and riparian management plan (RMP) • Field-specific agronomic practices (e.g. variable rate application of crop inputs) • Costs associated with developing engineer reports or designs Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional on the verified contractors list, a BCIA A registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in relevant reserved practice areas (i.e., in Rangeland and Grazing Management; Agroforestry; Land Evaluation, Classification, Mapping, Conservation and Management; Invasive Species and Pest Management; Land Restoration, Reclamation and Remediation) OR a registrant in good standing with the College of Applied Biologist (CAB registrant in good standing) with self-declared competency in relevant reserved areas of practice (i.e., Environment Management; Habitat or Ecosystem Restoration and Enhancement, Invasive Species Management; Wildlife management). Connected to: An RMP is strongly recommended when applying for the following BMP practice codes: • Riparian & Grazing project code 1001 – Alternative watering systems to manage livestock • Riparian & Grazing project code 1002 – Creation or widening of buffers adjacent to surface water sources • Riparian & Grazing project code 1003 – Fencing to manage and improve riparian condition and function • Riparian & Grazing project code 1006 – Improved stream crossings • Riparian & Grazing project code 1101 – Riparian erosion control and channel restoration utilizing bio-engineered solutions Reference Guides: • Riparian Management Field Workbook for Lakes, Ponds and Wetlands (lentic)

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		Riparian Management Field Workbook for Streams and Small Rivers (lotic)
3401	Vegetative Buffer Planning	Professional consultant services to produce a shelterbelt, buffer, or hedgerow vegetative buffer plan (VBP) based on a needs assessment generated during the EFP process. Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$3,000 per plan Plan must include: - Any planning and decision support tools used (e.g., computer software, aerial photos) - Maps and land resource information costs - Data collection, materials, sampling, and analysis costs by consultant or designate - Design work by the consultant for buffer layout, species selection, and establishment costs - Consultant's report - A document covering what was discussed during the producer and consultant's final plan review Ineligible costs: - Time, effort, and travel by the producer - Professional services not directly related to the VBP Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional on the verified contractors list, by a BCIA registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in the relevant reserved practice areas OR a CAB registrant in good standing with self-declared competency in relevant reserved practice areas (i.e., Ecology, Environment Management, Environment Impact Assessment, Habitat or Ecosystem Restoration and Enhancement; Invasive Species Management; Species at Risk Management). Connected to: Biodiversity project code 1901 – Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers Reference Guide: Vegetative buffer guide – Province of BC

Complex Plans & Designs

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
0106	Improved Manure Storage and Handling	Assessment of existing earthen manure or agricultural by-product storage basins (lagoons) built before February 28th, 2019, by a qualified professional utilizing the Ministry of Agriculture and Food's guidance on responsible solid or liquid manure management practices. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$10,000 per plan Eligible costs: • Site assessment by drilling • Analytical costs for soil or water • Report preparation Ineligible costs: • Permanent monitoring equipment • Leak prevention supplies
0804	Product and Waste Management	Engineering or technical design report and drawings to facilitate the construction of a composting facility, new liquid manure storage, or modification of existing liquid manure storage. Can also include compost facility operational planning and monitoring information Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$10,000 per plan Ineligible costs: • Construction materials • Monitoring equipment Connected to: • Nutrient & Waste Management project code 0803 – Composting of agricultural waste • Nutrient & Waste Management project code 0100 – Improve liquid manure storage facilities - Dairy
3301	Consultative Services for On-Farm Energy Efficiency	Professional consultant services for on-farm energy efficiency assessments, alternative energy assessments, or pre-feasibility studies. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$10,000 per plan
0204	Manure Treatment	Professional consultant services' assessment and design of agricultural by-product manure treatment, focusing on the recovery of nutrients.

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$20,000 per design
0503	Farmyard Runoff/Storm Water Management	Professional consultant services' assessment and design of farmyard run of control and/or management of stormwater to prevent clean water from being contaminated or prevent the release of contaminated water using the design and operation parameters identified in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food's BC Agricultural Drainage Management Guide . Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$20,000 per design Connected to: Riparian & Grazing project code 0501 – Stormwater/runoff management around confined livestock facilities
0603	Relocation of Livestock Confinement	Professional consultant services' assessment and design of outdoor livestock confinement areas while addressing protection of riparian areas and/or critical habitats. Engineering or technical design work should focus on the design of the new site as well as the decommissioning of the original site. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$20,000 per design
1702	Nutrient Recovery from Wastewater	Professional consultant services' assessment and design of agricultural by-product wastewater treatment, focusing on recovery of nutrients. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$20,000 per design
1102	Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment – Water/Riparian	Professional consultant services (by an accredited engineering consultant or a qualified professional in accordance with federal, provincial, and local government regulations and specifications) to complete the assessment and design of: - Bioengineering projects to control erosion or restore stream channel function in riparian areas (e.g., earthworks, rip rap, erosion control dams, root wads, revetments, etc.) - Permanent stream crossing infrastructure (e.g., culverts, bridges) or permanent offsite livestock watering infrastructure (e.g., footings, piping, pumps) - Water storage structures (e.g., dugouts, dams, reservoirs) for agricultural water use purposes. - Dugout technical design plans Note: In cases where a QP is optional¹ (i.e., the water storage infrastructure is not regulated under the Dam Safety Regulation), Applicants have the option to either complete and submit the Dugout Planning Checklist

¹ While a technical design completed by a Qualified Professional is not a requirement for BMP funding under 0904, this may still be required by Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) to support a water licence application for dugout water storage purposes. The [Dugout Planning Checklist](#) does not replace

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		to fulfill the prerequisite for BMP 0904 (in which case, BMP 1102 funding is not applicable) OR apply for BMP 1102 to hire a QP to complete the dugout technical design. For further information, please refer to: ▪ Dugout Planning Checklist ▪ Dugout Calculator ▪ BC Agriculture Water Calculator ▪ Guidance on Farm Water Storage ▪ British Columbia Farm Water Dugouts ▪ Authorization Requirement for Storage and Use of Water in Dugouts • Dam engineering assessments, dam emergency plans, dam safety reviews, redetermination of consequence classification, or any professional consultative services as required by the B.C. Dam Safety Regulation. Please contact the Dam Safety Program staff for details • Engineering design or technical assessment required to support an application for a surface water/groundwater licence, use approval, or changes in and about a stream with an agricultural water use purpose (e.g., Environmental Flow Needs assessment, hydrogeological assessment, or other assessments) • Agricultural water supply assessment or feasibility study to determine available water supply to the farm. The components could include, but are not limited to: ○ Determination of current and future water demands ○ Assessment of currently available and viable future water supply sources and their points of diversion ○ Consideration of new or improved methodology or technology that promotes water use efficiency and is significant to provide long-term solutions to address current and/or anticipated water supply risks ○ Plan of future water infrastructure required to support those water demands that are not being met with the current water supply sources ○ Schematic/drawing that identifies the location of viable water supply options, and mechanisms and infrastructure required to deliver water from the water source(s) to support the farm water use ○ A detailed plan that includes the technical, environmental, financial, construction, and project management requirements that would be necessary to execute the construction plan Cost-share ratio: 80%

any technical designs required. A technical design must still be completed by a Qualified Professional for water storage infrastructure regulated under the Dam Safety Regulation that is funded under BMP Practice Code 0903

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		Funding amount: Up to \$20,000 per design Ineligible costs: • Construction services Connected to: • Riparian & Grazing project code 1001 – Alternative watering systems to manage livestock • Riparian & Grazing project code 1004 – Rejuvenation and enhancement of sensitive areas through revegetation and restoration of disturbed areas • Riparian & Grazing project code 1006 – Improved stream crossings • Riparian & Grazing project code 1101 – Riparian erosion control and channel restoration utilizing bio-engineered solutions • Water Infrastructure project code 0903 – Dams and reservoirs – new and existing • Water Infrastructure project code 0904 – Dugouts – new and existing
3102	Methane (CH ₄) Emission Reduction	Professional consultant services' feasibility studies are required prior to the start of a project for practice code 3101.1. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$20,000 per design Note: This practice code would only stand alone if the project does not proceed due to economic, technical, or environmental reasons. Connected to: • Nutrient & Waste Management project code 3101.1 – Covered manure storage with or without methane collection and renewable energy production from collected methane
3309	Engineering or Technical Design Work / Feasibility Studies	Professional consultant services' feasibility studies, engineering, or technical design are required prior to the start of a project for codes 3303 or 3304. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$20,000 per design Note: This practice code would only stand alone if the project does not proceed due to economic, technical, or environmental reasons. Connected to: • Energy & Fuel Efficiency project code 3303 – Alternative energy technology and supplementary energy storage • Energy & Fuel Efficiency project code 3304 – Replacement of fossil-fuel dependent space heating with renewable heating

Biogas Feasibility Studies

Practice Code	Name	Description and details
0205	Feasibility Studies – Biogas Systems Installation	Consultative services to develop pre-feasibility, technical feasibility, or engineering design work for on-farm biogas systems. Projects must either reduce agricultural carbon dioxide emissions or reduce the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$50,000 Eligible costs: - Assessments through feasibility studies and design of biogas systems to be integrated into on-farm waste management systems - Engineering or technical design report and drawings to facilitate the construction of biogas systems - Focus should be on biogas systems and the associated required infrastructure - Recovery of nutrients may be included if it is required to meet a regulated nutrient management plan (NMP) - Estimated costs associated with the development of studies or designs must be submitted for review and approval Ineligible costs: - Costs and infrastructure for standalone manure storage systems

Extreme Weather: Plans & Assessments

Practice Code	Name	Description and details
3601	FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment	FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment completed by an approved Local FireSmart™ BC Representative (LFR) or Wildfire Mitigation Specialist (WMS) with FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Training. Cost-share ratio: 100% Funding amount: Up to \$2,000 Completed by: All qualified professionals must have completed the FireSmart BC Farm & Ranch Training Course (developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food) and hold a valid certificate of completion. They must also be included on the 2026 List of Verified/Approved EWP Farm & Ranch FireSmart Assessors prior to conducting any assessments. Connected to:

