

NOTICE – BEFORE YOU START

Please be advised of the following regarding this Application Form:

- Any capitalized terms herein will have the same meaning as set out in the [Guidelines](#).
- This Application Form **must** be filled out using Adobe Acrobat Reader. Applicants that do not use Adobe Acrobat Reader may be required to resubmit their Application Form using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

The Applicant's information **must** also be up to date with both Transfer Payment Ontario and Supply Ontario.

To register with, or update information previously submitted to, Transfer Payment Ontario, visit [Transfer Payment Ontario](#).

To register with, or update information previously submitted to, Supply Ontario, click on [Supply Ontario](#).

If you are the Applicant or are authorized to represent the Applicant, you can register and update the information referred to above.

COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION FORM

To complete this Application Form, please follow the following steps:

1. Download a free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader if you do not already have it installed on your computer. To receive a free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader, click on [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).
2. Save this Application Form to your computer **before** you begin filling it out.
 - File > Save As > [give the file a name] > Save
 - Do **not** fill out this Application Form in your internet browser window.
3. Open the file from your computer.
 - Make sure the file is opening in Adobe Acrobat Reader.
 - You can work on completing this Application Form at any time. Remember to save your file along the way.
 - Once the Application Form is complete, save the file.
4. Email the completed PDF Application Form as an attachment to SustainableCAP1@ontario.ca.
 - **Do not** send the Application Form or any supporting information using the Adobe Cloud.

I. APPLICANT'S BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

1. Business/Organization Name and Contact

Operating Name of Business/Organization (Name under which the business/organization operates)

Legal Name of Business/Organization (Name under which business/organization is registered)

Same as Operating Name or:

Business/Organization Mailing Information

Address

City/Town

Municipality

Province

Postal Code

Website Address (e.g., www.ontario.ca)

Business/Organization Primary Contact for Project

First Name

Last Name

Job Title

Business Email Address

Business Phone Number

(e.g., ###-###-####)

Signatory for the Business/Organization

Same as Business/Organization Primary Contact above or:

First Name

Last Name

Job Title

Business Email Address

Business Phone Number

2. Business Number – Canada Revenue Agency Business Number

The Business Number is a 9-digit business identifier used in Canada by which applicants can register program accounts with the [Canada Revenue Agency \(CRA\)](#). The program account number consists of three parts: The Business Number, the two letter program identifier, and the four digit reference number.

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OR

I confirm I do not have a
CRA Number

3. Ownership Type – Type of structure business/organization file to Canada Revenue Agency

Incorporated Business

Partnership

Broader Public Sector

Sole Proprietorship

Cooperative

Community or Other
Not-for-Profit

4. Business/Organization Type – Business/organization is applying as (see [Guidelines: Interpretation Of Guidelines](#) for more details):

Primary Producer

Industry Organization

Municipal Government

Retailer/Wholesaler

Processor

Research Body

Indigenous Community /
Groups/Government

Service Provider

5. Gross Business/Organization Revenue

Under \$ 10,000	\$ 10,000 - \$ 24,999	\$ 25,000 - \$ 49,999
\$ 50,000 - \$ 99,999	\$ 100,000 - \$ 249,999	\$ 250,000 - \$ 499,999
\$ 500,000 - \$ 999,999	\$ 1M - \$ 1.99M	\$ 2M - \$ 4.99M
\$ 5M - \$ 9.99M	\$ 10M - \$ 49.99M	\$ 50M - \$ 99.99M
\$ 100M - \$ 199M	\$ 200M and over	Not-for-Profit

6. a) Number of Current Full-time Employees at the Business/Organization (30 hours or more/week)
- b) Number of Current Part-time Employees at the Business/Organization (less than 30 hours/week)
- c) Number of Current Temporary/Seasonal Employees at the Business/Organization

7. North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code - Select the best NAICS code to describe the Applicant's business/organization (see [Guidelines: Appendix D](#) for more details).

