



TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER (TFW) IN AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program is designed to support the improvement of the quality of housing for temporary foreign workers (TFWs) in PEI's agriculture sector.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Eligible recipients:

- Operators in the PEI agricultural sector who have received approval from the Government of Canada to hire temporary foreign workers through the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program stream.

Eligible recipients must:

- Own the property that is used to house the TFWs; and
- Provide proof of a satisfactory housing inspection for the location by Environmental Health or a qualified third party within the last 12 months.

Eligible expenses/activities

Funding will be offered through an application program for work that will improve the quality of housing for TFWs. Eligible expenses/activities will include:

- Repairs (e.g., sewage systems, emergency repairs, other repairs);
- Maintenance (e.g., painting, upgrading floor coverings, pest control, cleaning);
- Improvements to the quality of accommodations (e.g., more cooktops/ventilation systems, more bathrooms, in-house laundry facilities, window coverings);
- Internet expansion and telephones to support workers communications with family outside PEI;
- Heat pumps;
- Quality mattresses;
- First aid kits and carbon monoxide detectors;
- More fridge space;
- Fire and building inspections;

- Personal fire safes to store passports and work permits;
- Fire blankets; and
- Fire ladders for 2nd floor locations that do not meet the 20-foot drop requirement to have one.

Ineligible expenses/activities:

- Any improvements that are not directly related to housing for TFWs in the agriculture sector;
- Any improvements for housing not owned by the operator; and
- Improvements that are done to bring the housing up to the minimum standards required for the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program stream of the Government of Canada's TFW program (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/housing-seasonal-agricultural-workers>).

Funding

- 100% of eligible expenses up to \$15,000 per project for eligible program expenses.
- The Department reserves the right to consider additional amounts for funding on a case-by-case basis

CLAIMS PROCESS

Recipients shall maintain an accurate record of expenditures incurred and shall submit, upon completion of the work, the following:

- A claim form summarizing expenditures; and
- Copies of all paid invoices with verification of payment.

Claims must be submitted by February 15, 2025.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Recipients must meet the eligibility criteria and submit a complete application to the Department of Agriculture.
- Applications will be assessed on a ***first come-first serve basis***.
- If the project is not approved, all incurred costs are the responsibility of the operator.
- Projects may be funded below the maximum contribution rate upon assessment and availability of funding.
- An audit may be performed to confirm that the improvements were made. Information on who received funding will be shared with Environmental Health in order to complete the audit.