		• Extreme Weather Preparedness project code 3602 – FireSmart™ BC Farm Building Retrofits • Extreme Weather Preparedness project code 3603 – FireSmart™ BC Critical Farm Structures • Extreme Weather Preparedness project code 3604 – FireSmart™ BC Addressing Vegetation & Combustible Materials Additional Resources: • To learn more and to find a qualified individual to complete the assessment: Farm and Ranch Wildfire Preparedness
3704.1	Planning & Design of Fill Pad for Farm Buildings	Consultative services for planning, design, and authorizations of a fill pad to raise existing farm structures (livestock barns, indoor aquaculture facilities, equipment storage, feed and crop storage, greenhouses) above the 200-year flood level. Cost-share ratio: 80% Funding amount: Up to \$15,000 Plan must include: • Declaration of pre-existing farm structure • Stamped fill design plans • Approval from ALC or confirmation that the project fits the criteria outlined in ALC Information Bulletin 07 Ineligible costs: • Any costs or works related to the acquisition or placement of fill • Any permit or application fees Note: New residences in a floodplain (if allowed) are often required by local government building bylaws to be placed on a fill pad. Your local government staff will be able to tell you if they have such requirements in your area, if any permitting is involved, and what qualifications are needed to design/implement fill pads in your area (they may also have a list of contractors that meet those qualifications). Placing fill in the ALR will require either a 'Notification' if it meets specified criteria, or an 'Application' if it does not meet those criteria (both require extra time to allow the process to be completed). Depending on the location and size of your proposed fill pad, it may also affect the interests/mandates of other government agencies. For these reasons, it is a requirement that any fill projects be planned and designed by a Qualified Person before applying for funding for the on-farm work. Completed by: The plan can be completed by a qualified professional in good standing with self-declared competency in the relevant reserved practice areas. Connected to: • Extreme Weather Preparedness project code 3704.2 – Fill Pad for Farm Buildings Additional Resources: • ALC Information Bulletin 07 Soil and Fill Uses in the ALR

Beneficial Management Practices Program 2026/27

Appendix: Biodiversity

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 Program Guide outlines the activities for the Biodiversity category of the program.

Activity Type	Cost-Shared Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Biodiversity Activities	50%	Up to \$25,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Biodiversity activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.



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Biodiversity Activities: Practice Code Details

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
0801.2	Improved on-farm pesticide storage	Improving pesticide storage structures. Eligible costs: • Construction of new pesticide storage structure • Adding concrete, non-permeable floor, sill, or curb to contain spills • Adding solid metal shelves to restrict the absorption of spilled pesticides • Improving lighting Ineligible costs: • Locks, vents, and signage (legally required)
2204	Habitat structures and enhancement	Supporting the purchase, construction and installation of species-specific habitat structures and enhancements to natural habitat for wildlife and species at risk. These include, but are not limited to: • Bat houses and/or bat roosts • Specialized nest boxes for birds (e.g. barn owl, barn swallow, prothonotary warbler) • Winter bird roosts • Turtle sunning platforms • Snake hibernacula (overwintering sites) • Turtle nesting sites • Protective structures (i.e. cattle guards) to prevent nest relocation
2206	Protection of wildlife – flushing bars	Eligible costs: • Flushing bars on haying/silage-cutting equipment to reduce wildlife mortality Ineligible costs: • Equipment or components directly related to cutting or harvesting of forage
2207 	Creating pollinator habitat	Eligible costs: • Pollinator strips or other perennial cover for pollinator habitat

		• Pollinator nesting sites to support pollinators and plant species at risk • Pollinator habitat for other biodiversity purposes in fields • Field margins of existing cropland (area planted with high value plants that pollinators like) Required documents: • Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 2801) Ineligible costs: • On-going maintenance • Costs associated with acquiring/planting invasive plant species • Payments associated with opportunity costs for land taken out of production • Landscape quality or landscaping-type plantings • Commercial fruit trees, Christmas trees, ornamentals, afforestation, woodlot establishment and reforestation.
2209	Stackyard fencing	Project must follow the BC Agricultural Fencing Handbook regulations for project design and implementation. Eligible costs: • Stackyard fencing to protect harvested feeds, forage and silage stored by farmers and ranchers from wildlife • Permanent fencing inclusive of all costs, including in-kind labour • Portable electric fencing, set-ups, including solar battery chargers, battery and initial line and post purchases • Monitoring and management equipment Ineligible costs: • Perimeter fencing • Pasture seeding and establishment costs • Pasture renovation • Repair and maintenance of existing riparian erosion control or riparian pasture management systems and equipment (e.g., can't be used to repair existing fence)
1601.1	Improved pest management equipment - alterations to sprayers & mechanical pest controls	Alteration to pesticide application equipment, including alteration of closed transfer systems for pesticides. Application must describe how the altered equipment provides an improved or incremental benefit. Eligible costs: • Alterations to sprayers • Alterations to non-sprayer type pest management equipment such as a flamer and mechanical weed controls • Alteration of closed transfer systems for pesticides Ineligible costs: • Projects meant to control non-wildlife pest species that are commonly found on farms and ranches in BC
1601.2	Improved pest management equipment - new	Purchase of new pesticide application equipment, including installation of closed transfer systems for pesticides. Application must describe how the new equipment provides an improved or incremental benefit. Eligible costs:

	chemical sprayers & mechanical pest controls	• New sprayers • Purchase of alternative, non-sprayer type pest management equipment such as flammers and mechanical weed controls • Installation of closed transfer systems for pesticides Ineligible costs: • Projects meant to control non-wildlife pest species that are commonly found on farms and ranches in BC
1601.3	Improved pest management equipment - rotary or flail mowers	Purchase of mowing equipment to reduce pesticide use. Application must describe how the new equipment provides an improved or incremental benefit. Eligible costs: • Rotary or flail mowers, in row mowers and tillers that have side discharge or swinging arms that are designed to reduce pesticide use and target grass clipping management Ineligible costs: • Projects meant to control non-wildlife pest species that are commonly found on farms and ranches in BC
1602	Pest information collection and monitoring	Eligible costs: • Equipment and materials such as prediction, trapping devices, sampling equipment (i.e. pheromone traps and digital tools) and remote sensors (i.e. multispectral cameras and chlorophyll meters specific to pest monitoring) Ineligible costs: • Contractor services for pest information collection and monitoring, and standard pest monitoring / collecting equipment common and well understood to the industry (i.e. sweep nets and magnifiers) • Equipment to mount remote sensors, such as unmanned aircraft systems (i.e. drones)
1901 	Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers	The desired outcome of the shelterbelt or buffer establishment must be identified in the plan and reflected in the proposed design and species mix. Eligible costs: • Tree materials only for planting around fields and buildings • Staking to support young trees from winter damage • Buffers can be single or multi-row • Maintenance for the year after the planting year can be included as part of the project proposal but is subject to the availability of funding in the following program year • Renovations or supplemental plantings Ineligible costs: • Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit within 15 years, such as fruit orchards, Christmas trees, ornamental nursery stock • Block or plantation-style plantings

		• Buffer and shelterbelt renovation costs incurred after the establishment or the purchase and relocation of established trees • Landscape quality or landscaping-type plantings • Breaking and reseeded of existing native forages • Costs for planting cover or companion crops • Seed containing noxious or prohibited weeds as listed in The Weed Control Act Required documents: • Vegetative Buffer Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 3401) ◦ Only needed if located in Vancouver Island, the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, Thompson- Nicola, Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver areas
3202.2	Precision guidance applications – GPS pesticides/residuals	Eligible costs: • Precision farming applications that reduce the application and overlap of pesticides and/or improve the rate and placement of application (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.) • GPS guidance systems and installation • Online field mapping equipment • Online input application control systems guided by high-resolution electronic field maps and GPS Ineligible items: • Any precision farming applications in areas where field size and distribution, ditch layout and/or lay of land prevent significant utility from the use of GPS-guided equipment • Annual subscription fees • Pesticide inputs
3501.5	Creative environmental solutions	This category is open to applications that address projects or situations identified in an Environmental Farm Plan but not represented by any other Biodiversity Projects. Applications will be accepted on a proposal driven basis and will be reviewed by a technical expert and/or staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Required documents: • Applicable planning, engineering or technical design must accompany application

Beneficial Management Practices Program 2026/27

Appendix: Energy and Fuel

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 program guide outlines the activities for the Energy and Fuel category of the program.

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Energy and Fuel Efficiency Activities	30% (unless specified)	Up to \$50,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Energy and Fuel activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.



