



# MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION

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*President*

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## Special Statement by President David Chartrand

Dear Red River Métis Citizens,

As President of the Manitoba Métis Federation, the National Government of the Red River Métis and the only federally recognized Métis government in Canada, I am writing to you today alongside David Beaudin, MMF Minister of Agriculture to announce \$4.8 million in funding to support our Red River Métis agricultural producers. Through this program, your Red River Métis government will be providing Red River Métis producers with non-repayable cost-shared funding of up to \$75,000 per producer – across our National Homeland!

The objective of this program is to provide Red River Métis agricultural producers with targeted funding aimed at supporting the NEW adoption and on-farm implementation of Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) or expand their use of BMPs on acres previously owned that have not yet adopted the practice. This means that Red River Métis producers engaged in land-based agricultural production that apply for the funding will be supported in their efforts to make sustainable change.

Additional program details, the application and a series of Fact Sheets are available on the MMF website. I encourage you to review the information and apply for the funding. Your Red River Métis government is committed to building climate resiliency for our Red River Métis agricultural businesses through on-farm BMP funding. I encourage all Red River Métis agricultural producers to contact the program to inquire about your eligibility. The MMF will make every effort to support all Red River Métis Citizens to the best of our abilities.

All successful applicants will be strongly encouraged to provide all, or a portion of their in-kind contribution to the program, through their commitment to support an MMF on-farm mentorship opportunity for a Red River Métis young agrarian or Citizen interested in agriculture. Educating our younger generation of Red River Métis agricultural leaders through mentorship and networking, is a fundamental step toward ensuring we capture every opportunity to share knowledge earned through decades of hard work and dedication.

If you have any questions, please contact the MMF at 204 586 8474 or email the program coordinator, Dustin Hoft, directly at: [agriculture@mmf.mb.ca](mailto:agriculture@mmf.mb.ca)

Meeqwetch,

*Believe in Yourself; Believe in Métis.*

*The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) is the democratic government for the Manitoba Métis, also known as the Red River Métis, the origin and core of the Métis Nation. The Manitoba Métis are Canada's Negotiating Partners in Confederation and the Founders of the Province of Manitoba.*

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