



# On-Farm Electrical Interruption Assistance Program Guidelines

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## CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (CAP)

The governments of Canada and Nova Scotia are committed to ensuring farmers and processors have the tools they need to innovate, grow and prosper. The *Canadian Agricultural Partnership* agreement is part of a commitment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to promote productivity and profitability for the sector. The programs are designed to help the industry position itself to respond to future opportunities and to realize its full potential as a significant contributor to the economy. Programs are also tailored with the flexibility to meet diverse regional requirements.

The partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments that aims to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector and ensure continued innovation, growth and prosperity. The partnership includes \$1 billion for federal activities and programs, and \$2 billion in cost-shared programs delivered by provinces and territories on a 60-40 basis. In Nova Scotia, \$37 million will be invested through provincially delivered programs focusing on Markets and Trade; Science, Research and Innovation; Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change; Risk Management; Value Added Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing; and Public Trust.

In addition to cost-shared strategic initiatives, the partnership includes several business risk-management programs to help farmers manage risks that threaten the viability of their farms.

## OBJECTIVES

The On-Farm Electrical Interruption Assistance Program assists farms in the purchase and installation of a backup electrical generator required during the prolonged power outage caused by Hurricane Fiona. The program helps farms overcome food safety, biosecurity, and animal welfare issues that occur during extended electrical power interruptions.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Farm:

- applicant is at least 19 years of age and actively farming in the program year;
- properly registered in the correct income category under the *Farm Registration Act*
- resides in a region impacted by Hurricane Fiona (Central region including Hants, Eastern Nova Scotia including Cape Breton)

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applicants can apply for a maximum of **100%** funding assistance on total eligible project costs. Assistance for the purchase of one (1) generator and associated electrical wiring costs will be considered per farm registrant.

**Important note: Assistance applies for generator purchase and installation between September 16, 2022 and October 21, 2022.**

Income Level	Maximum funding
Up to \$29,999	\$3,000
\$30,000-\$99,999	\$5,000
\$100,000-\$499,999	\$10,000
\$500,000-\$999,999	\$20,000
\$1,000,000 +	\$50,000

**Note 1:** Funding for the program is limited and the final decision to support will be determined by Programs.

**Note 2:** No more than 100% of non-repayable funding can be received for any eligible project cost incurred and paid for by the applicant, regardless of source.

### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Generator for on-farm use
- Contractor fees for a licensed electrician to install generator for on-farm use

### INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

These include but are not limited to:

- administrative / general overhead;
- HST;
- in-kind contributions;
- used equipment and materials.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the On-Farm Electrical Interruption Assistance program, complete and submit the Application and all required supporting documentation. Late applications will not be accepted. Eligible project expenses will be recognized within the activity period stated in the below table.

Application Intake	Activity Period (Purchases Occurred)	Claim Deadline
October 14 – November 21, 2022	September 16, 2022 – October 21, 2022	December 31, 2022

**Note:** Clients new to Programs since 2018 must complete the Program Funding Registration form. Returning clients, must update the form as needed with any changes to business information including contact information, structure, commodities, environmental farm plan and Premise ID.

### APPROVAL PROCESS

1. Applications will be reviewed by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA)
2. If approved, applicants will receive a **Letter of Agreement (LOA)** which identifies the eligible project activities, program funding and the terms and conditions under which funding is approved
3. Review, sign and return the LOA to Programs within **30 days** of the date of the letter

## CLAIMING PROCESS

1. After Programs receives your signed Letter of Agreement, a **Program Claim Form** will be sent to you
2. Complete and sign the **Program Claim Form**. Claim deadline is noted in table above (page 4)
3. Attach copies of all invoices for eligible project costs incurred and paid for by the applicant
4. Attach proof of payment for each invoice – e-transfer confirmation, debit slips, cleared cheques, or credit card/bank statements. (invoice's marked paid and signed by the supplier are not accepted)
5. Provide supporting documentation to the Programs office with your claim including disclosure of all funding sources

**Note:** No payment will be made for claims under \$20.00.

## ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTIONS

Financial assistance will only be offered on transactions (invoices) that involve a supplier/service provider with an arm's-length relationship to the applicant for approved projects. For the purposes of Programs, arm's length is defined as individuals who are NOT connected by blood relationship, marriage, common-law partnership, or adoption.

## AUTHORITY

The NSDA shall have the authority to deny an application if there is evidence of misrepresentation of pertinent information, or if the NSDA believes that an application does not conform to the spirit of the program.

## EVALUATION AND AUDIT

Review and evaluation of projects may be carried out by the NSDA, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by the NSDA for the purpose of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining assistance. This review and evaluation process may be conducted prior to project commencement, during work or upon project completion. Applicants may be asked to complete an evaluation survey statement related to their final claim.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Applicants consent to the release of their name and the amount of support received under the Program. This specific information is deemed to be public information, to be actively disseminated by NSDA. NSDA may provide any information from an applicant to another public body or a law-enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation, undertaken with a view to a law-enforcement proceeding or from which a law-enforcement proceeding is likely to result. Any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated above, will be subject to the confidentiality and disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit all documents related to the On-Farm Electrical Interruption Assistance program to Programs at the address, email or fax number below. For more information about the Program, please contact Programs.

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