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Energy & Fuel Activities: Practice Code Details

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Practice Code	Name	Description and details
3302.1 	Replacement of fossil fuel driven equipment or motors with electrical equipment or motors	Eligible costs: - High-efficiency electrical motors - Motors must be rated as energy efficient, see Canada's Energy Efficiency Regulations for Electric Motors - Electrical motors to drive existing PTO equipment and/or any other farm machinery - Starters, switch gear and equipment required for connection to electrical grid - Wind turbines – electric conversion Note: For irrigation motor projects, additional items are covered: - High efficiency pumping systems Required documents: - Certified Irrigation Designer sign off on pump efficiency - Certified Irrigation Plan showing the pump matching to irrigation system specifications Ineligible costs: - Replacement or upgrading of already existing electrical motors - Motors not rated as energy efficient following Canada's Energy Efficiency Regulations for Electric Motors - Motor supports and shed - Labour for pumps and motor installation - Pump house construction
3302.2 	Replacement or transition to fuel-efficient equipment	Eligible costs: - Equipment to improve on-farm operations that reduce fuel consumption - Equipment that contributes a minimum energy consumption reduction of 20% Required documents: - Current fuel consumption of equipment and predicted fuel consumption with new equipment Ineligible costs:

		Equipment purchases that do not improve fuel consumption Note: Applications will be reviewed case-by-case to confirm there are no unintended environmental consequences.
3302.3 	Power line extension for replacement of fossil-fuel driven motors with electrical motors	Funding of power line is only eligible as part of costs to convert to electric from a fossil fuel motor. Required documents: - Link to eligible project under Energy & Fuel Efficiency Project Code 3302.1 - Replacement of fossil fuel driven equipment or motors with electrical equipment or motors Eligible costs: - On farm power line extension to supply highly efficient electric motors
3302.4 	Replacement of fossil fuel driven engines with electric battery pack	Replacement of fossil fuel-driven mobile/hand pruners with pruners operating from rechargeable battery packs
3303 	Alternative energy technology and supplementary energy storage	Wind, solar, geothermal, combined heat and power, and/or on-farm hydro for powering previously fossil-fuel dependent farm energy requirements and replacing diesel generators. Required documents: Engineering or Technical Design Work / Feasibility Studies (BMP: P&D activity code 3309) Eligible costs: - Wind turbines - Photovoltaic solar panels - Geothermal systems - Combined heat and power - Rechargeable batteries - Energy storage - Electrical conveyance and connection infrastructure - Assessment, design and/or construction - On-farm hydro production Ineligible costs: - Projects designed to generate energy for sale
3304 	Replacement of fossil-fuel dependent space heating	Alternate space heating systems to replace fossil fuel space heaters. Required documents: Engineering or Technical Design Work / Feasibility Studies (BMP: P&D activity code 3309)

	with renewable heating	Eligible costs: • Solar thermal infrastructure • Geothermal infrastructure • Heat pumps • Biomass boilers • Heat exchangers and heat conveyance infrastructure • Heat recovery and use including waste heat • Warm water tanks • Electric boilers • Insulation for hot water tanks Ineligible costs: • Any warm water tanks, heat exchange and heat conveyance infrastructure that will not be connected to a new renewable heat source
3307 	Thermal energy efficiency improvements that increase insulation and/or reduce cooling and heating needs	Eligible costs: • Thermal curtains and other dividers • Improved insulation • Glycol Milk Chillers • Management optimization systems • Building envelope inspection and recommendations • Improvements to building envelope Ineligible costs: • Thermal dividers and insulation for structures that are not directly related to agricultural production e.g., offices and residences
3308	Lighting efficiency improvements	Eligible costs: • Low energy lighting equipment Ineligible costs: • Low energy lighting equipment for structures that are not directly related to agricultural production (e.g., office or equipment/machinery storage)
3310.1 	Energy monitoring and controls	Eligible costs: • Electrical/fossil fuel energy metering/monitoring systems • Electronic HVAC controls • Moisture monitoring and controllers

		• Electric conversion • Heat exchangers • Thermostats or burner temperature control for energy efficiency • Adaptation of heaters to improve efficiency • Variable speed blowers • Thermostat/temperature controls on grain dryers Ineligible costs: • Installations on new farm buildings • Domestic connections/use • Costs normally associated with meeting building code specifications
3310.2 	Grain dryer energy efficiency [60% cost share]	Eligible costs: Retrofit components on old dryers or components identified on an invoice of a new dryer, such as: • Electrical/fossil fuel energy metering/monitoring systems • Electronic HVAC controls • Moisture monitoring and controllers • Electric conversion • Heat exchangers • Thermostats or burner temperature control for energy efficiency • Adaptation of heaters to improve efficiency • Variable speed blowers and thermostat/temperature controls on grain dryers • Preheating tier addition to dryer • High efficiency vaporizer Ineligible costs: • Installations on new farm buildings • Domestic connections/use • Costs normally associated with meeting building code specifications
3501.2 	Creative environmental solutions	This category is open to applications that address projects or situations identified in an Environmental Farm Plan but not represented by any other Energy and Fuel Efficiency Projects. Applications will be accepted on a proposal driven basis and will be reviewed by a technical expert and/or staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Required documents: • Applicable planning, engineering or technical design must accompany application

Beneficial Management Practices Program 2026/27

Appendix: Nutrient & Waste Management

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 program guide outlines the activities for the Nutrient and Waste Management category of the program.

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Nutrients and Waste Management Activities	50%	Up to \$50,000 (except 0201 outlined below)	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Nutrient and Waste Management activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.



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Nutrient & Waste Management Activities: Practice Code Details

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Practice code	Name	Description and details
0801.1	Improved on-farm fuel storage	Improved fuel storage by providing a roof and containment for a single-walled tank, or replacement of a single-walled tank with a double-walled tank. Eligible items: - Concrete slab and bollards for a double-walled tank - Fuel storage structures are to be designed to minimize water collection in the containment structure Ineligible items: - Roof and containment for a double-walled tank
0802.1	Poultry mortality incinerators	Improved storage or handling for livestock mortalities. Incinerator must use best available technology and meet appropriate air emission standards. Note: Application must meet conditions for the specific waste handling practices for the sector .
0802.2	Orchard and vineyard mulching mowers	Improved storage or handling for culled fruit and vegetables, crop residue and wood waste. Heavy duty mulching mowers for dealing with pruning residue. Application must describe how the new equipment provides an improved or incremental benefit. Note: Application must meet conditions for the specific waste handling practices for the sector .
0803	Composting of agricultural waste	Composting technologies that are appropriate for the composting of on-farm generated agricultural wastes including livestock mortalities, manure, fruit and vegetable culls, on-farm processing, crop residues, wood, and straw. Note: If providing additional support for post-BHT secondary composting, additional items are covered: - Construction of new, or expansion of existing composting structures - In high precipitation areas, composting structures must be covered Required documents: Product and Waste Management (BMP: P&D activity code 0804) - Unless the facility is a preassembled package operation with manufacturer design and operation specifications
0805	Wood residue management	Eligible costs: On-farm or portable chippers or forced air assistance burners

		○ Note: Burners must meet the conditions and appropriate air emission standards of the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy • Rental of one-time use of chipper or air burner if wood residue management is completed annually Ineligible items: • Contracted services for wood residue management
0806 	Plastics compactor equipment	Restricted to Peace River Regional District, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, and Fraser Valley Regional District. Eligible costs • Pre-built or manufactured plastics compactors • Materials and equipment to build compactor using pre-existing plans (see example of a compactor plan) Ineligible costs: • Equipment or materials not related to plastics compacting • Projects taking place in an unspecified region
3202.1 	Precision guidance applications – GPS nutrients	Precision farming applications that reduce input application and overlap of fertilizer, pesticides or organic residuals (manure/compost). Eligible costs: • GPS guidance systems and installation • On-line field mapping equipment • Remote sensors, such as multispectral cameras and chlorophyll meters that are specific to nutrient management or monitoring • On-line input application control systems guided by high- resolution electronic field maps and GPS Ineligible items: • Any precision farming applications in areas where field size and distribution, ditch layout and/or lay of land prevent significant utility from the use of GPS-guided equipment • Annual subscription fees • Equipment to mount remote sensors, such as unmanned aircraft systems (e.g. drones)
3305 	Low disturbance placement of seed and fertilizer	Equipment modification on seeding implements for reduced tillage seeding and post seeding implements for low disturbance placement of seed and fertilizer. Eligible costs: • Single disc openers (e.g. coulters), residue clearance devices and additional toolbars as required • Openers for fertilizer placement on specialized planters and drills • Cover crop crimper if part of a one-pass seeding operation • Liquid or dry fertilizer placement systems for high residue conditions Note: A producer may claim the value of the eligible modification component when purchasing an entire equipment unit. The cost of the eligible component must be visibly itemized and broken out on the invoice, or the eligible cost will be calculated at 50% of

		the value of the tool carrier. The application must also describe how the new equipment provides improved or incremental benefit. Ineligible costs: • Chaff collectors and chaff spreaders installed on combines • Seed or fertilizer carts or tanks
0105	Assessment and monitoring of existing manure storage infrastructure – poultry and livestock only	Purchase and installation of monitoring devices, such as piezometers or shallow observation wells to identify potential impacts of manure leaks and spills on surface or ground water. Ineligible costs: • Increased volume of storage facilities • Improved features to prevent leaks and spills
0201	Treatment systems for solid or liquid manure – poultry and livestock only 50% up to \$100,000	The maximum funding amount for 0201 – Treatment systems for soil or liquid manure is \$100,000. Required documents: • Nutrient Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 2401) Eligible costs: • Dewatering for liquid manure • Sand recovery lanes • Nutrient and/or bedding recovery systems for solid and liquid manure (ex. Bedding master, centrifuge, etc.) • Pathogen and vector attraction reduction treatment systems which would permit solids to meet protocols identified in the BC Good Agricultural Practices Guide (for food safety) • Nutrient recovery as a backend to a biogas system • Nutrient upgrading equipment that is directly associated with the nutrient recovery system • Interconnections that support nutrient recovery systems, e.g., piping, electrical, reception units Ineligible costs: • New solid or liquid manure storage facilities • Modifications to existing facilities which would increase their capacity, including new or modified reception pits • Nutrient recovery supporting infrastructure, e.g., concrete pads, roofs, buildings • Composting of manure – this is covered under Nutrient & Waste project code 0803 - Composting of agricultural waste • Non-manure wastewater treatment – this is covered under Nutrient & Waste project code 1701 – Recycling of wastewater streams

