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Seeding Forage Cover: A Guide To Your Funding Options

Did You Know?

There are several funding options available to producers who are looking to take cropland out of production and seed it to forage cover. These programs are intended to assist with the costs associated with the seed purchase and/or the cost of establishing a permanent cover crop.

Funding is available through the Farm Stewardship Program, ALUS Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada, and the Water Security Agency. Although these funding options are somewhat similar to one another, the differences between them can often be confusing for producers who may not know which program will best suit their needs.

Farm Stewardship Program provides funding to help minimize erosion and soil salinity on agricultural land by converting highly erodible and saline land from annual crop production to permanent cover; including riparian buffer strips around water bodies.

To be eligible for funding from the FSP:

- * Applicants must own a minimum of 320 acres and made at least \$35,000 gross farm income
- * Must have an EFP or an AEGP certificate of completion
- * Own or control land in annual crop production which is at risk of erosion or salinity problems.
- * Must be completed on land that has been used for annual crop production for a minimum of last two crop years

Funding Available:

- * 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$10,000. Funding caps out at \$15

per acre for establishment costs and \$20 per acre for seed costs

Rules and restrictions:

- * Projects that include the following invasive species require a recommendation from a Ministry of Agriculture Forage Specialist: Crested wheatgrass, Reed canary grass, Canada bluegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, Smooth brome grass and Green wheatgrass
- * Must keep a copy of project related documentation including invoices and seed tags

ALUS Canada provides funding based on the guidance of their funders. Typically, ALUS funding is directed towards the creation of ecosystem services such as wetland restoration and enhancement.

To be eligible for funding from ALUS:

- * You must be in an ALUS community.
- * The land needs to be farmland
- * No more than 20% of the participant's land can be enrolled in the ALUS program

Funding available:

- * Annual Payment on forage is \$30/ac. If it is being used for production (e.g. pasture or hay land), the payment is cut in half to \$15/ac
- * Funding also includes 50% of establishment costs and an annual payment for the management of the project (5 year flexible agreements)

Rules and Restrictions:

- * Can't be coupled with DUCs CPS seed forage program
- * Can be coupled with FSP funding but the maximum a producer can receive is 100% of their establishment costs

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) provides a rebate on the purchase of grass seed from CPS for producers in their priority areas.

To be eligible for funding through DUC:

- * Must live in a DUC priority area

Funding available:

- * \$100 rebate per bag of grass seed purchased through CPS
- * Can be coupled with FSP funding

Rules and Restrictions:

- * Must leave land under permanent cover for 10 years
- * Wetlands cannot be drained during this period
- * Only one cut of hay permitted per year

Water Security Agency provides funding to help retain wetlands and provide upland nesting habitat for waterfowl

To be eligible for funding from the WSA:

- * Land must be located within the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)
- * Must leave land under permanent cover for 10 years

Funding Available:

- * The program will pay up to \$35/acre for seed and establishment costs

Rules and Restrictions:

- * All seed receipts should match the name on the contract
- * Forage species such as smooth brome, sweet clover, quack grass, Kentucky blue grass, timothy, reed canary grass and crested wheat grass are ineligible for funding

To find out more about these programs or for assistance with your application please contact the Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle AEGP at (306)529-5125 or email: folly@wuqwatr.ca.

****Funding and eligibility requirements are subject to change**

Funding Options Available Through Growing Forward 2

| Farm Stewardship BMPs | Cost-shared amounts |
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| Relocation of Livestock Confinement Facilities * | 60% up to \$50,000 |
| Fencing to Protect Surface Water | 50% up to \$10,000 |
| Farmyard Run-off Control* | 50% up to \$30,000 |
| Riparian Area Grazing Management and Fencing* | 50% up to \$10,000 |
| Native Rangeland Grazing Management * | 50% up to \$10,000 |
| Carcass Disposal Planning | 75% up to \$30,000 |
| Stream and Creek Crossing* | 50% up to \$20,000 |
| Protecting High Risk Erodible and Saline Soils* | 50% up to \$10,000 |
| Natural Waterway Erosion Control* | 75% up to \$30,000 |
| Water Flow and Erosion Control Management* | 50% up to \$20,000 |
| Native Plant Establishment | 75% up to \$10,000 |
| Variable Fertilizer Equipment | 30% up to \$5,000 |
| Variable Rate Mapping | 30% up to \$2,000 |
| Irrigation Management Planning | 50% up to \$2,000 |
| Irrigation Equipment Modification* | 30% up to \$50,000 |
| Variable Rate Irrigation Technology* | 30% up to \$15,000 |
| Used Oil Storage | 50% up to \$2,000 |
| Shelterbelt Establishment | \$1,200/mile up to \$5,000 |
| Manure Storage Enhancement* | 30% up to \$50,000 |
| Manure Application Equipment and Technologies | 30% up to \$30,000 |
| Weather Data Collection and Monitoring | 50% up to \$1,000 |
| Plastic Grain Bag Roller | 50% up to \$5,000 |
| Environmental Solutions * | 20-50% up to \$50,000 |
| Multi-producer Erosion Control* | Please contact AEGP 306-946-6533 |
| FRWIP BMPs | |
| Small and Large Diameter Wells | 50% up to \$60,000 for all BMPs combined |
| Shallow Buried Pasture Pipelines | 50% up to \$60,000 for all BMPs combined |
| Deep Buried Pipelines | 50% up to \$60,000 for all BMPs combined |
| Dugouts and Dugout Expansions | 50% up to \$60,000 for all BMPs combined |
| Relocation of Existing Livestock Watering Systems for Environmental Purposes | 50% up to \$60,000 for all BMPs combined |
| Protecting Existing Wells | 50% up to \$60,000 for all BMPs combined |
| Decommissioning Wells | 90% up to \$10,000 per well |

For more information on all funding options through Growing Forward 2 please visit:
www.saskatchewan.ca/growingforward2 or call (306) 529-5125 (email: folly@wuqwatr.ca)