



# Clean Water Program Funding Guidelines 2009

**GRANT RATE:** up to 50% up to \$5,000 maximum

**ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**

- Eavestroughs that direct clean water away from barnyards and other sources of contaminants.
- Clean water diversion structures such as berms and ditches that direct clean water away from a barnyard or other sources of contaminants.
- Any other permanent technique to prevent rain and snow from becoming contaminated, or adding to the volume of contaminated runoff.
- All clean water diversion projects must discharge clean water away from any source of contamination, and not pose other hazards such as soil erosion.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining all necessary municipal, provincial, and other permits and approvals that may be required for the completion of their projects.
- Surfacing of barnyards for the purpose of collecting barnyard runoff and directing it to a treatment or storage system is eligible for funding.
- If surfaced barnyards are left open at one end for machinery access, landowners are required to ensure that any runoff escaping the yard from the opening is mitigated (e.g. Establishment of buffer strip or catch basin) before it reaches any watercourses or recharge areas. Mitigation measures must be properly engineered and sized to accommodate potential runoff contributions.
- Funds are eligible for retro-fits to existing structures only. New structures are not eligible.
- Berms and ditches must be properly protected from erosion.

**ELIGIBLE COSTS:**

- Contract labour
- Materials
- Equipment rental
- Professional consultation fees
- Permits

**INELIGIBLE COSTS:**

- Labor and machinery use of the applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Goods and Services Tax (GST)

**ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)/HEALTHY HOME GUIDEBOOK REQUIREMENT:**

Farm applicants are required to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition EFP to receive Program funding. Farmers must provide a copy of their Letter of Review from their Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) Program Representative, stating they have completed a peer-reviewed and approved 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition EFP. The contents of the EFP will remain confidential to the farmer.

Non-farm applicants are required to complete a Healthy Home Guidebook to receive Program funding.

**APPROVAL PROCESS:**

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. The Clean Water Committee will review the projects and will give priority to those with the most water quality benefit. Landowners may apply for only one project, per project type, per year. Landowners may receive funding for only two projects per project type for the life of the program. Limited funds are available

Projects will be pre-paid by the landowner. Funding will be provided when the project is completed, inspected to the satisfaction of SNC, and when copies of all invoices with acceptable proof of payment, permits, and any other required paperwork are provided. Invoices must provide detailed breakdown of labour hours, quantities of materials purchased and associated costs.

**Projects must be completed and paperwork submitted by December 15 of the year in which they were approved.** Payment is not guaranteed if beyond this deadline.

*Refer to Clean Water Program Applicant's Guide for more information on the Application Process.*