0301 	Specific equipment components for land application of agricultural by-products	Specialized modifications to equipment for improved manure application to land. Eligible costs: - For solid manure spreaders: - Cyclone spreading attachments - Other types of spreaders will be reviewed, on a case-by-case basis, to determine components that can be funded from the program - For liquid manure spreaders: - Low trajectory, sleigh foot, and band or injection spreading technology - Addition of flowmeters and controls for liquid delivery systems Note: A producer may claim the value of the eligible modification component when purchasing an entire equipment unit. The cost of the eligible component must be visibly itemized and broken out on the invoice and be directly related to improving accuracy rate and placement of agricultural by-products. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
1701	Recycling of wastewater streams	This could include wastewater streams from milk houses, fruit and vegetable washing facilities, and greenhouses to recover nutrients or reduce water use.
3203 	Specific equipment components for land application of fertilizer	Projects could include specialized modification which improve the accuracy of rate and/or placement of fertilizer. Eligible costs: - Incremental costs of attachments - Modification to existing application equipment - Portion of the components of the new application equipment Note: A producer may claim the value of the eligible modification component when purchasing an entire equipment unit. The cost of the eligible component must be visibly itemized and broken out on the invoice and be directly related to improved accuracy of rate and or placement of commercial fertilizer for the new applicator will be eligible. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
3204 	Fertigation – including perennial and annual crops	Specialized equipment or modification of existing equipment to deliver nutrients to crops as part of a liquid solution. Systems must improve the accuracy of rate and placement of fertilizer. Eligible costs: - Incremental costs of attachments - Modification to existing application equipment - A portion of the components of the new application equipment Note: A producer may claim the value of the eligible modification component when purchasing an entire equipment unit. The cost of the eligible component must be visibly itemized and broken out on the invoice and be directly related to improved accuracy of rate and or placement of commercial fertilizer for the new applicator will be eligible. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
3101.1 	Covered manure	Reducing methane emissions from agricultural operations by preventing, suppressing or utilizing methane (CH₄). Required documents:

	storage with or without methane collection and renewable energy production	• Methane (CH₄) Emission Reduction (BMP: P&D activity code 3102) Eligible costs: • Floating contact cover (whole sheet) • Floating contact cover (aggregated sections – rainwater cannot be collected) • Water collection system and pumps • Sealed cover (tent-like structure or self-inflated dome or lid) for anaerobic reactors • Floating contact cover (whole sheet) for liquid digester effluent storage • Infrastructure related to pasteurization of applicable imported non-agricultural feedstock • Methane utilization infrastructure such as biogas boilers, co- gen/micro turbine or biogas clean-up and upgrading equipment • Heat exchange system to utilize heat radiated by methane utilization equipment • Consultant work related to acquisition of discharge permit under the Environmental Management Act and BC Carbon Offset Verification and Validation • Assessment, design and construction costs Ineligible costs: • Roof structures that do not ensure a sealed headspace above the manure or direct contact between the cover and the manure • Storage structures for manure and other agricultural wastes • Rainwater collection systems or pumps or parts of a larger system that are not directly associated with the manure storage cover • Open flares • Gas collection and conveyance systems or part of a system that is not directly associated with methane collection from manure storage or anaerobic reactor tanks
3101.3 	Feed additives to manage enteric fermentation in ruminants	A single year funding can be provided to assist producers wishing to utilize feed additives to reduce enteric fermentation. Eligible costs: • Microbial and/or by-pass protein • Ionophores • Dietary fats (may impact milk quality negatively) • Rumen gut modifiers (i.e. 3-NOP) Ineligible costs: • Feed efficiency, digestibility or feed additive costs related to non-ruminant animals • Any applications for funding after initial year • Any feed additives not approved to manage enteric fermentation in ruminants by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

3501.3	Creative environmental solutions	This category is open to applications that address projects or situations identified in an Environmental Farm Plan but not represented by any other BMP Categories. Applications will be accepted on a proposal driven basis and will be reviewed by a technical expert and/or staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Required documents: • Applicable planning, engineering or technical design must accompany application
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Appendix: Riparian & Grazing

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 program guide outlines the activities for the Riparian & Grazing category of the program.

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Riparian and Grazing Activities	60%	Up to \$70,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Riparian & Grazing activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.



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Riparian & Grazing Activities: Practice Code Details

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Practice Code	Name	Description and details
1001	Alternate watering systems to manage livestock	Establishment of off-site watering systems for livestock to minimize negative impacts on habitat for wildlife and species at risk. Eligible costs: - Solar, gravity-fed, wind, grid or alternative power: - Pumps - Storage - Power setup from existing power line - Waterlines - Protective fencing or portable panels - Monitoring equipment - Construction: meaning the installation of permanent offsite watering infrastructure requiring modification of the streambank/riparian area (e.g., pumps, piping, electricity source, footings, earthworks, etc.). Refer to the B.C. Livestock Watering Handbook for more information Required documents: Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment – Water/Riparian (BMP: P&D ctivity code: 1102) - If watering system construction occurs within a riparian area (e.g., pumps, piping, electricity source, footings and (or) access points to the offsite watering system for livestock Ineligible costs: - Repair and maintenance of existing riparian pasture management systems and equipment - On-going maintenance costs of existing equipment - Opportunity costs associated with payments for land taken out of production - Installation costs of main electrical service

		Note: - All projects must be designed by an accredited engineering consultant or qualified professional and comply with all federal, provincial, and local regulations - Projects may require a Section 11 Change Approval under the Water Sustainability Act. For guidance, contact FrontCounter BC (1-877-855-3222 or FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca)
1002 	Riparian habitat establishment or restoration	Establishment/planting of adaptable, hardy, permanent native (preferred) and/or non-invasive introduced species of grasses, forbs, shrubs and trees. Eligible costs: - Consultative services for the creation of a riparian management plan (RMP) (including a riparian health assessment) or a riparian planting plan/site design - Pre-planting site preparation and plant purchase costs prior to the year of planting if needed - Establishment year site preparation including, including invasive species control or removal, irrigation (trickle or drip), or temporary fencing - Purchase/planting/establishment costs for grasses from certified seed, forbs, trees and shrubs for the year of planting - Maintenance one year after the planting year can be included as part of the project proposal but is subject to the availability of funding in following program year Required documents: - Completed Riparian Health Assessment (RHA) indicating a site designated as “unhealthy” or “healthy with problems.” - Riparian planting plan/design including: site map, suitable species, composition, density and maintenance plan OR a letter of commitment from a Qualified Professional indicating that the plan will be completed prior to starting project activities. Recommended documents: Riparian Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 3001) Ineligible costs: - On-going maintenance - Costs associated with acquiring / planting invasive plant species - Opportunity costs associated with payments for land taken out of production - Landscape quality or landscaping type plantings - Commercial fruit trees, Christmas trees, ornamentals, afforestation, woodlot establishment and reforestation. - Purchase and relocation of established trees Note: - All projects must be designed by an accredited engineering consultant or qualified professional and comply with all federal, provincial, and local regulations

		Projects may require a Section 11 Change Approval under the Water Sustainability Act. For guidance, contact FrontCounter BC (1-877-855-3222 or FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca)
1003	Fencing to manage and improve riparian condition and function	Eligible costs: - Consultative services for the creation of a riparian management plan (RMP) or a plan/site design for temporary or permanent fencing (e.g. materials, length, siting/location, maps) - Fencing parallel to water's edge to exclude livestock in order to maintain or improve riparian conditions and function. - Permanent fencing inclusive of all costs including in-kind labour - Protection of newly established or enhanced riparian buffers Required documents: - Completed Riparian Health Assessment (RHA) indicating a site designated as "unhealthy" or "healthy with problems" - Plan/site design including (but not limited to): siting/location of proposed fencing with maps, recommended fencing type, materials and design OR a letter of commitment from a qualified professional (QP) indicating that the plan will be completed prior to starting project activities Recommended documents: Riparian Management Plan (BMP P&D activity code 3001) Ineligible costs: - Repair and maintenance of existing riparian pasture management systems and equipment (e.g. can't be used to repair existing fence) - On-going maintenance costs - Opportunity costs associated with payments for land taken out of production Note: Projects may require a change approval authorization under section 11 of the Water Sustainability Act. For more information, please contact FrontCounterBC (phone:1-877-855-3222 or email: FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca)
1004 	Rejuvenation and enhancement of sensitive areas through revegetation and restoration of disturbed areas	Eligible costs: - Seeding and planting of native plant material (grasses, legumes, forbs, shrubs, and trees) and on-going maintenance of an established or restored site - Seeding and planting of native plants to establish native perennial forage cover to provide wildlife habitat Required documents: Grazing Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 2601), if grazing management is applicable Ineligible costs: - Tame or agronomic pasture seeding and establishment or renovation costs - Pasture renovation - Altering native species plant balance

		• Routine forage management practices • Costs associated with acquiring / planting invasive plant species • Opportunity costs associated with payments for land taken out of production • Establishing forages as part of the operation's normal crop rotation Notes: • Native vegetation refers to plant species indigenous to the area • Restoration refers to improving the ecological integrity of disturbed or degraded sites • Establishment refers to an area under different land use and the native species must be planted
1005.1 	Improved grazing management of tame pasture	Eligible costs: • Cross fencing to implement rotational, seasonal, rest, swath, and extended grazing systems • Permanent fencing inclusive of all costs including in-kind labour • Portable electric fencing, set-ups, including solar battery chargers, battery and initial line and post purchases • Cross fencing • Virtual collars are eligible as an alternative to structural fencing where physical fencing is impractical, as a replacement for fencing supporting under code 2601 (referenced below) • Monitoring and management equipment Required documents: • Grazing Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 2601) ◦ If doing cross-fencing – this plan must identify importance and value of cross fencing in dealing with identified environmental risks and achieving environmental benefits Ineligible costs: • Perimeter fencing • Pasture seeding and establishment costs • Pasture renovation • Repair and maintenance of existing riparian erosion control or riparian pasture management systems and equipment (e.g. can't be used to repair existing fence) • On-going maintenance costs • Opportunity costs associated with payments for land taken out of production Note: Approval of projects will be contingent upon adherence to all federal, provincial, and municipal guidelines and regulations for project design and implementation
1005.2	Improved grazing	Emphasis on the four rotational grazing principles: • Balance forage supply and livestock demand

	management of native pasture	• Distribute grazing pressure across the pasture • Provide rest for pasture plants during the growing season to help plants recover • Avoid grazing during sensitive times Eligible costs: • Cross fencing to implement rotational, seasonal, rest, swath, and extended grazing systems • Eligible permanent fencing inclusive of all costs including in-kind labour • Portable electric fencing, set-ups, including solar battery chargers, battery and initial line and post purchases • Cross fencing • Virtual collars are eligible as an alternative to structural fencing where physical fencing is impractical, as a replacement for fencing supporting under code 2601 (referenced below) • Monitoring and management equipment Required documents: • Grazing Management Plan (BMP: P&D Activity code 2601) ◦ If doing cross-fencing–this plan must identify importance and value of cross fencing in dealing with identified environmental risks and achieving environmental benefits Ineligible costs: • Perimeter fencing • Pasture seeding and establishment costs • Pasture renovation • Repair and maintenance of existing riparian erosion control or riparian pasture management systems and equipment (e.g. can't be used to repair existing fence) • On-going maintenance costs • Opportunity costs associated with payments for land taken out of production Note: Approval of projects will be contingent upon adherence to all federal, provincial, and municipal guidelines and regulations for project design and implementation
1006	Improved stream crossings	For structures that demonstrate improved riparian conditions Eligible costs: • New structures • Improvements and/or repairs to existing structures • Removal or re-location of existing structures - may include bridges or culverts • Materials, labour, and equipment rental associated with earthwork, installation of structures, and re-vegetation work in addition to the constructed works

