




Agricultural Innovation Program



The Agricultural Innovation Program (AIP) is a two year, up to \$50 million initiative ending on March 31st, 2013. AIP is designed to accelerate the pace of innovation, facilitate the commercialization and adoption of innovative products, technologies, processes and/or services enhancing the economic growth, productivity and competitiveness of the Canadian agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector, and help the sector capture opportunities in domestic and global markets.

AIP consists of two streams:

- The **Knowledge Creation and Transfer Stream** aims to accelerate the research and development, availability, application and transfer of knowledge and technologies in the sector.

Funding will be provided for the development of innovation strategies and the implementation of applied science and technology development proposals.

This stream will provide non-repayable funding and/or support of up to \$4 million per project to for profit and not-for-profit organizations involved in developing agricultural value chains, agri-practices, products and processes.

- The **Commercialization Stream** aims to support the competitiveness and sustainability of the sector by increasing commercialization or adoption of agri-based innovations in Canada.

Funding will be provided for activities such as constructing and renovating facilities, purchasing and installing equipment, and implementing marketing plans.

This stream will provide fully repayable funding of up to \$10 million, or up to 50% of eligible costs per project, to for-profit corporations, co-operatives and Aboriginal groups involved in the commercialization or adoption of innovative agricultural, agri-food or agri-based products, processes, technologies, or services.

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The maximum support under both streams to any eligible recipient will not exceed \$10 million over the life of AIP.

While applications are welcome on an ongoing basis, funded projects must be completed by **March 31, 2013**.

Organizations may submit more than one application as long as projects are independent of one another. Each application will be evaluated independently.

For more information on the Agricultural Innovation Program,

visit www.agr.gc.ca/AIP or call 1-877-246-4682