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# ASSURANCE SYSTEMS PROGRAM

On-Farm Electrical Interruption  
Assistance Program  
Guidelines



Agriculture  
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# ON-FARM ELECTRICAL INTERRUPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Assurance Systems Program Policy:** *Supporting the Sector to coordinate and integrate prevention, preparedness and recovery activities, which will improve the anticipation, mitigation and response to risks.*

**CAP Outcome:** Improve the anticipation, mitigation and response to risks.

**CAP Priority Area:** Risk Management

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

The **On-Farm Electrical Interruption Assistance Program** is a stream under the On-Farm Assurance Sub-Program. The On-Farm Assurance Sub-Program provides assistance for various activities that lead to the on-farm implementation of recognized assurance systems. This project-driven sub-program will be primarily directed at agricultural industry groups. Industry will set their priorities and lead producer adoption of systems that benefit the sector as a whole or benefit a large portion of the sector's producers. Submissions from individuals may be considered based on merit and potential benefit to the industry.

On-Farm Assurance Sub-Program systems include, but are not limited to the following:

- On-farm food safety programs;
- Biosecurity protocols and/or standards;
- Sector traceability implementation plans;
- Development of multi-commodity premises identification system;
- Animal welfare codes of practice;
- Surveillance systems;
- Other assurance systems that support market-pull attributes; and
- Development of assurance systems that provide verifiable claims to buyers domestically and internationally.

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| <b>Eligible Applicants</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous Organizations;</li><li>• Agricultural producers;</li><li>• Agriculture industry organizations, clubs, and associations;</li><li>• Public and Private Institutions;</li><li>• Small to Medium Sized Agri-Businesses; and</li><li>• Provincial/Territorial Governments.</li></ul> |
| <b>Eligible Expenses</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New generator for on-farm use; and</li><li>• Contractor fees for a licensed electrician to install generator for on-farm use.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Ineligible Expenses</b> | These include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative/general overhead;</li><li>• HST;</li></ul>  |

- In-kind contributions; and
- Used equipment and materials.

**Funding**

Applicants can apply for a maximum of 50% funding assistance on total eligible project costs. Assistance for the purchase of one (1) new generator and associated electrical wiring costs will be considered per farm registrant.

**Important note: Assistance applies for new generator purchase and installation between September 16, 2022 and February 28, 2023.**

| Gross Income Level  | Maximum Funding |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| \$0-\$99,999        | \$7,500         |
| \$100,000-\$250,000 | \$15,000        |
| \$250,000+          | \$25,000        |

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

Note 2: No more than 50% of non-repayable funding can be received for any eligible project cost incurred and paid for by the applicant, regardless of source.

**CAP INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

- Business Risk Management-type activities (e.g. activities which are covered by AgriStability, AgriInvest, AgriInsurance, AgriRecovery and AgriRisk);
- Purchase and/or implementation of items which are considered normal or on-going farm operating expenses, except as otherwise specified;
- Purchase of common items that can be used for multiple purposes (e.g. digital cameras, GPS, smartphones, etc.), except as otherwise specified;
- Activities which do not provide a direct benefit to the sector;
- Activities related to aquaponics food production, and to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing;
- Tax credits or rebates; and
- Development and/or enforcement of regulations.

**PUBLIC TRUST**

Projects approved for funding under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership which have demonstrable links to increasing public trust may be eligible for additional project funding.

**EVALUATION AND CONTROL**

A complete evaluation of this program is planned to ensure that the objectives and results are achieved and to assess the relevance of its renewal. Program metrics are collected and reported on an on-going basis.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLE

CAP programs are available to all Canadians who are eligible to participate in those programs. Wherever possible, the needs of under-represented groups, including Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, and persons with disabilities, were considered during program development.

## 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 1 – November 30, 2022 | September 16, 2022 – February 28, 2023 | March 15, 2023 |

## HOW TO APPLY

Completed applications may be submitted to the attention of the Assurance Systems Program Officer via regular mail or email.

### E-Mail Applications:

Applications may be submitted via email at [assurance@gov.pe.ca](mailto:assurance@gov.pe.ca)  
Please include the program name in the subject line.

### Regular Mail Applications:

Applications may be submitted via regular mail at:  
PEI Department of Agriculture and Fisheries  
11 Kent Street  
PO Box 2000  
Charlottetown, PE  
C1A 7N8  
(902) 368-4880 (telephone)  
(902) 368-4857 (facsimile)