



GET A PRODUCTIVITY ASSESSMENT

Are you looking to improve productivity? As part of the [Workforce Development Initiative](#), **Productivity Improvement** provides a **grant to cover 80% of the costs** of having a consultant come in to do an assessment of your facility, to a maximum of \$25,000.

THE GRANT CAN BE USED TO:

1. look at ways to improve manufacturing output through automation,
2. enhance adoption of lean manufacturing practices, or
3. evaluate where your company can be more 'green'.

The project is structured in **TWO PHASES**. The grant will cover 80% of the cost of each phase, to a maximum of \$25,000.

Phase 1

A qualified consultant of your choice will perform an on-site initial assessment of your facility. The consultant will provide a brief report outlining where there is opportunity for productivity improvement.

Phase 2

After reviewing the report, if you choose to go on to the second phase, the consultant will provide an in-depth assessment to address the issues identified, with a more detailed report on improving your company's operations.



WHY GO THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT?

- Better quality, less defects
- Faster response times to customer needs
- Improved inventory turnover
- Reduced steps in administrative tasks
- More on-time deliveries
- Improved processes for work flow
- Higher outputs



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Producers, agri-processors, food processors and producer organizations may apply. Organizations that apply must be operating in Alberta to be considered eligible for this project.

Interested organizations must submit a grant application for evaluation by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD).

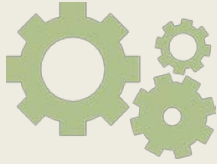
ARD provides a listing of available consultants via an [online directory](#). Inclusion in the directory is not an endorsement by ARD.

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You can choose from **3** types of assessments:

1 Automation

- Your initial on-site assessment will outline areas of possible facility enhancements.
- The in-depth assessment will build on the findings of the initial assessment and address issues related to automation, operational efficiencies, process flow, etc.
- You can apply to the grant to cover 80% of the cost of the initial assessment and the in-depth assessment up to \$25,000.

2 Lean Manufacturing

- During your initial on-site assessment a consultant will outline applicable lean manufacturing principles which are appropriate for your manufacturing processes. These could result in decreased human effort, reduced inventory, and more efficient use of time and space.
- The second phase of the project may involve coaching or training sessions on the subject of lean manufacturing.
- You can apply to the grant to cover 80% of the cost of the initial assessment and coaching or training sessions up to \$25,000.

3 Green Side of Lean

- Your initial on-site assessment consists of having a “green” expert come into your facility and conduct an assessment combining Lean Manufacturing principles with environmentally sustainable business management practices.
- After reviewing the report, if you want to proceed with the recommendations, you can apply for the second phase of the project, which relates to coaching and training to learn and begin implementing an environmentally sustainable approach to your business operations.
- You can apply to the grant to cover 80% of the cost of the initial assessment and coaching or training sessions up to \$25,000.

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