

# Red River Métis On-Farm CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM



## **SUPPORTING RED RIVER MÉTIS ADOPTION AND ON-FARM IMPLEMENTATION OF BENEFICIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)**

Support for this program has been provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) through the Agricultural Climate Solutions – On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF).

Through this program, the MMF will provide non-repayable funding (up to \$100,000) to each Red River Métis business engaged in land-based agricultural production (anywhere in Canada). This program supports the adoption and on-farm implementation of BMPs related to (1) Nitrogen Management (2) Cover Cropping or (3) Rotational Grazing.

### **Cost-share ratio:**

**95% non-repayable contribution**

**5% in-kind contribution required**

For all inquiries on the program, please email: [agriculture@mmf.mb.ca](mailto: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 (anywhere in Canada) on lands at least 50% owned by a Red River Métis Citizen(s), and must provide proof of at least 50% ownership only of the lands where project activities will be conducted.
- Applicants who wish to utilize project funds on rented or non-Crown lease lands are required to provide the MMF with signed consent from landowner(s), and proof of possession extending at least until March 31, 2028. Documented proof must be provided at the time of application submission to ensure eligibility and prevent delays.
- Applicants who must use rented land not owned (50% or more) by a Red River Métis Citizen(s) or who must utilize Crown lease lands should first contact [agriculture@mmf.mb.ca](mailto:agriculture@mmf.mb.ca) to discuss eligible activities.
- Applications from Red River Métis businesses with less than 50% Red River Métis ownership will be considered only after those with 50% or greater ownership.
- 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 BMPs that are either a new practice or an improvement to the Applicant's existing practices.
- All Applicants must be able to demonstrate either a new practice or an improvement to existing practices on the land in which the activity would take place and should provide a clear benefit to the health of the land and surrounding ecosystem. Applicants who have previously received program funds must propose projects that adopt or implement new BMPs, or expand previously adopted BMPs onto new hectares.
- Applicants may incorporate Red River Métis values and traditions into eligible activities if they can justify how these align with the project's objectives.
- 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 Beneficial Management Practices Program Categories:**

- (1) Nitrogen Management BMPs**
- (2) Cover Cropping BMPs**
- (3) Rotational Grazing BMPs**

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## In-Kind Eligible Activities:

All successful Applicants must provide a 5% in-kind contribution based on the total value of funding provided to each recipient. All in-kind activities require the pre-approval from MMF program staff and/or an MMF contracted Professional Agrologist these activities will be determined in collaboration with Applicants on or after their application approval date. In-kind activities must be completed by the Applicant no later than March 31, 2026.

• **Recommended:** Mentoring of a Red River Métis young agrarian or established producer looking to improve their knowledge (age 18-39). **Note: A mentor may to also receive mentorship to gain new perspective and knowledge to improve their business. Details on mentoring costs that can be claimed toward in-kind will be detailed during the application approval phase. Note: Immediate family members are typically not eligible to receive mentoring.**

- Labour or equipment hours associated with implementing eligible activities (if not already claimed by the Applicant).
- Maximum 3 hours at \$25 per hour can be claimed toward in-kind to complete the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). This process remains voluntary and confidential; the MMF will not request confirmation of completion.
- Provide a gift to the MMF for distribution to Red River Métis Citizens in-need (e.g. meat processed in certified facility, livestock feed, fur/hides, traditional offerings including artwork, Traditional Knowledge, bison skulls, food, heritage seeds).
- Other activities as determined on a case-by-case basis with each successful Applicant.

## Application Requirements:

- A completed application form.
- A Copy of your MMF Citizenship card.
- Proof of 50% or more Red River Métis ownership in the farm business.
- Proof of land ownership or possession (e.g., property tax statement, rental agreement, and/or permission from the land owner).
- Official quotes for all proposed project expenses must be on business letterhead or signed by the contractor/seller.