

APPENDIX 3 TO THE RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS ANIMAL WELFARE HUMANE SLAUGHTER SUBJECT AREA CRITERIA DOCUMENT

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Animal Welfare Humane Slaughter Subject Area supports technology adoption and increases knowledge to reduce the risk of animal distress at slaughter.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 In this Animal Welfare Humane Slaughter Subject Area Criteria Document, the following terms have the following meanings:
- (a) **AF Meat Inspection:** means the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – Meat Inspection Section;
 - (b) **CFIA:** means the Canadian Food Inspection Agency;
 - (c) **Facility:** means a red meat or poultry slaughter operation in Alberta that is;
 - i. operating, and is provincially or federally licensed; or
 - ii. in the process of being built, and is approved by AF Meat Inspection or CFIA;
 - (d) **Gap Assessment:** means the on-site assessment completed by the Minister of a Facility's systems and practices related to livestock and poultry welfare that will be used to develop an Application for a Project; and
 - (e) **Subject Area:** means the Animal Welfare Humane Slaughter Subject Area under the Program.

3. Eligible Applicants

- 3.1 The following entities are eligible to apply under this Subject Area:
- (a) individuals, corporations, registered partnerships and other organizations, including Hutterite colonies, members of an Indian Band, and members of a Métis Settlement that:
 - i. are currently licensed and operating a Facility, or are in the process of building a Facility approved by AF Meat Inspection or CFIA; and
 - ii. have completed a Gap Assessment.
- 3.2 The following entities are not eligible under this Subject Area:
- (a) research stations;
 - (b) post-secondary institutions; and
 - (c) any other entity deemed ineligible by the Minister.

4. Eligible Activities

- 4.1** The following activities may be included in an Application under this Subject Area:
- (a) purchase of advanced stunning technologies and restraint devices;
 - (b) design and construction of handling facilities (new and remodeling);
 - (c) development and implementation of auditable protocols; and
 - (d) on-site training to improve animal handling and stunning procedures.
- 4.2** Activities that are ineligible under this Subject Area include:
- (a) attending trade shows;
 - (b) decommissioning facilities;
 - (c) upgrading office or storage space;
 - (d) transportation of equipment by the Applicant;
 - (e) travel; and
 - (f) any other activity deemed by the Minister to be ineligible.

5. Eligible Expenses

- 5.1** The following expenses may be included in an Application under this Subject Area:
- (a) stunning equipment (electrical stunners with amperage control, captive bolts);
 - (b) restraint devices (e.g. knock box and stunning pen);
 - (c) construction materials and prefabricated equipment (high speed hoists, handling pens, gates, alleyways, unloading docks/ramps, non-slip flooring, water supply for lairage, lighting to improve animal movement and stunning);
 - (d) incremental labour at a rate of up to \$25 per hour, to a maximum of 25% of the Project's Eligible Expenses;
 - (e) if the total Project cost excluding consultation fees is greater than \$10,000, consultation fees for remodeling or construction; and
 - (f) costs for hosting training and wage compensation for training.
- 5.2** Expenses that are ineligible under this Subject Area include:
- (a) Goods and Services Tax (GST);
 - (b) financing fees and interest charges;
 - (c) legal fees;
 - (d) expenses incurred in Non-Arm's Length Transactions;
 - (e) costs incurred by the Applicant to prepare the Application or to complete Project reporting requirements;
 - (f) costs for normal (day-to-day) operations and general office equipment, as well as overhead, salary and maintenance costs;
 - (g) costs to process invoices, administration costs and other regular internal/operational costs;
 - (h) administration overhead charges;
 - (i) costs for:
 - i. trailers;
 - ii. rails for hanging carcasses;
 - iii. firearms and related equipment (e.g. rifle scopes);

- iv. knives, saws and any equipment related to processing the carcass; and
- v. stock prods;
- (j) expenses associated with sourcing equipment;
- (k) expenses incurred outside of the Project Term;
- (l) costs funded through any other federal, provincial or municipal government grants, programs or projects; and
- (m) any other expense deemed by the Minister to be an ineligible expense.

6. Project Term

- 6.1** The maximum Project Term is 24 months.

7. Processing of Applications

- 7.1** Applications completed to the satisfaction of the Minister will be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis, subject to Subject Area eligibility criteria, assessment criteria, and funding constraints.
- 7.2** The Minister will not approve an Application for which the total grant request is \$2,000 or less.

8. Subject Area Assessment Criteria

- 8.1** Subject Area assessment criteria by which Applications will be assessed are, in order of priority:
- (a) deficiencies in stunning effectiveness, as determined by the Gap Assessment;
 - (b) degree the Project adopts advanced stunning technologies;
 - (c) degree the Project addresses an identified risk;
 - (d) extent to which equipment identified in the Application are effective solutions to deficiencies as determined by the Gap Assessment;
 - (e) degree the Project involves development and/or implementation of programs /practices/training that enhance the welfare of livestock and/or poultry at slaughter; and
 - (f) degree the Project activities promote low stress livestock handling;

9. Funding Levels and Grant Payment

- 9.1** This Subject Area provides grants on a cost-shared basis to cover Eligible Expenses for approved Projects up to \$60,000 per Project.
- 9.2** Eligible Expenses shall be cost-shared at 50% grant and 50% Applicant.

- 9.3** Payments to the Applicant will be made as follows:
- (a) upon execution of the Executed Agreement, an initial payment of 50% of the maximum approved grant amount stated in the Executed Agreement; and
 - (b) the remaining 50% of the maximum approved grant amount shall be paid over the Project Term upon receipt of Status Reports and/or the Final Report, as specified in the schedule in the Executed Agreement.

After submission of the Final Report, if the sum of all previous grant payments exceeds the total Eligible Expenses claimed by the Applicant multiplied by the applicable funding level, no final payment will be made and the Applicant shall immediately pay the unused grant funds to the Provincial Crown.