



Clean Water Program Project Guidelines **MANURE STORAGES**

GRANT RATE: 50% to a maximum of \$ 15,000

Projects due to proposed livestock expansion or expansion within the past 5 years are not eligible.

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Projects adjacent to watercourses (including municipal drains) or in a Wellhead Protection Area A or B (www.yourdrinkingwater.ca) will be given priority for funding.
- Eligible storages include construction or repair of concrete, steel, earthen and roofed storages.
- Other eligible components include:
 - Permanent transfer piping from the barn gutters or sumps to the long-term storage
 - Curbing to divert contaminated runoff (including silo seepage) into storage
 - Clean water diversion measures including eavestroughing and berms
 - Covering or roof on existing storage to decrease precipitation input
 - Nutrient runoff storages
 - Safety fencing
 - Decommissioning of manure storage as per Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness guidelines
- Applicants with approved projects will be required to submit copies of required permits and approvals (e.g. Building Permit, Record of Approval, etc.) for their project.
- Enclose all open liquid manure storages with a permanent safety fence or wall extending to not less than 1.5 m (5 ft) above adjacent grade or floor level and having gates with latches to deter access by children and livestock.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.**
- 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

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Pumping, manure transfer or spreading equipment
- Slats or solid floors over in-barn storages including support posts, beams and roofs
- Storage for new buildings
- Snow or electric fencing
- 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:

- Milkhouse wastewater treatment / disposal
- Clean water diversion / barnyard runoff control

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