RED RIVER MÉTIS ON-FARM
CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM

ACTIVITY#3 FACT SHEET

SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION AND ON-FARM IMPLEMENTATION OF ROTATIONAL GRAZING BMPS

Through this program, the MMF will provide non-repayable funding (up to $75,000- and based on the number of applications received) to Red River Métis Citizens engaged in agricultural production, to support the adoption and on-farm implementation of (1) Nitrogen Management BMPs, (2) Cover Cropping BMPs, and (3) Rotational Grazing BMPs.

Cost-share ratio:
95% non-repayable contribution
5% in-kind contribution required

For all inquiries on the program, please email: agriculture@mmf.mb.ca
To ensure we are able to contact you, please provide us with your phone number(s)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be a Red River Métis Citizen
- Applicants must currently be engaged in agricultural production on lands owned 50% or greater, by a Red River Métis Citizen(s), and must provide proof of at least 50% ownership only on the lands in which project activities will be conducted on.
- Applicants who wish to utilize project funds on rented or non-crown lease lands are required to provide the MMF with signed consent by the landowner(s), and proof of possession lasting until at least March 31, 2024. Documented proof must be provided at the time of application submission to ensure eligibility and avoid delays.
- Applicants with no alternative but to utilize project funds on crown lease lands should first contact **agriculture@mmf.mb.ca** to discuss eligible activities.
- Eligibility will be determined based on funding availability for applicants who's farm business holds less than 50% Red River Métis ownership of the land on which program funds will be spent.
- All project costs and activities must first be approved by the MMF before any expenses incurred by the applicant are to be eligible for payment to the applicant.
- All MMF approved project activities submitted by the applicant must demonstrate BMP that are either a new practice or an improvement to the applicants existing practices.
- Applicants must ensure all eligible activities and costs are approved and signed by the appropriate staff delivering the MMF's Manitoba Métis On-Farm Climate Action Program before any purchases or on-farm work begins.
- Applicants are welcome to include their Red River Métis values and traditions into eligible activities, provided applicant can justify how their values and traditions fit within eligible project activities.
- Costs associated with the creation of an applicant's action plan, and the labour costs to perform approved activities will be permitted with defined limits (details included within application).

Eligible Costs & Activities:

- Utilizing the services of licenced Professional Agrologists (P.Ag), with demonstrated competency, or alternatively utilize professionals with a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) designation. Note: The MMF will utilize a Professional Agrologist for project application approval and provide sufficient virtual and on-farm supports as needed.
- Planning, Technical Assessments, and engineering or technical design fees and costs of other agronomic support (e.g. Developing a rotational grazing plan)
- Rotational grazing fencing (e.g. cross fencing, wildlife friendly fencing, temporary fencing)
- Livestock watering systems (e.g. remote watering systems) when powered by renewable energy
- Costs (seed and planting) associated with implementing low methane pastures, by improving pasture composition with increased alfalfa content, high quality forage and species containing tannin, such as sainfoin. Note: Traditional Knowledge and practices are welcomed by including a request within the application to add in other seed species, provided they are approved by the MMF's Professional Agrologist during the application approval stage.
- Other activities related to the adoption of short duration grazing suited for rangelands

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Ineligible Costs & Activities:

- Perimeter fencing (unless aligned with professionally approved grazing management plan)
- Removal, replacement or repair of old or existing fences or watering systems not powered by renewable power sources
- Non-renewable power sources such as generators
- Purchase, rental, lease, or sale of land, buildings, facilities, inventory, and associated taxes and fees
- Normal operating costs associated with conducting or expanding a business
- Materials or services purchased outside the eligible invoice dates
- Any cost that is eligible for a rebate, credit, or refund
- Purchase of new or used farm equipment or other assets that is deemed non-essential to implementing eligible activities as approved by the MMF.
- Purchasing livestock, feed, seed, or any costs associated beyond what is listed under eligible costs and activities (Review all 3 Program Activity Factsheets)
- BMPs applied to a specific farm area prior to the Program are ineligible (Note: however, an expansion of a BMP application on a farm area where these BMPs have not recently been used are still eligible)
- Gifts and incentives
- Costs related to activities that directly influence or lobby any level of government
- Costs of training and skills development that fulfill any academic requirements
- Costs of travel, hospitality, meals, and/or accommodations
- Tile drainage systems
- Crop storage facilities (e.g., grain bins, seed storage), TMR mixers, feed pushers and automated feeding systems.
- Multi-use items that go beyond scope of project (e.g., computers, printers, hand or power tools and attachments, etc.)
- Materials or products produced by the applicant's farm business (e.g., seed, fencing)
- Costs to support grazing of cash crop residue (e.g., corn stover)
- Watering systems/shade structures/stream crossings/pasture rejuvenation costs not associated with establishing new or expanding existing acreage of a rotational grazing system
- Establishing a new water supply (e.g., drilling a well, digging a pond)
- Shelters and/or concrete bases for watering systems (unless approved by the MMF's Professional agrologist)
- Invoices not issued in the applicant's name or business
- An activity can only be funded once on the same parcel of land through OFCAF funding.

In-Kind Eligible Activities:

All In-kind activities require the approval of the appropriate MMF program staff and will be determined together with applicants on or after the date of their application approval. In-kind activities must be completed by the applicant by no later than March, 2024.

- **Recommended:** Mentoring of a Red River Métis young agrarian or established producer looking to improve their knowledge (age 18-39). Note: It is possible for a mentor to also receive mentorship to gain new perspective and knowledge to improve their business.
  Details on mentoring cost that can be claimed toward in-kind will be detailed during the application approval phase.
  (Note: Immediate family would not typically be eligible to receive mentoring).
- Maximum 3 hours at $25 per hour can be claimed toward in-kind to complete the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). Voluntary and confidential. The MMF will not be requesting confirmation of completion.
- Provide a gift to be distributed to Citizens in-need (e.g. Meat processed in certified facility, feed, Fur/hides, Red River Métis traditional offerings including artwork, Traditional Knowledge, bison skulls, food.
- Labour costs associated with implementing eligible activities (if they are not already claimed by the applicant)
- Other activities as determined with the successful applicant