8. Business/Organization Overview – Brief explanation of the Applicant's business/organization, such as how long the business/organization has been in operation and description of the products/services offered. (150 words maximum)

9. For Primary Producer Applicant Only - Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN)

Farm businesses that earn a gross farm income of \$7,000 or more (for income tax purposes) are required by law to register their farm business with Agricorp. For more information, please visit [Agricorp](#).

If you don't have an FBRN, please check one of the following and provide a copy of the respective documentation with your Application Form:

- a) an Order from the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal exempting you from having a FBRN.
- b) a letter from the Indian Agriculture Program of Ontario.
- c) an exemption from the income eligibility requirement of the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program, received from AgriCorp.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

SECTION A: PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION

10. Project Title (10 words maximum)

11. Primary Project Location

Same as Business/Organization Mailing address or:

Address

City/Town

Municipality

Province

Postal Code

12. For Primary Producer and Processor Applicants Only - Premises ID (PID) Number for the Project Location

Please provide your PID for the location of the proposed Project. To obtain a valid PID or update your PID information, please visit [Provincial Premises Registry](#) or call 1-888-247-4999.

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OR

PID Number for the Project Location
has been requested but not yet obtained

SECTION B: PROJECT DETAILS

13. Project Summary – Provide a brief one- to two-sentence summary of the proposed Project. (30 words maximum)

14. Project Description – Provide the proposed Project objective(s) (what you are doing) and why funding is required and what are the deliverables of the Project. Provide the challenges, issues and/or opportunities addressed by the proposed Project. This should align with the Eligible Project Cost in Question 22. (500 words maximum)

15a. Select the Research Focus Area of the Research Priority Area (RPA) that best aligns with the proposed Project (see [Guidelines: Appendix A](#) for more details).

RPA 1 – Food Safety
RPA 2 – Animal Health and Welfare
RPA 3 – Plant Health and Protection
RPA 4 – Competitive Production Systems
RPA 5 – Trade, Market and Targeted
Sector Growth

RPA 6 – Sustainable Production Systems
RPA 7 – Soil Health
RPA 8 – Water Quality and Quantity
RPA 9 – Productive Land Capacity
RPA 10 – Innovative Products and Product
Improvement

15b. Describe how the proposed Project aligns with the selected Research Focus Areas of the RPA. (500 words maximum)

16a. What is the current and anticipated Technology Readiness Level (TRL) as a result of this proposed Project? (See [Guidelines: Definition](#) for more details)

	TRL 4	TRL 5	TRL 6	TRL 7
Current TRL level				N/A
Anticipated after Project implementation	N/A	N/A		

TRL 4: Validation of component(s) in a laboratory environment
TRL 5: Validation of semi-integrated component(s) in a simulated environment
TRL 6: System and/or process prototype demonstrated in simulated environment
TRL 7: Prototype system ready (form, fit and function) demonstrated in an appropriate operational environment

16b. Describe the research and development activities that have taken place to date (i.e., to get to the current TRL before moving to the next TRL via the proposed Project). Indicate if you have any other pre-existing (background) Intellectual Property related to the proposed Project from any of your or partner(s)' past projects, and/or if you have on-going projects linked to the proposed Project funded by OMAFRA or other sources.
(500 words maximum)

17. Describe the personnel (including Project Lead, students and key contributors if applicable) who will be involved in the proposed Project and responsibilities of the Project team, including relevant experience and/or expertise in the respective roles.