		Required documents: • Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment – Water/Riparian (BMP P&D activity code 1102) Ineligible costs: • On-going maintenance costs • Stream crossing projects that are associated with a new or expanded agricultural activity– where no crossing has existed previously • Projects that include culverts must meet same requirements as bridges in terms of design and regulations Note: • All projects must be properly designed by an accredited engineering consultant or a qualified professional in accordance with federal, provincial and local government regulations and specifications • Projects may require a change approval authorization under section 11 of the Water Sustainability Act. For more information, please contact FrontCounterBC (phone:1-877-855-3222 or email: FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca)
1101	Riparian erosion control or channel restoration utilizing bioengineered solutions	For site assessments, materials, labour, and associated equipment rental required for bioengineering activities or constructed works. Eligible costs: • Contour Terraces (e.g., earthwork, seedbed preparation, seed) • Gully Stabilization/Grassed Waterways (e.g., earthwork, erosion control matting, silt fencing, seedbed preparation, seed, outlet structure) • Bank Stabilization (e.g., bank shaping, revetment, gabions, riprap, crib walls, re-vegetation, blanketing and combinations) • Drop Inlet Structures and In Channel Control (e.g., drop structures) • Improved Infiltration of Concentrated Water Flow (e.g., filter trenches, filter wells, diffusing wells, etc.) • Retention Ponds and Erosion Control Dams (in riparian areas) • Establishment of Beaver Dam Analogues • Wetland Restoration – earthworks, ditch plugs, equipment rentals. The wetland must be restored to as close as the original size, depth and ecological function as possible. In addition, A one-time payment for the restoration of wetlands will be issued to individuals • Surface water diversion on slopes Required documents: • Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment – Water/Riparian (BMP P&D activity code 1102) Ineligible costs: • Systematic tile and other subsurface drainage systems that are not an integral part of erosion control structure

		- Activities related to constructing or repairing drainage systems, where the purpose is to remove ponded water or draining saturated soils - Converting open channels to closed drainage systems - Construction of new drainage channels or repair of existing drainage systems (e.g. drainage ditch clean-outs) - Costs of tile and installation that exceeds 30 meters for riparian drop inlet structure projects - Installation of drop inlets for drainage of ponded surface water (e.g. not associated with an erosion control structure) - Header tile systems - Tile outlet structures associated with new tile drainage installations - Wetland restoration principally intended to be used for water sources (i.e., dams and dugouts) - Retrieving topsoil from areas of deposition and transporting it upslope to eroded hillsides - Construction and land improvement activities not associated with soil erosion control - Ongoing payments for maintenance of wetlands and/or other infrastructure associated with wetlands - Pothole/wetland consolidation or deepening existing functioning wetlands Note: - All projects must be properly designed by an accredited engineering consultant or a qualified professional in accordance with federal, provincial and local government regulations and specifications - Projects may require a change approval authorization under section 11 of the Water Sustainability Act. For more information, please contact FrontCounterBC (phone: 1-877-855-3222 or email: FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca)
0501	Storm water/runoff management around confined livestock facilities	Upstream diversion around outdoor confined livestock areas or downstream protection of stewardship areas, may include catch basins, retention ponds, in field diversion works, or constructed wetlands. Ineligible costs: - Gutters and downspouts for farm buildings Required documents: Farmyard runoff/storm water management plan/design (BMP P&D activity code: 0503)
0601	Relocation of livestock facilities	For moving operations away from sensitive surface water, riparian areas, critical wildlife habitat and areas of severe erosion potential. Existing site must be decommissioned. Eligible costs: - Relocation of corrals, paddocks and wintering sites away from riparian areas - Relocation of fences, powerlines, trails or other infrastructure having negative impacts on species at risk. - Groundwater protection - Application must provide rationale other than of proximity to sensitive groundwater

		• Construction of impermeable surfaces or roofs if they existed at the decommissioned site • New water supply infrastructure if it was part of the decommissioned site Ineligible costs: • Construction of impermeable surfaces or roofs that didn't exist at the decommissioned site • New water supply infrastructure that didn't exist as part of the decommissioned site
0704	Field access improvements for livestock winter feeding areas	For alleyway/access lane upgrades to improve distribution of feed and manure away from riparian areas or high-risk ground water areas.
3501.4	Creative environmental solutions	This category is open to applications that address projects or situations identified in an Environmental Farm Plan but not represented by any other Riparian and Grazing projects. Applications will be accepted on a proposal driven basis and will be reviewed by a technical expert and/or staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Required documents: • Applicable planning, engineering or technical design must accompany application

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Appendix: Soil Carbon

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 program guide outlines the activities for the Soil Carbon category of the program.

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Soil Carbon Activities	50%	Up to \$35,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.

A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Soil Carbon activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.



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Soil Carbon Activities: Practice Code Details

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Practice code	Name	Description and details
3306.1 	Strip tillage	Eligible costs: • Full strip till equipment or upgrades like row cleaners, coulters, packers, deep rip shanks • Guidance systems Ineligible costs: • Row tillage equipment or upgrades not associated with zone building (interrow no-tillage)
3306.2 	Transition to conservation/no-till tillage	Eligible costs: • Equipment and upgrades • Guidance system
0012.0	Preventing soil compaction	Eligible costs: • High flotation tires and/or change-on-the-go tire inflation for tractor or implements • Changes to wheelbase or specific components to accommodate controlled traffic farming • Boom extensions (ex. tillage, spray, fertilizer, seeding, combine auger extension) Ineligible costs: • Purchase of stand-alone air compressor units/equipment • Moving from single tires to duals or tracks • Moving from dual tires to tracks • Sub-soilers/deep ripping implements
3501.1	Creative environmental solutions	This category is open to applications that address projects or situations identified in an Environmental Farm Plan but not represented by any other Soil Carbon Projects. Applications will be accepted on a proposal driven basis and will be reviewed by a technical expert and/or staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Required documents: • Applicable planning, engineering or technical design must accompany application

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Appendix: Water Infrastructure

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 program guide outlines the activities for the Water Infrastructure category of the program.

Activity Type	Cost-Share Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Water Infrastructure Activities	50%	Up to \$70,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever comes first.

Water Infrastructure Prioritization & Requirements

All applications are reviewed and adjudicated on a first-come, first-served basis, within the prioritization outlined below.

Water Storage

For 2026/27 water storage activities are prioritized for funding within the Water Infrastructure category. IAF will review and adjudicate eligible applications for codes **0903, 0904, and 0905** (water storage activities) prior to reviewing and adjudicating the remaining Water Infrastructure activities. If you plan to apply to more than one Water Infrastructure activity and they are not all equally prioritized, please submit two applications. Example: Application 1 – code 0903 and 0905; Application 2 – code 1804. This two-application process is required because an application must be approved in it's whole, not just portions. If you do not complete separate applications IAF will remove the non-prioritized activities in order to proceed to approval, and you will have to reapply for other activities – losing your placement in the first-come, first-served queue.

Pending available funding, IAF will adjudicate the remaining non-water storage Water Infrastructure category activities. If funding has been fully committed, a waitlist will be established, should funding become available later in the fiscal year.



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Water Licence

For 2026/27, if an activity requires a water licence¹, **producers with approved water licences will be prioritized** ahead of those with pending licences. For activities with a water licence requirement, proof of water licence (or licence application) is required at time of application; producers that have not applied for a water licence at the time of BMP application are ineligible and will be declined.

Producers are encouraged to submit applications for Water Infrastructure activities requiring a water licence even if the appropriate water licence has not yet been issued (i.e. you have applied for a licence, but it has not yet been approved). These include licences for Existing Use Groundwater (EUGW), new groundwater and new surface water, and amendments of current water licences. Pending available funds, applications will be held for consideration until either a water licence is issued or September 1, 2026, whichever comes first.

Water Infrastructure Activities: Practice Code Details

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Practice code	Activity	Description and details
0901	Well protection	Existing wells that were deemed at risk of contamination during the farm's initial Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) assessment. Work must be completed in accordance with the <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> and Groundwater Protection Regulation. Work must be completed by appropriately qualified and registered persons (see sections 14-17 of the Groundwater Protection Regulation) Required documents: • Photo evidence of before and after conditions must be provided with application and project reporting • Proof of water licence for the proposed use (e.g., irrigation) of the water source (i.e., aquifer) must be provided • Project budget, project quotes, and map (showing well location on property) Eligible costs: • Earthwork at well-head or runoff diversion • Installation of pit-less adaptor

¹ These include licences for Existing Use Groundwater (EUGW), new groundwater and new surface water, and amendments of current water licences.

