

Farm Energy and Agri-Processing Program (FEAP) FAQs

What is the Farm Energy and Agri-Processing Program?

The FEAP Program provides grant funding to applicants in order to encourage energy efficiency in construction, addition, and renovation projects on their farm or agri-processing facilities.

Who is eligible to apply for the Farm Energy and Agri-Processing Program?

- All Alberta farmers operating an agricultural facility who are undertaking a new construction, addition, or renovation project with a minimum of \$10,000 gross annual agricultural revenue, and who qualify for the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit.
- Agri-processing companies with a physical manufacturing or processing presence in Alberta,
- Producers and groups of producers who are adding economic value to their products beyond the primary production of crops and livestock (i.e. after harvesting is completed).

Will there be a lot of funding available for projects under this program?

No. There is limited funding in the FEAP Program. Applications will be considered for approval on a first-come, first-served basis subject to the Program funding constraints.

Does it cost money to apply for the Farm Energy and Agri-Processing Program?

There are no fees to apply for FEAP Program. But a requirement of the application is that you have received appropriate approvals from your County or Municipal District (where applicable) for your project.

What level of grant funding is available for a prospective applicant?

This Program provides grants on a cost shared basis to cover 'Eligible Expenses' for approved Projects up to a maximum of \$250,000 per Applicant. For further information about what items are eligible for this program please see the FEAP Program Terms and Conditions and the FEAP Program Funding Lists.

What are eligible expenses?

The FEAP Program has a Program Funding List which states technologies that are eligible for funding. If the applicant is seeking funding for an item not found on the Program Funding List, which they believe will contribute to improved energy efficiency on their farm, they may contact the Program Office to discuss the matter further. Multiple projects should be applied for on the same application.

Can I apply several times for this grant?

Yes. Applicants may participate in more than one Project under this Program, up to a funding maximum of \$250,000.00 per year.

How do I apply for this program?

- Complete and sign a Program application form as found on this webpage. If you choose the electronic form it should be printed and signed and dated. Mail it (do not fax) to the address on the last page of the form or email a signed copy of the form to AF.FEAP@gov.ab.ca
- Attach a quote for each piece of equipment. If available, also attach a spec sheet citing the efficiency rating of the equipment.
- Successful applicants will receive a letter stating their approval for a grant, detailing the equipment for which costs will be shared.
- If you need help with the application please call 310- FARM.

What are the processes involved for the FEAP Program?

Applications to the program are initiated by submitting the signed Program application package which includes quotes and a project description. Applications should be submitted quickly as there is limited funding. No program funds are considered reserved for any Applicant at any time. Applications that are missing information or attachments may be returned to the applicant.

You may be contacted by program staff for additional information. Your application is not considered complete, and is not part of the first-come, first-serve queue, until all required information is received.

If an Applicant is deemed successful for funding, a Grant Letter or Grant Agreement stating the list of eligible items, deadline for Reimbursement, and further instructions related to their project will be mailed to them.

To be reimbursed, submit the Reimbursement Claim Form, Final Report, and attach all relevant receipts.

All equipment purchased must be installed and available for verification by program staff within 12 months of the purchase date.

After installation of the eligible items, the applicant will provide AF full cooperation for the follow-up survey detailing:

- The work completed;
- The production rates of the Applicant's farming or livestock operation;
- The energy costs and energy usage data of the Applicant's farming or livestock operation;
- Any material events, developments or circumstances arising in relation to the project.

If I apply am I guaranteed to receive a grant?

No. Applicants to FEAP Program are not guaranteed to receive a grant for their project.

I've already been doing the legwork on a prospective project for an Agricultural Facility and have bought some energy efficient equipment (and/or they have arrived). Can I still apply to the program?

Yes, if the equipment was purchased since April 1, 2016, provided it meets eligibility criteria. This includes the construction of new buildings since April 1, 2016.

How long do I have to install equipment purchased as part of the Grant?

All equipment purchased by an applicant must be installed and available for verification within 12 months of the purchase date.

How long do I need keep the equipment after its purchase?

The Applicant cannot return any equipment purchased under the program to the vendor or sell, exchange and give away any items for at least five years after the date of purchase. This includes selling of the entire farm

Should I do the project first, then apply with the invoices, or apply and wait for approval first?

Limited funding is available and applications can be accepted prior to or following completion of a project. If you have eligibility questions about any of your expenses, however, you should wait until your grant agreement confirms it will be funded.

Are lighting fixtures being funded, or just the bulbs?

Under lighting, fixtures and bulbs are included in the funding list.

What if I don't know all of the information for the equipment I am replacing?

Equipment ratings, such as BTU, hp or kWh and model number is important required to evaluate the energy savings associated with equipment replacement. If this is unavailable, the year of original installation is required.

Are upgrades to residential buildings included?

Upgrades to residential buildings are not funded under FEAP. However, potential funding of residential energy efficiency initiatives can be obtained by checking the Energy Efficiency Alberta website at www.encyalberta.ca

Does the program cover labor, wiring or piping required for installation?

No, only equipment costs are covered under the program.

How long do I have to wait to receive funding after my project has been approved?

Once the Reimbursement Claim Form and all relevant receipts and reports have been submitted and depending on the amount of funding, the grant is typically sent out within 6 weeks.

Is there a way to hold a spot in queue while preparing quotes?

No, complete applications are evaluated on a first come first serve basis

What project funding is available from the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP)?

Program funding is currently under development and will be announced in spring 2018. Subscribe for program updates at the Growing Forward 2 website:
www.growingforward.alberta.ca