

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility and Funding

Please refer to Program Guidelines for general information on scope and eligibility requirements.

Q: What is eligible as the 40% co-funding portion?

A: The project must be cost-shared at 60% grant and 40% eligible applicant as per Program Guidelines. Cost-sharing may be a combination of cash and in-kind contributions.

In-Kind Contributions are subject to the same financial review procedures as other Eligible Expenses and must be adequately documented to the satisfaction of RDAR.

Funding received through any other Sustainable CAP programs may not be used toward the cost-share requirements of the Program.

Other funding received through federal, provincial, and municipal governments may be eligible towards the 40% cost-sharing.

Q: Is there a stacking limit?

A: Funding received through federal, provincial, and municipal governments cannot exceed 100% of the Eligible Expenses claimed by the Eligible Applicant and paid under the Program. The amount of the grant shall be adjusted so that the total government funding for Eligible Expenses does not exceed 100% of these expenses.

Q: Are indirect costs (overhead) eligible?

A: A 15% overhead is allowed for post-secondary institutions.

Q: Can postdocs be lead applicants on the project?

A: Post-doctoral fellows and other trainees can contribute to the Statement of Intent and Full Proposal grant writing. A designated post-secondary institution faculty member must be the lead applicant for contracting purposes if successful.

Q: How many projects do you expect to fund and how many are invited for full proposal applications?

A: The number of projects funded will be based on the number of projects received and assessment of their ability to address the targeted outcomes.

Scope and Application Process

Q: How do we demonstrate end-user and stakeholder engagement?

A: For the Statement of Intent (SOI) portion of the application, it is not required to provide a letter of support from end users or stakeholders. However, in the SOI it will be important to articulate/describe the support from end-users. Letters of support will be recommended at the Full Proposal stage to confirm that support. Stakeholders can provide cash or in-kind contributions, and/or project endorsement.

Q: Can the team change from the statement of intent (SOI) stage to full proposal?

A: Team changes are possible, especially to add new members based on additional information. However, the full proposal should not be dramatically different from the statement of interest. Adjustments should stay within the broad ideas presented in the statement of interest.

Q: Is there a preference for large teams with large projects, or is the size of the team/project not a criterion?

A: We will welcome and encourage consortium -style collaborative projects. RDAR and Genome Alberta strategically prioritizes projects that have transdisciplinary partnerships including producer-public-private partnerships. Please contact us for a meeting if a consortium approach is being proposed.

Q: Would an economics/social science focused project be within the scope?

A: While the primary focus is on genomics and omics solutions for the agriculture industry, economic and social aspects can be included within a project to support the technical research aspects of the project. The project should not be entirely social sciences-focused but can include these elements to demonstrate the broader impact.

Q: Are there priority sectors in the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) area for this funding call?

A: The focus is on AMR related to agricultural applications under a One Health umbrella. Projects should specifically aim to benefit Alberta producers and avoid duplicating existing research conducted elsewhere.

Q: Is there room for projects benefiting Alberta's agriculture industry other than the targeted areas mentioned?

A: This targeted call is focused on the four key areas. If an emergent and urgent challenge arises where research could have a clear impact in the short term, the opportunity can be discussed prior to application. Reach out to Tian or Janelle for a conversation about your specific area and the project you have in mind.