



Clean Water Program Funding Guidelines 2009

GRANT RATE: up to 75% up to \$5,000 maximum – labour completed by contractor
up to 100% up to \$5,000 maximum – labour completed by applicant

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Fencing must restrict livestock access over the entire length of the pasture bordering rivers, streams, and municipal drains.
- Must demonstrate water quality improvement.
- Only fencing along a watercourse will be considered for funding.
- Must maintain a minimum 3 metre buffer strip from top of bank.
- Installation or repair of permanent and temporary fencing is eligible. Temporary fencing will require written confirmation from the applicant that the fence will be installed prior to livestock being introduced to the pasture.
- Crossings:
 - Mid-level, bed-level, or above-flow stream crossings are eligible provided both sides of the watercourse are fenced to prevent livestock access.
 - A permit for the crossing must be obtained from South Nation Conservation prior to construction.
 - Crossings must be properly designed and protected from erosion.
 - For bed-level crossings, gates must be installed at each streambank to restrict livestock access to the crossing. Gates shall be opened only for the purposes of moving livestock to the other side.
- Alternate watering devices such as nose pumps, spring boxes, electric and solar pumping units are eligible only where livestock are restricted from the watercourse.
- If stream bank reshaping/sloping is part of the proposed project, the Conservation Authority requires a permit. Please contact permitting dept. for further information.
- Establishment of riparian vegetation such as grasses, trees and shrubs is eligible. This component must not exceed 50% of all eligible costs.
- All future maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining all necessary municipal, provincial, and other permits and approvals that may be required for the completion of their projects.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Permits
- Materials
- Contract labour
- Engineering services
- Equipment rental

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Machinery use of the applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Drilled wells
- Primary hydro lines for electric pumps
- Fencing along property lines
- Replacement fencing will not normally be funded
- Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

Farm applicants are required to have a 3rd 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 3rd 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.

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



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Livestock Access Restriction to Waterways

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.

Approved 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 15th of the year in which they were approved.** Payment is not guaranteed beyond this deadline.

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