		• Upgrading or maintenance of well head or well casing, fittings, seals, waterproof caps and connections to prevent seepage • Installation of backflow prevention devices • Flow control for artesian wells and backflow prevention • Casing extensions to elevate wellhead • Raising of electrical components above 1:200-year flood levels Ineligible costs: • New well construction
0903	Dams and reservoirs – new and existing	New construction, rehabilitation or upgrade of existing agricultural (regulated and unregulated²) dams and reservoirs³ for farm water use. Requirements: • Photo evidence of before and after conditions must be provided with application and project reporting • Water/Riparian engineered or technical design/assessment meeting the standard set by Engineering or technical design or assessment – water/riparian (BMP:P&D activity code 1102) • Proof of water licence for the proposed storage and use (e.g., irrigation) of the water source (i.e., aquifer, stream) must be provided and verified by the qualified professional completing the technical design • Authorization of the proposed work from the Dam Safety Program staff • B.C. Dam Safety Regulation must be followed (may be exempt for minor/unregulated¹ dams) • If applicable, approval to make changes in and about a stream • If applicable, easement Eligible costs: • Construction, materials, machinery/equipment (gates, valves, etc.) and other costs associated with the construction • Pumping systems and watering troughs to keep livestock out of the existing reservoir are recommended and are eligible costs, provided the reservoir is deemed to provide a secure source in periods of extended drought. Fencing, if installed along with a pumping system, is recommended and an eligible cost to keep cattle out of the reservoir. These systems will protect the water quality (stream health) and livestock and sustain the supply. • Other professional services associated with the project supervision Ineligible costs:

² Dams exempt from the B.C. Dam Safety Regulation are generally defined as less than 7.5 metres high and capable of storing 10,000 cubic metres or less of water. Please refer to the [Dam Safety Technical Resources](#) or contact the [Dam Safety Program staff](#) for technical advice on dams and reservoirs.

³ Reservoirs in this category refer to those filled using a water source other than harvested rainwater (i.e., stream, groundwater, overland flow).

		• Water used for non-agricultural purposes • Used materials • Water distribution system • Assessments and technical plans (these can be funded via the Planning, Technical Assessments, and Engineered Designs category)
0904	Dugouts – new and existing	Improvement, expansion or new construction of dugouts and storage facilities for irrigation water and livestock watering, including rangeland. Requirements: • Photo evidence of before and after conditions must be provided with application and project reporting • Water Management Plan meeting the standard set by Water Management Plan (BMP:P&D activity code 2902) • Water/Riparian engineered or technical design/assessment meeting the standard set by Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment – Water/Riparian (BMP: P&D activity code 1102) OR a completed Dugout Planning Checklist ○ If the dugout is regulated under the Dam Safety Regulation you must submit an Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment – Water/Riparian (BMP: P&D activity code 1102) ○ If the dugout is not regulated under the Dam Safety Regulation you are able to choose to submit either an Engineering or Technical Design or Assessment – Water/Riparian (BMP: P&D activity code 1102) OR a completed Dugout Planning Checklist (including all required attachments identified therein) to fulfill the prerequisite ○ Note: A technical design may still be required by the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) to support a water licence application for dugout water storage purposes. The Dugout Planning Checklist does not replace any technical designs required by WLRS ○ For further information on determining which document to include please refer to: ▪ Dugout Planning Checklist ▪ Dugout Calculator ▪ BC Agriculture Water Calculator ▪ Guidance on Farm Water Storage ▪ British Columbia Farm Water Dugouts ▪ Authorization Requirement for Storage and Use of Water in Dugouts ○ Proof of water licence for the proposed storage and/or use (e.g., irrigation) of the water source (i.e., aquifer, stream) must be provided prior to construction and water use, as applicable. A record of confirmation from FCBC or WLRS that a licence is not required for the dugout must be provided, if that is the case To determine if a licence is required for a dugout, please refer to the Authorization Requirements for Storage and Use of Water in Dugouts.

		Eligible costs: • Construction, materials, liner, pump, intake, machinery/equipment (e.g., gates, valves, etc.) and associated fittings and controls • Power supply to the farm property line as required • Solar or wind power supply for remote livestock watering or irrigation systems • Planting of trees and snow fencing to facilitate snow collection and melt • Dugout aeration systems (wind or electric compressors) • Pumping systems and watering troughs to keep livestock out of the existing dugout are recommended and are eligible costs, provided the dugout is deemed to provide a secure source in periods of extended drought. Fencing if installed along with a pumping system is recommended and eligible cost to keep cattle out of the dugout. These systems will protect the water quality (stream health) and livestock and sustain the supply • Other professional services associated with the project supervision Ineligible costs: • Water used for non-agricultural purposes • Water distribution system • Used materials • Dugouts with design specifications that are legally considered as dams according to the B.C. Dam Safety Regulation (DSR) Resources: Dugout Planning Checklist, Dugout Calculator, BC Agriculture Water Calculator, Guidance on Farm Water Storage, British Columbia Farm Water Dugouts, Authorization Requirement for Storage and Use of Water In Dugouts, and Dam Safety Program Staff
0905	Rainwater harvesting systems – new and existing	Capture system for the collection of rainwater or snowmelt water for farm water use. Can fund the installation of a new system or the rehabilitation /upgrade of an existing system. Requirements: • Photo evidence of before and after conditions must be provided with application and project reporting ◦ If the system includes the use of licensable water (e.g., surface water or groundwater), proof of a water licence as approved by the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) for the proposed storage and/or use (e.g., irrigation) of the water source (i.e., aquifer, stream) ◦ A water licence is not required for storage and use of harvested water alone Eligible costs: • Machinery cost • Above-ground and below-ground storage structures (excluding dugouts, ponds, and reservoirs funded under other categories)

		- Construction materials, including foundation pad, tanks, pump, collection pipes, filters, liners, valves, and plumbing to the point of final distribution Ineligible costs: - Water used for domestic commercial or industrial use - Used equipment - Any portion of the system used to collect wastewater or reclaimed water from the water treatment system - Water distribution system
1802	Improved irrigation system management and irrigation scheduling	Can fund the installation of a new system or an improvement to an existing system. Required documents: Irrigation System Assessment or Design (BMP: P&D activity code 2901) - Except for weather stations not combined with an automation of an irrigation system Eligible costs: - Controllers, electric valves and low voltage wiring to valves when identified as part of an improved irrigation system management project - Irrigation scheduling equipment such as soil moisture sensors and moisture meters when combined with an automation of an irrigation system - Purchase costs of equipment and labour to install systems or improvement to systems - Weather station with a data transmission unit using cellular, internet or satellite. Station must be connected to a website or web network as approved by BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The stations must be located in an area of the farm that is not directly impacted by farm operations (e.g., stations cannot be located where irrigation water may interfere with the rain sensor) Ineligible costs: - Used materials or equipment - Repair and maintenance costs
1804	Irrigation systems – new or existing	Installation of new irrigation system or upgrade/replacement of an existing system with a minimum of 15% improvement in water use efficiency as recommended by an irrigation system assessment and/or design. Required documents: - Photo evidence of before and after conditions must be provided with application and project reporting Irrigation System Assessment or Design (BMP: P&D activity code 2901) - Proof of water licence for the proposed use as verified by qualified professionals completing the Irrigation System Assessments and/or Design - If applicable, change approval to make changes in and about a stream

		• Irrigation System Assessment and Irrigation System Design are required for producers who wish to replace or upgrade their existing systems ◦ Irrigation System Design is only required for producers who wish to install a new irrigation system for a crop that has not been irrigated previously but is intended to be (Irrigation System Assessment is not required in this case) ◦ Both Irrigation System Assessment and Design must be completed by a Certified Irrigation Designer (CID) through the Irrigation Industry Association of BC (IIABC). The BMP program does not recognize CIDs from other provinces or countries (e.g., CIDs from the Irrigation Association in the United States) Eligible costs for new systems: • An Irrigation System Design requires selecting equipment with performance, including best water use efficiency possible that matches the crop, soil and weather conditions and terms and conditions of current water licence (for example, wheel-line or center pivot irrigation systems for forage crops, drip for horticultural crops) • The new irrigation system must be identified in the irrigation system design and must indicate how and what level of irrigation water use efficiency will be achieved for the entire irrigation system • The Irrigation System Design must also include recommendations on system operations, management, and maintenance, and if additional water supply or licences/amendments are required to meet crop needs Eligible costs for existing systems: • An Irrigation System Assessment must evaluate system performance to ensure that the system is operated to match the crop, soil and weather conditions, the system is operated within the terms and conditions of current water licences, and the design aligns with industry standards established by the IIABC • The Irrigation System Assessment must indicate how, and to what level, the irrigation water use efficiency will be increased by the project (minimum 15% improvement) and if additional water supply or licences/amendments are required to meet crop needs. More specifically, by the time the project report is submitted, the following data is required: 1. Pre-project (baseline) and post-project energy source 2. Pre-project (baseline) and post-project annual energy consumption (in kWh) 3. Estimated annual reduction of fossil fuel consumption (in kWh, if applicable) • Eligible items for system upgrades (if identified in plan) include, but are not limited to, replacement of nozzles, gaskets, sprinklers, suction screen, intake pipes, and mainlines Ineligible costs: • Used irrigation systems • Electrical systems • Fencing • Sprinkler irrigation systems for horticultural crops
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1806	Improvement of water supply systems to farm(s)	This project code can be used for a new piped system, replacing a ditched system with a piped system, or improving an existing piped system. Required documents: • Water Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 2902) • Proof of water licence for the proposed use as verified by qualified professionals completing the Water Management Plan • If applicable, change approval to make changes in and about a stream
1808	Water meters, backflow prevention devices, or other flow-measuring devices	Purchase and installation of new or replacement meters, backflow prevention devices, or other flow measuring devices. Please refer to the BC Water and Waste Association for details on cross-connection control. Eligible costs: • Materials costs • Labour costs for installation • Valves • Piping through hookup Ineligible costs: • Used equipment
3201	Improved drainage	Projects must reduce nitrous oxide emissions from agricultural operations by prevention or suppression Required documents: • Water Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 2902) Eligible costs: • Installation of new sub-surface drainage tile systems • Additions to existing sub-surface drainage tile systems • Cleaning or repair of existing subsurface drainage systems and associated on-farm surface drainage channels

Beneficial Management Practices Program 2026/27

Appendix: Extreme Weather Preparedness

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

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Extreme Weather Preparedness: Activity & Practice Code Details

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 program guide outlines the activities for the Extreme Weather Preparedness (EWP) portion of the program and its categories.

