

BCFGA EFP Incentive Program Program Guidelines 2021-2023



Purpose:

The program will provide an incentive payment of \$250 per BCFGAs member¹ for completing an Environmental Farm Program (EFP) plan in the calendar year.

Funding source:

The BCFGAs EFP Incentive Program is funded by a dividend from Summerland Varieties Corporation. Other funding is also provided through ARDCORP's EFP Program itself.

When completing an EFP, assistance to complete an EFP is provided at no charge to the producer - funding for the service is provided by the federal-provincial CAP agreement.

Subsequent to completing an EFP, on-farm projects identified in the EFP as priorities are partially funded by federal-provincial CAP agreement.

Funding restrictions:

The budget for the EFP Incentive Program is anticipated to meet demand. If demand exceeds the funding allotment, further funding will be secured - there is no cap on applications.

Deadline:

The deadline for application is December 31 of the year the EFP application is completed. For clarity, EFPs completed in years other than the current calendar year are not eligible for the program.

Membership Requirement:

BCFGAs membership is required by December 31 of the year prior to the year of the EFP *Certificate of Completion*. BCFGAs membership must be current in order to qualify for the EFP incentive. Each member may receive a maximum of a single \$250 incentive per year.

Program Duration:

The program will be offered for 3 years, 2021-2023, provided that the federal-provincial CAP agreement is renewed.

¹ A "member" is a BCFGAs voting member. Associate members are not eligible for the program.

How to apply:

1. Decide if you wish to participate in the EFP Program and apply for the BCFGA incentive.
 - a. Review information about on-farm projects that can receive partial funding (usually 25-40% grant)
 - b. Review information about the EFP Program - [how it works](#).

2. Make sure the dates line up to be eligible.

Example: to be eligible for the 2021 Program

- December 31, 2020 - 'date of record' that a grower must be a full (voting) member of the BCFGA.
 - During 2021 - a new EFP must be completed in 2021
 - December 31, 2021 - the last date that the BCFGA will receive applications for the 2021 program.
3. Call ARDCORP to let them know you wish to complete an EFP and get a referral to an ARDCORP-EFP advisor. 1-866-522-3447
 4. Contact an ARDCORP-EFP advisor will help you complete your EFP.
 5. Submit a completed EFP incentive application form to the BCFGA.
 - Submit a completed application form
 - Attach a copy of the first page of the EFP "Statement of Completion"

For clarity, a Statement of Completion is issued for a farm that completes an EFP after the previous EFP expires (i.e. after 5 years), or for a farm that has a significant change in production and requires an amendment to their EFP (prior to the 5 year expiry). All EFPs - initial or renewal - are issued an SOC and are eligible for the BCFGA EFP Incentive Program.