



**1. General**

**(a) Purpose**

To develop Community Wells for non-potable water to meet the needs of ranchers, farmers and Indian Bands in Saskatchewan.

**(b) Eligible Applicants**

Rural Municipalities and Indian Bands in Saskatchewan are eligible.

**(c) Eligibility Criteria**

Projects must comply with the following criteria:

- Reduce the risk of future water shortages;
- Be scientifically, technically and financially feasible;
- Enhance the potential for rural economic growth; and
- Result in a long-term water supply solution.

**(d) Grant and Program Limitations**

In the event that a project receives funding from other government programs, the grant will top up cost-sharing to the extent that the total combined grants from all government sources does not exceed two-thirds of eligible expenses. The maximum grant an applicant may receive on all approved projects over the four year term of the program is \$150,000.

**(e) Standards and Requirements**

In addition to meeting requirements of this program, all projects must meet requirements for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Ground Water and/or Surface Water Approval, comply with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, and meet any other standards or approvals as required by law.

**2. Community Well Component**

**(a) Eligible Applicants**

Rural Municipalities (RM) and Indian Bands in Saskatchewan

**(b) Projects that may be Funded**

Community wells for non-potable water

**(c) Funding Available**

The Program will provide a cost-sharing grant to cover up to two-thirds of eligible costs to a maximum of \$150,000 per RM or Indian Band.

**(d) Eligible Costs**

- Groundwater exploration
- Well drilling and construction
- Screening
- Bringing power to the site/power hook-up
- Pumps/pipes
- Pipelines associated with establishing a loading site
- Buildings associated with the well
- Storage facilities (e.g. underground tanks)
- Loading facilities/equipment
- Access
  - rights-of-way
  - road construction
  - application and registration fees



**(d) Eligible Costs (cont'd)**

- Consultant fees
  - hydro-geologist
  - project design

**(e) Eligible Projects**

- All Community Well projects must have been initiated after March 18, 2009 to be eligible. These projects may be eligible for a FRWIP grant covering up to two-thirds of eligible costs (to a maximum grant of \$150,000 per RM or Indian Band) and must be applied for to the Ministry of Agriculture. To qualify for the grant, the project must meet eligibility criteria as described above. In addition, all necessary permits and approvals, including requirements defined under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* must be obtained.
- Projects started on or after March 19, 2008, and before March 18, 2009, may be retroactively eligible if applications are received prior to June 30, 2009.
  - To be eligible, retroactive projects must meet the FRWIP eligibility requirements. In addition an application for the project must have been made to the Canada-Saskatchewan Water Supply Expansion Program (CSWSEP) in the calendar year 2008 as a prerequisite for eligibility.
  - Qualified retroactive projects that received CSWSEP funding will be eligible for a top-up payment to two-thirds of eligible expenditures to a maximum grant of \$150,000 per RM or Indian Band.
  - If project was not approved or did not receive funding under CSWSEP the qualified project is eligible for the full two-thirds grant for eligible expenditures to a maximum of \$150,000 per RM or Indian Band under FRWIP.

**(f) Deadlines**

- Projects must be completed within 18 months of receiving written approval of the project.
- Paid receipts must be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture within twenty-four months of project approval date to be eligible for funding.
- Applications for retroactive projects must be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture by June 30, 2009 and projects must be completed by November 1, 2009. Paid receipts for retroactive projects must be submitted by November 30, 2009.

**(g) How to Apply**

Applications are available at Rural Municipalities and on the Ministry of Agriculture website at [www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca](http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca) or by calling toll free at **1-877-874-5365**.

**Completed application forms must be sent to:**

**2009**  
**Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program**  
Financial Programs Branch  
Ministry of Agriculture  
329 - 3085 Albert Street  
Regina SK S4S 0B1

**Or by Fax: (306) 787-2366**