A. Name and position of the personnel and Organization

A. Role of the personnel for the proposed Project

A. Past responsibilities and relevant experiences and/or expertise (100 words maximum)

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B. Name and position of the personnel and Organization

B. Role of the personnel for the proposed Project

B. Past responsibilities and relevant experiences and/or expertise (100 words maximum)

C. Name and position of the personnel and Organization

C. Role of the personnel for the proposed Project

C. Past responsibilities and relevant experiences and/or expertise (100 words maximum)

D. Name and position of the personnel and Organization

D. Role of the personnel for the proposed Project

D. Past responsibilities and relevant experiences and/or expertise (100 words maximum)

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E. Name and position of the personnel and Organization

E. Role of the personnel for the proposed Project

E. Past responsibilities and relevant experiences and/or expertise (100 words maximum)

F. Name and position of the personnel and Organization

F. Role of the personnel for the proposed Project

F. Past responsibilities and relevant experiences and/or expertise (100 words maximum)

G. Name and position of the personnel and Organization

G. Role of the personnel for the proposed Project

G. Past responsibilities and relevant experiences and/or expertise (100 words maximum)

SECTION C: PROJECT IMPACTS AND BENEFITS

18. Project NAICS code - Select the best-fit NAICS code which will benefit the most from the proposed Project (see [Guidelines: Appendix D](#) for more details). Note: Unlike Question 7 above, this question is specifically related to the proposed Project and not your business/organization. The response to the question will have no impact on the assessment of an Applicant's Application Form.

19. Describe the uniqueness and novelty of the proposed technology prototype/model. Explain how the proposed Project will benefit and broadly impact Ontario's agri-food and agri-products sector. (500 words maximum)

SECTION D – PROPOSED WORK PLAN AND PROJECT COSTS

20. Proposed Project Timeline (MM/DD/YYYY)

Proposed Project Start Date

Proposed Project End Date

(No later than October 15, 2027)

21. Proposed Workplan – Describe the key milestones, activities and methods required to complete the proposed Project, including data collection and analysis.

Key Milestones, Activities and Methods (50 words maximum)	Estimated Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Estimated End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
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22. Eligible Project Cost – List each Eligible Cost item (in Canadian dollars) based on estimates (quotes are encouraged to support eligible costs). Only Eligible Costs as per the Initiative Guidelines will be considered. Eligible costs must be incurred within the eligible time frame. (See [Guidelines: Eligible Costs Under The Initiative](#) for more details).

Eligible Cost Category*		Describe the Eligible Cost and how it will be applied towards the Project (20 words maximum)	Total Cost (A)	Refundable Tax** (B)	Net Cost (C=A-B)	
1						
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4						
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10						
<div>* Eligible Cost Category: Equipment, Indirect operating cost, Salaries, Supplies, Third-party services, Travel</div> <div>** The portion of tax for which the Recipient has received, will receive or is eligible to receive, a rebate, credit or refund.</div>						
			Line D: Total Eligible Costs (Sum of Net Cost from Column C above)			
			Line E: Per Cent Cost-Share (100 per cent)			%
			Line F: Calculated Cost-Share Funding (Line D x Line E) up to \$200,000			

23. Eligible Project Cost by Fiscal Year – Complete the following table indicating when eligible costs listed in Question 22 will be incurred. Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31 (e.g., Fiscal Year 2024/2025 means April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

	Row From Question 22	Net Cost (C) (From Question 22)	Net Cost* in 2024/25 (G)	Net Cost* in 2025/26 (H)	Net Cost* in 2026/27 (I)	Net Cost* in 2027/28 (J)	Warning Message
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2							
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	Total						

* Columns G, H, I and J reflect the breakdown of net costs from Column C ($G + H + I + J = C$) by fiscal year.

24. Sources of Funding – Identify eligible and ineligible contribution amounts that are necessary for the completion of the proposed Project.

Sources of Funds	Amount
OAFRI Cost-Share Funding Requested (Line F from Eligible Cost Table)	
Applicant's Contribution	
Other *	
Other*	
Other*	
Other*	
Other*	
Other*	
Total Project Value (Eligible and ineligible costs contribution)	

* Please provide details (e.g., federal/provincial program, in-kind contributions).

III. DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS (VOLUNTARY)

Providing answers to the following questions is voluntary. Applicants will still be eligible to participate in the Initiative should they decline to provide this information. The responses to the questions will have no impact on the assessment of an Applicant's Application Form. Where Applicants provide this information including of others, such as members of their Board of Directors, they are acknowledging that there is consent to share the information with Canada and use it for the purpose set out in **IV. Notice of Collection of Personal Information**.