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Wildfire Preparedness

The Wildfire Preparedness Stream is offered in partnership with BC Wildfire Service and FireSmart™ BC. Applicants who have completed a FireSmart™ BC Farm and Ranch Assessment within the last 5 years will be eligible to apply for select on-farm Projects to address recommendations from the assessment. **Approved applicants will receive 40% cost-share reimbursements for select on-farm Projects up to a maximum of \$50,000.**

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
3602	FireSmart™ BC Farm Building Retrofits	Eligible costs: • Roof material and construction: ◦ Install class A UL/ASTM fire-rated roof covering (e.g., metal, rated hot lay, clay tile, or asphalt shingles) ◦ Remove unrated roof covering (including wood shakes and wood shingle roofs) • Roof covering: ◦ Ensure there are no gaps or openings that expose combustible building components; or ensure there are no enclosed spaces where embers could accumulate, lodge, or penetrate • Gutter material: ◦ If gutters are present, install non-combustible gutters (aluminum, metal, or copper); ensure there is no exposed combustible fascia/roof covering above gutters ◦ Remove combustible (plastic, vinyl, wood) and/or exposed combustible fascia/roof covering above gutters • Cleanliness of roof and gutters: ◦ Remove built-up needles, leaves, or other combustible materials • Eaves and vents: ◦ Ensure all eaves are blocked or closed (i.e., no gaps, holes, or unprotected areas to the attic or interior of the building)

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		○ Ensure all vents are ASTM-rated ember-resistant vents OR are covered with 3 mm (1/8") non-combustible screening. If vents have louvres or flaps, ensure they are operational (self-close when not expelling air) • Exterior siding & walls: ○ Upgrade to ignition-resistant (i.e., cement fire board, log) or non-combustible (i.e., stucco, metals, concrete, brick/stone) siding material ○ Ensure there are no gaps or cracks, missing siding, or holes ○ Ensure there is no less than 15 cm of non-combustible vertical ground-to-siding surface • Fire-resistant windows or doors (including large doors/garage doors): ○ Install tempered glass in all windows (including windows in doors) ○ Remove non-tempered glass ○ Ensure there are no gaps in or around any doors • Balcony, deck, porch, other building extensions, or open foundation: ○ If present (and not open heavy timber, non-combustible or fire-rated construction), ensure the balcony, deck, porch, or other building extension/open foundation is sheathed with fire-resistant/ non-combustible materials, or non-combustible siding, with no gaps or cracks ○ If a balcony, deck, porch, or other building extension or open foundation is present, ensure there is a non-combustible surface and no combustible debris underneath • Non-combustible fencing material: ○ Replace wood fences with fire-resistant fencing within the farm home plate or pastures connecting/adjacent to commercial livestock barns Required documents: • FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment (BMP: P&D activity code 3601) Note: You are only eligible for funding for items that are recommended in your operation's FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment. Ineligible costs: • Any works that are not directly related to barns, buildings, and structures that are primarily for farm use • Residential buildings and structures (e.g., balcony, deck, porch, and other building extensions or open foundations relating to residential buildings) Additional resources: • FireSmart™ BC resource webpage

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		FireSmart™ BC Farm and Ranch Wildfire Preparedness webpage
3603	FireSmart™ BC Critical Farm Structures	Eligible costs: - Valve station/substation/fuel tanks: - Ensure a non-combustible surface is continuous under all combustible infrastructure - Utility line poles or critical components (weather stations, antenna masts, cellular towers): - Ensure poles/ support structures are constructed of non-combustible material (metal or concrete) - Ensure non-combustible or combustible poles or support structures are free of petroleum/ accelerant-based coatings, cracks, and gaps where embers may accumulate, lodge, or penetrate, and the non-combustible surface is continuous under all combustible infrastructure - Critical component: - Ensure critical components are not constructed of materials that are susceptible to damage from significant radiant or convective heat fluxes - Ensure critical components are constructed of materials that are not susceptible to damage from embers; OR if critical components are constructed of materials that are susceptible to damage from embers, ensure they are free of any gaps, holes, or areas where embers could accumulate, lodge, or penetrate Required documents: FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment (BMP: P&D activity code 3601) Note: You are only eligible for funding for items that are recommended in your operation's FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment. Ineligible costs: - Any works that are not directly related to barns, buildings, and structures that are primarily for farm use - Residential buildings and structures (e.g., balcony, deck, porch, and other building extensions or open foundations relating to residential buildings) are not eligible Additional resources: FireSmart™ BC resource webpage FireSmart™ BC Farm and Ranch Wildfire Preparedness webpage
3604	FireSmart™ BC Addressing Vegetation &	Eligible costs: - Immediate Zone (0-1.5 m from furthest extent of building or critical structure (includes overhangs or extensions)) - Ensure there is a non-combustible surface, and there are no combustible debris, materials, fences, or plants present; see FireSmart™ BC Landscaping Hub

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
	Combustible Materials	- Intermediate Zone (within 1.5-10 m of building or critical structures): - Ensure flammable substances, or other combustible materials (i.e., vehicles, flammable liquids/gases, construction materials, debris, etc.) are stored/located more than 10 m from the structure (i.e., a farm building or a critical farm structure), or are stored in approved and ember-resistant storage containers - Ensure there are either no trees present or healthy deciduous only (i.e., poplar, aspen, birch); if conifers are present, ensure they are at least 3 meters apart from crown-to-crown, and all branches within 2 metres of the ground are removed - Ensure there are no twigs, branches, logs, and accumulations of tree needles or leaves and other combustible materials; no unmaintained grass (greater than 15 cm in length); no flammable plants; no continuous plants or tall growing plants - Extended Zone (within 10-30 m of buildings or critical structures): - Ensure there are either no trees present or healthy deciduous only (i.e., poplar, aspen, birch); if conifers are present, ensure they are at least 3 meters apart from crown-to-crown, and all branches within 2 metres of the ground are removed - Ensure no surface vegetation and combustible materials Required documents: FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment (BMP: P&D activity code 3601) Note: You are only eligible for funding for items that are recommended in your operation's FireSmart™ BC Farm & Ranch Assessment. Ineligible costs: - Any works that are not directly related to barns, buildings, and structures that are primarily for farm use - Residential buildings and structures (e.g., balcony, deck, porch, and other building extensions or open foundations relating to residential buildings) are not eligible Additional resources: FireSmart™ BC resource webpage FireSmart™ BC Farm and Ranch Wildfire Preparedness webpage

Flood Preparedness

With a large portion of BC's highest-capability agricultural land located in floodplains, much of the province's most productive agricultural land is increasingly vulnerable to extreme flooding. The Flood Preparedness Stream provides cost-share payments to increase on-farm flood resiliency. **Approved applicants will receive 40% cost-share reimbursements for select on-farm projects up to a maximum of \$50,000.**

Flood-Related Project Prioritization (Sumas Prairie)

For the 2026/27 intake, applications addressing **flood-related risks within the Sumas Prairie area** may be prioritized within the EWP category, subject to available funding. This prioritization is intended to support projects that mitigate ongoing flood impacts and enhance regional resilience. All applications must continue to meet program eligibility requirements and will be assessed in accordance with the program's adjudication criteria (on a first-come, first-serve basis).

Practice Code	Name	Description and details
3703	Flood Resilient Storage for Farm Inputs	Eligible costs: - Increasing the flood resilience of on-farm storage of pesticides, non-fuel petroleum products, sanitation products for livestock and aquaculture operations, packaged fertilizer, paints, and veterinary products - Relocate/elevate existing storage rooms above flood level - Installation of solid metal shelves to restrict absorption of floodwater and spilled chemicals - Secured waterproof containers & flood bags - Racking of packaged fertilizer (including bags, pails, mini bulks, and 1000L totes) above flood level - Raising of electrical components above 1:200- year flood levels Required documents: - Declaration of pre-existing on-farm product storage Ineligible costs: - Locks, vents, and signage that are legally required and should already be installed - Storage facilities for bulk fertilizer products with storage sizes of greater than 1000 kg (granular) or greater than 1000 L (liquid) Additional Resources: Farm Flood Readiness Toolkit
3704.2	Fill Pad for Farm Buildings	Eligible costs: Acquisition and placement of fill that meets all applicable standards (i.e., must be acceptable for the specified use in the approved fill plan and free of contamination)

		- Raising of electrical components above 1:200- year flood levels Required documents: Planning & Design of Fill Pad for Farm Buildings (BMP: P&D activity code 3704.1) - Any other permits or authorizations as appropriate Ineligible costs: - Projects without design plans and necessary ALC/Local government approval - Farm building construction or renovation costs - Construction of dikes, berms, or other fill activities not associated with the raising of farm buildings Additional Resources: ALC Information Bulletin 07 Soil and Fill Uses in the ALR
3705	Flood Resilient Feed Storage	Eligible costs: - Reconfiguration of high-value feed storage for intensive confined livestock and aquaculture operations - Bin and leg replacement on existing facilities to elevate above flood levels - Flood proofing of above-ground feed or commodity storage bunkers - Raising of electrical components above 1:200- year flood levels Required documents: - Declaration of pre-existing feeding system Ineligible costs: - Replacement or retrofitting of in-ground or below-ground level silage or hay storage facilities (i.e., sheds/barns/bunkers)
3706	Flood Resilient Apiary Overwintering & Equipment Storage	Eligible costs: - Reconfiguration of beehive, overwintering & equipment storage for apiary operations to elevate above flood levels - Installation of solid metal shelves to restrict the absorption of floodwater - Secured waterproof containers & flood bags - Raising of electrical components above 1:200- year flood levels Required documents: - Declaration of pre-existing beekeeping system Ineligible costs: - Replacement or retrofitting of in-ground or below-ground level silage or hay storage facilities (i.e., sheds/barns/bunkers)

