

Frequently Asked Questions on the Growing Forward 2 Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) Stewardship Program

What is the Confined Feeding Operation Stewardship Program?

The Confined Feeding Operation Stewardship Program is designed to support producers with cost share grant funding and technical assistance to help them implement management practices or make infrastructure changes that will reduce the risk of agricultural contaminants entering surface and ground water. For intensive livestock operations, one of the greatest risks to surface and ground water is manure storage and management. Financial support for this initiative is provided through *Growing Forward 2 (GF2)*, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

PROGRAM MAXIMUM: \$100,000

Activity Code	Description	Cost share	Maximum
400	Innovative Environmental Solutions for CFOs	30% 50% or 70%	Variable
401	Engineering investigation and/or feasibility assessment	70%	\$ 15,000
402	Construction or upgrade of a surface water management system	50%	\$ 100,000
403	Livestock pen renovation to meet Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA) standards and regulations	50%	\$ 100,000
404	Improved manure storage facilities (liquid and solid)	50%	\$ 50,000
405	Relocation of a CFO	70%	\$ 100,000
406	Manure Treatment – Solid Liquid Separation System	50%	\$ 50,000
407	Manure Treatment – Composting	50%	\$ 30,000
408	Improved Land Application of Manure (injection/surface banding)	50%	\$ 20,000

Am I eligible to apply for funding?

You are eligible to complete and submit a program application to the CFO Stewardship Program if you:

- Are an active producer operating in Alberta;
- Are a Confined Feeding Operation (as defined in the Program Terms and Conditions)
- Fulfill **at least one** of the following pre-requisites: a) have received an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) certificate or letter of completion and have the certificate or letter in your possession, or b) have completed a CFO Site Assessment with a qualified ARD staff member.

What is a CFO Site Assessment Checklist? How do I complete one?

The purpose of this checklist is to assimilate all the known information about the site of your livestock facility and discuss your operation with a knowledgeable ARD staff member who can provide further details and information about the CFO Stewardship Program, AOPA legislation and the permitting process, and help you decide the best plan of action to making changes on your operation that will benefit your business and the environment. This checklist is completed during an on-farm visit. Call the Ag Info Centre toll free at 310-FARM (3276) who can redirect you to the CFO Extension Specialist available in your area.

I want to do an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). How do I complete one?

- Call the Ag Info Centre toll free at 310-FARM (3276). You will be provided with contact information for an available EFP Technical Assistant in your local area. Alternatively you can visit the CFO Stewardship Program page on the Alberta GF2 website at <http://www.growingforward.alberta.ca>
A list of EFP Technical Assistants is available for download from this site.

How can I apply for funding?

- Applicants to the program must complete a program application for their proposed project. Application forms are available on the GF2 website or by contacting the Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276).
- Once you have completed an application form, you can mail it to GF2-CFO Stewardship Program, Room 206, 7000-113 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted by the program.

Where can I find out more details about what types of projects are eligible for funding under this Program?

- The **Funding List** for the Program is posted on the GF2 website or a copy can be obtained by calling 310-FARM (3276). It provides a description of each project category and lists the eligible activities and items that the program considers eligible for cost share under each category.

Can I apply for multiple projects or more than one project category?

- Yes. You can apply for more than one eligible project, though a separate application form must be completed for each project.

Do I have to get approval for my project before I can start working on it?

- You must submit an application prior to beginning your project, but you do not need to wait for approval.
- ****IMPORTANT:** If you proceed prior to approval, you do so at your own risk. Submitting an application does not guarantee approval of your project.

Will a site inspection take place once I have completed my project?

- Funded projects will be picked at random to be inspected by ARD to ensure completeness, and to determine whether they are meeting your environmental objectives set out in your application and in the Program Terms and Conditions.

Who can I contact if I have more questions about this program?

Call Jennifer Neden, CFO Stewardship Program Coordinator at 403-329-1212 ext. 225.