



THE INDIGENOUS AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS INITIATIVE (IAFSI)

The **IAFSI** is a five-year, up to **\$8.5 M** initiative supported by the Government of Canada's Strategic Partnerships Initiative. The aim is to increase **economic development opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and communities in Canada** through participation in agriculture.

DETAILS

The **IAFSI** provides non-repayable contributions to projects that benefit **Indigenous Peoples in Canada** that focus on the following priorities:

- providing a broadbased economic development opportunity through agricultural activities;
- having the potential to generate a net economic benefit, a profit, and/or the creation of jobs;
- planning for long-term continuity and success after the project is completed;
- partnerships between federal and non federal partners, including Indigenous communities, provincial/territorial governments, and the private sector.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Indigenous communities and governments (includes band and tribal councils, governments of self-governing First Nations, local governments of Inuit communities and Métis organizations).
2. Indigenous for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, associations, cooperatives and institutions.
3. Indigenous businesses, partnerships and joint ventures.

FUNDING

Applicants may apply for funding for up to **90 percent of total eligible project costs**, to a maximum of **\$2.5 M**.

Funding for multi-year projects is possible.

Requests for funding for agricultural equipment or machinery will be considered on a **case-by-case** basis.

Costs related to purchase or lease of land, and renovations/improvements, construction or purchase of buildings and other infrastructure **are not eligible**.

Normal and on-going costs of operations are **not eligible**.

TIMELINE

Applications accepted on a continuous basis until **September 30, 2022**, or until funding has been fully committed.

The **IAFSI** ends on **March 31, 2023**.

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