



**1. General**

**(a) Purpose**

To develop non-potable water supplies for agricultural use to meet the needs of agricultural producers in Saskatchewan.

**(b) Eligible Applicants**

Farmers, ranchers and Indian Bands in the province of 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 50 per cent of eligible expenses. The maximum payment an applicant may receive on all approved projects over the four-year term of the program is \$60,000.

**(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 and any other standards or approvals as required by law.

**2. On-Farm Component**

**(a) Eligible Applicants**

Individual ranchers and farmers or Indian Bands in Saskatchewan .

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

- Small-diameter and large-diameter on-farm wells
- Shallow buried pasture pipelines
- Deep buried pasture pipelines
- Deep buried pipelines that connect to an established municipal water source
- Dugouts

**(c) Funding Available**

FRWIP will provide a cost-sharing grant to cover up to one-half of eligible costs. In the event that a project receives funding from other government programs, FRWIP will provide top-up cost-sharing to the extent that the total combined grants from all government sources does not exceed one-half of the total project costs. The maximum grant for all eligible projects approved under FRWIP is \$60,000 per applicant.

**(d) Eligible Costs**

- Groundwater exploration (maximum three test holes prior to seeking assistance from recognized technical experts)
- Well drilling and construction
- Screening
- Pumps
- Trenching
- Shallow buried pipelines and installation
- Deep buried pipelines and installation
- Subscription or hook-up fees to an existing pipeline
- Storage tanks (minimum 1,000 gallons/4,500 litres) associated with a well or pipeline project



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

- Solar or wind powered pumps
- Dugout excavation
- Fencing or other infrastructure to exclude livestock from a new or expanded water source

Power installation, power hook-ups, generators, water bowls and water troughs are not eligible for funding.

**(e) Eligible Projects**

- All on-farm well and pipeline projects must have been initiated after March 18, 2009 to be eligible. These projects may be eligible for a FRWIP grant covering up to one-half of eligible costs (to a maximum grant of \$60,000 per applicant) 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 fifty per cent of eligible expenditures to a maximum grant of \$60,000 per applicant.
  - If project was not approved or did not receive funding under CSWSEP the qualified project is eligible for the full fifty per cent grant for eligible expenditures to a maximum of \$60,000 per applicant 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**