



LIVESTOCK ACCESS RESTRICTION TO WATERWAYS

GRANT RATE: 75% (labour by contractor) **OR** 100% cost of materials (labour by applicant)
GRANT MAXIMUM: \$5,000

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- **Fencing must restrict livestock access over the entire length of the pasture bordering waterways.**
- **Livestock must currently be pastured in area of proposed project to be eligible.**
- Only fencing along a watercourse will be considered for funding. Fencing along property lines is not eligible.
- Installation of permanent and temporary fencing is eligible. Temporary fencing will require written confirmation from the applicant that the fence will be installed prior to livestock being introduced to the pasture.
- Applicant must maintain a minimum 3 metre buffer strip, measured from the top of the bank. Buffer establishment costs are eligible.
- Crossings:
 - Mid-level, bed-level, or above-flow stream crossings, both sides of watercourse must be fenced to prevent livestock access.
 - Crossings must be properly designed and protected from erosion.
 - Gates must be installed to restrict livestock access to the crossing on bed-level crossings.
- Alternate watering devices such as nose pumps, spring boxes, electric and solar pumping units are eligible only where livestock are restricted from the watercourse.
- All future maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.** If stream bank reshaping/sloping or a crossing is part of the proposed project, a South Nation Conservation permit will be required.
- If approved, farm applicants must have the 4th Edition, or are willing to complete the 5th Edition, of the Environmental Farm Plan prior to grant payment.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Permits
- Materials
- Contract labour
- Engineering services
- Rental of equipment

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Drilled wells
- Primary hydro lines for electric pumps
- Replacement fencing will not normally be funded
- Taxes

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. **Applications must be submitted prior to starting your project; retro-active funding is not available.** The Grants Sub-Committee will review applications using a rating criterion; approval priority will be given to projects with the most water quality benefit. Review meetings are typically held in June, September, and November.

Landowners may apply for only one project, per project type, per year. Limited funds are available.

Approved applicants will have approximately 12 months from the approval date to complete their projects. Approved projects will be pre-paid by the landowner. Funding will be provided when the project is completed, inspected to the satisfaction of SNC, and when copies of all invoices with acceptable proof of payment, permits, and any other required paperwork are provided. Invoices must provide detailed breakdown of labour hours, quantities of materials purchased and associated costs.

COMPLEMENTARY GRANTS AVAILABLE:

- Buffers
- Streambank erosion control

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