



# Clean Water Program Funding Guidelines 2009

**GRANT RATE:** up to 50% up to \$500 maximum

**ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**

- Projects may be completed for any rural property, including rural residential, golf course, agricultural, commercial or industrial.
- All operations, regardless of size or status (existing, new, or expanding), must meet the requirements of Regulation 267/03 under the Nutrient Management Act, including the Nutrient Management Protocol. Applicants are responsible for determining the requirements for their operation; Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs staff are available to assist in this regard.
- 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:**

- Consultant fees
- Contract labour
- Purchased materials and supplies (excluding computer hardware)
- Purchase of nutrient management software
- Registration fees for software training
- Sampling and analysis at accredited labs of soil, manure and other soil conditioners
- Permits

**INELIGIBLE COSTS:**

- Crop scouting fees
- Purchase of fertilizer or other soil conditioners
- Purchase or rental of nutrient application equipment
- Labour and machinery use of the applicant, family dependents and the 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.

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 15 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*