A. Are the shares of your business/organization owned by a majority of individuals (50% or more) who identify as being one or more of the following Persons? (Select all that apply)

Indigenous People: First Nations

Indigenous People: Métis

Indigenous People: Inuit

Indigenous People: Unknown/Other

Women – refers to all people, including trans people, who identify as a woman.

Youth - 40 years old and younger

Not applicable

Decline to identify

(Go to Question C if your business/organization does not have a Board of Directors.)

B. Does the Board of Directors of your business/organization have a diverse composition with significant representation (30% or more) from one or more of the following groups? (Select all that apply).

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: First Nations

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: Métis

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: Inuit

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: Unknown/Other

Women – refers to all people, including trans people, who identify as a woman.

Youth - 40 years old and younger

Not applicable

Decline to identify

C. Select any of the following groups who will directly benefit from the Project's activities. (Select all that apply)

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: First Nations

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: Métis

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: Inuit

Individuals that identify as being an Indigenous Person: Unknown/Other

Women – refers to all people, including trans people, who identify as a woman.

Youth - 40 years old and younger

Not applicable

Decline to identify

IV. NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Where the demographic information collected by Ontario under III. Demographic Questions (Voluntary) may have the effect of identifying individuals, the information would be Personal Information. The purpose for this collection is for Canada and Ontario to improve access to the Sustainable CAP and address barriers to accessing Initiatives under the Sustainable CAP for underrepresented and marginalized groups. The authority for this collection is set out in the Minister's Order and Guidelines.

Ontario may collect the Social Insurance Number (SIN) of a Recipient that is eligible to receive an Initiative Payment where that Recipient is a sole proprietor, partner in a partnership or a member of an unincorporated entity and does not have a CRA BN. This collection is necessary for the purposes of enforcing the terms and conditions of the Initiative, including confirming the Recipient paid any applicable taxes on the Initiative Payment, conducting audits, and collecting any Overpayment or any other debt owing to Ontario or Canada arising prior to the Recipient's participation in the Initiative, as required by the Minister's Order and Guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection of this personal information, please contact: Administrative Services Representative, Rural Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, at 1 Stone Rd. W, Guelph ON N1G 4Y2, phone: 226-979-7884.

V. CERTIFICATION AND CONSENTS

I, the undersigned, attest and certify the following:

- I am:
 - The Applicant; or
 - A duly authorized agent of the Applicant with the full and unqualified legal authority to bind the Applicant.

- That:
 - All information submitted in this Application Form is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge, belief and understanding as of the date this Application Form was submitted.
 - I will update the Ministry or cause the Ministry to be updated of any changes in the information that is set out in the Application Form as soon as practicable after the change arises.
 - I have read the Guidelines and the Minister's Order and fully understand them.
 - I, as the Applicant, meet the Eligibility Requirements set out in section 4 of the Guidelines; or
 - The Applicant meets the Eligibility Requirements set out in section 4 of the Guidelines.

- I:
 - Agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Initiative, as set out in the Minister's Order and Guidelines; or
 - Bind the Applicant to the terms and conditions of the Initiative, as set out in the Minister's Order and Guidelines.

- That:
 - If I do not comply with the requirements of the Initiative set out under the Minister's Order and Guidelines that I could lose my eligibility to participate in the Initiative and that I may have to return any Initiative Payments that I may have received; or
 - If the Applicant does not comply with the requirements of the Initiative set out under the Minister's Orders and Guidelines, the Applicant could lose its eligibility to participate in the Initiative and that the Applicant may have to return any Initiative Payments the Applicant may have received.

Name of Applicant/Authorized Agent

Title

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Submit the completed Application form from the Applicant's/authorized agent's email account to SustainableCAP1@ontario.ca

- Only send files smaller than 10MB
- Only send files that do not contain live links