Extreme Heat and Cold Preparedness

Livestock, horticulture, and seafood farming operations are particularly vulnerable to extreme heat and cold events. The Extreme Heat and Cold Preparedness Stream targets farmers who are most at risk of extreme heat and cold events and aims to support infrastructure and equipment upgrades that will reduce on-farm vulnerabilities. **Approved applicants will receive 40% cost-share reimbursements for select on-farm projects up to a maximum of \$50,000.**

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
3801.1	Improved Barn and Indoor Aquaculture Cooling Systems	Eligible costs: Infrastructure improvements to existing intensive livestock structures to improve animal, poultry, or aquaculture cooling, including: • Heat pumps and associated ducting or other works. (Includes cooling of air for aeration of recirculating aquaculture tanks and buildings) • Input or upgrades of water chillers for aquaculture tanks • Improved ventilation, including: ○ Tunnel or cross ventilation fans ○ Baffles, vents, or other air movement controls ○ Evaporative cooling systems (mistifiers or soakers) for cooling animals or indoor air • Improved building insulation • Enhanced temperature monitoring equipment and/ or control sensors/systems are required for all improvements listed above Required documents: • Declaration of pre-existing livestock or poultry barns or shelters, or aquaculture recirculation tanks and buildings, verification form of design parameters considered by the HVAC vendor/installer • For water-related eligible costs - Declaration that there is sufficient allocation from water license(s) (surface and/or groundwater) or water purveyor (e.g., irrigation district, municipality, Province) to complete the proposed project ○ For any projects involving modifications or improvements to irrigation systems, an Irrigation System Assessment or Design (BMP: P&D activity code 2901) is required. Ineligible costs: • Any cooling systems for new barn or livestock housing construction, unless replacement is because of catastrophic loss from fire or flood Additional Resources:

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		• BC Climate Adaptation Report: Fraser Valley – State of Practices & Technologies Assessment for Managing Extreme Heat Impacts (2019) • Agricultural Building Ventilation Systems Report Template
3801.2	Cooling Systems for Outdoor Aquaculture Operations	Eligible costs: • Infrastructure improvements to existing, licensed aquaculture facilities that have a demonstrated need for supplemental cooling during heat domes, including: ○ Overhead canopy or reflective tarps used for shading of existing outdoor aquaculture tanks or pond culture systems ○ Enhanced environmental monitoring equipment and/or control sensors/systems for existing, licensed marine-based aquaculture facilities that are vulnerable to marine heat waves ○ Monitoring equipment must only be installed on pre-existing infrastructure that has been authorized in the tenure management plan ▪ Equipment may include water quality sensors such as temperature, pH, turbidity, and may include other parameters associated with marine heat wave events. This equipment is intended to inform management practices to help protect stocks from the negative impacts associated with marine heat waves Required documents: • Declaration of pre-existing aquaculture infrastructure and susceptibility to, or having experienced impacts from, extreme heat events • A valid aquaculture license • If a marine-based facility, an approved tenure management plan Ineligible costs: • Any costs that would be considered a normal, ongoing cost of production
3802	Extreme Heat Protection for Horticultural Crops	Eligible costs: • Infrastructure improvements to existing fruit, berry, vegetable, and nursery crop production systems, including: ○ Overhead canopy evaporative cooling/sprinkler systems ○ Fogging systems ○ Evaporative cooling systems, such as cooling walls/towers • Shade/heat protection for harvested fruit, berry, or vegetable crops: ○ Modifications to farm vehicles (such as flatbed trucks or trailers) to add a roof and curtain walls for shading for harvested crops

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		○ Addition of roll tarp reflective covers to farm trailers/wagons or harvest equipment to shade harvested crops ○ Reflective tarps ○ Small investments for shade/heat protection practices for unharvested crops may also be considered • Reusable reflective tarps to cover harvested crop bins, totes, or lugs ○ Must have tiedowns or be designed to wrap around bins, totes, or lugs and provide a minimum of 70% reflectivity (e.g., reflective tarps are made of laminated fabric with a woven polyester core, which is double coated with bright white on the outer surface and a silvered Mylar® or similar material on the under surface) Required documents: • Declaration of area under horticulture crop production • For water-related eligible costs - Declaration that there is sufficient allocation from water license(s) (surface and/or groundwater) or water purveyor (e.g., irrigation district, municipality, Province) to complete the proposed project ○ For any projects involving modifications or improvements to irrigation systems, an Irrigation System Assessment or Design (BMP: P&D activity code 2901) is required Additional resources: • BC Climate Adaptation Report: Fraser Valley – State of Practices & Technologies Assessment for Managing Extreme Heat Impacts (2019)
3803.1	Extreme Heat Protection for Outdoor Livestock - Shade Trees	Eligible costs: • Purchase and planting costs for new shade trees and tree protection fencing • Sturdy fencing to prevent livestock browsing or rubbing on trees ○ Irrigation systems establishment and maintenance of trees can be included if they are not within an irrigated livestock confinement area Note: Trees purchased must meet the following: • Climatically adapted deciduous species - Producers to ensure tree selection or management avoids potential toxicity issues for livestock - see additional resources below: ○ Invasive Species Council of British Columbia – Identify Species ○ BC Vegetative Buffer Guide ○ Cornell University Department of Animal Science – Plants Poisonous to Livestock ○ Cornell University Department of Animal Science – Poisonous to Livestock Plant Search • Trunk caliper not less than 1.5" (as measured at 6" above root flare)

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		○ Note: Some flexibility on this caliper requirement may be granted to operations with small livestock (i.e., free range poultry) if requested at the time of application Ineligible costs: • Trees that are less than 1.5" measured at 6" from the root flare • Coniferous or invasive species • Tree planting that does not directly benefit commercial livestock animal welfare
3803.2	Extreme Heat Protection for Outdoor Livestock - Infrastructure	Eligible costs: • Infrastructure improvements to existing outdoor confined livestock areas, including: ○ Installation of outdoor misters or soaker systems designed for livestock cooling ○ Construction or modification of loafing sheds to provide shade (must have the ability to remove walls or structures must be movable to avoid the accumulation of manure) Required documents: • Declaration of existing commercial livestock normally held outdoors in a confined area • For water-related eligible costs - Declaration that there is sufficient allocation from water license(s) (surface and/or groundwater) or water purveyor (e.g., irrigation district, municipality, Province) to complete the proposed project ○ For any projects involving modifications or improvements to irrigation systems, an Irrigation System Assessment or Design (BMP: P&D activity code 2901) is required Ineligible costs: • Shelter for non-commercial livestock
3804	Enhanced Livestock Watering to Mitigate Heat Stress	Eligible costs: • Installation of additional watering infrastructure, including: ○ Supplying cool, fresh water at more points, addressing the needs of higher water demand due to heat ○ Increased water access for young stock ○ Systems can include upgrades to supply, treatment, and distribution, as well as permanent and mobile waterers Required documents: • Declaration of existing livestock or poultry watering systems • For water-related eligible costs - Declaration that there is sufficient allocation from water license(s) (surface and/or groundwater) or water purveyor (e.g., irrigation district, municipality, Province) to complete the proposed project

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		- For any projects involving modifications or improvements to irrigation systems, an Irrigation System Assessment or Design (BMP: P&D activity code 2901) is required Ineligible costs: - New waterers where there was no pre-existing livestock or poultry drinking water supply Additional resources: BC Livestock Watering Handbook Livestock Watering Requirements - Quantity and Quality
3805	Extreme Cold and Unpredictable Weather Protection for Horticultural Crops	Eligible costs: - Protective covers and associated infrastructure - For protective covers and wind machines, it is recommended that the applicant obtain drawings and installation plans from an authorized distributor - Energy efficient heaters (e.g., propane or wood pellet) - Wind machines - Reconditioned/refurbished wind machines are eligible. The same requirements apply to reconditioned/refurbished wind machines as new machines, including a quote for purchase and proof of payment following approval - Stationary compression-ignition (SCI) engines manufactured on or after June 4, 2021, and 2015 all mobile compression-ignition engines are required to meet US EPA Tier 4 SCI emission standards in order to be admissible into Canada - It is the responsibility of the person importing the products into Canada to ensure that those products are compliant with any applicable vehicle and engine emission regulations and to demonstrate compliance - Hail netting and associated infrastructure - For hail netting, it is recommended that the applicant obtain an installation plan from an authorized dealer that includes netting specifications Information on Photoselective Anti-Hail Netting Information on the use of protective netting in Washington State apple production Ineligible costs: - Fuel tanks required for operating wind machines - Wind machines that are unable to meet the US EPA Tier 4 SCI emission standards

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
		Additional Resources: • Considerations before purchasing non-tunnel covering systems for sweet cherries • Learn how to use wind machines to protect tender tree fruits from temperatures

Creative Solutions

If your agriculture or aquaculture operation would benefit from a different preparedness activity or technology, not listed above, and can demonstrate how it addresses a need directly related to the preparation/mitigation of the impacts of extreme weather events (flood, wildfire, extreme heat, and cold). We encourage you to apply to the creative environmental solutions stream of funding. **Approved applicants may receive 40% cost-share reimbursements for select on-farm projects up to a maximum of \$50,000.**

Practice Code	Name	Description and details
3501.6	Creative solutions	This category is open to applications that address projects or situations identified under the BMP: Extreme Weather Preparedness stream but are not represented by any existing EWP practice codes. For example, if your farm or ranch would benefit from a preparedness activity or technology not listed in the current EWP practice codes—and you can demonstrate how it directly supports preparation for or mitigation of the impacts of extreme weather events (e.g., flood, wildfire, extreme heat, or extreme cold)—we encourage you to apply under the Creative Solutions stream. Applications will be accepted on a proposal-driven basis and will be reviewed by a technical expert and/or staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Required documents: • Applicable planning, engineering, or technical design must accompany the application