**Federal Departments Currently Providing Food Security Related Funding**

| **Program** | **Details** | **Funding Information** | **Website Link/Contact Information** |
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| **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)** | | | |
| **AgriDiversity** | * This program aims to help under-represented groups in Canadian agriculture, including youth, women, Indigenous Peoples, and persons with disabilities, to fully participate in the Agriculture sector by helping these groups address the key issues and barriers they often face for sector participation. * Program ends March 31, 2028. | The intake period is **currently open** and applications will be accepted until Sept. 30, 2027. | * Please contact   Lynne Royer Zammit  Programs Officer, Programs Branch  Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  Phone: 506-531-8143  Email: lynne.royerzammit@agr.gc.ca  for any questions you may have.   * Website:   [AgriDiversity Program: Step 1. What this program offers](https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agridiversity-program) |
| **AgriScience Program** | * This program, under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, aims to accelerate innovation by providing funding and support for pre-commercial science activities and research that benefits the agriculture and agri-food sector and Canadians.      * Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will support Indigenous knowledge systems and scientists in a wide range of research areas, including:   + Livestock and crop management systems and techniques   + Management of agricultural ecosystems, including permaculture, food forests and companion planting   + Traditional harvesting of crops and livestock   + Knowledge of cultivation and stewardship techniques locally adapted to ecosystems * Program ends March 31, 2028. | The intake period is **currently open** and applications will be accepted until funding has been fully committed or until otherwise announced on the AgriScience landing page. | * Communities looking for support with the application process, are requested to please contact the [Indigenous Pathfinders Service](https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/indigenous-pathfinder-service) as they will connect applicants with appropriate support. * Any additional assistance can be directed to the Ontario-Quebec region ISLO Officer, Audrey Henry. Email: [Audrey.henry@agr.gc.ca.](file:///C:\Users\fernandos\Downloads\Audrey.henry@agr.gc.ca) * Website:   [AgriScience Program – Projects: Step 1. What this program offers](https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriscience-projects) |
| **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)** | | | |
| **Climate Change Preparedness in the North Program** | This program provides support to northern communities and organizations to help them adapt to climate change impacts by funding projects in a number of fields, including food security. | * The intake period is **currently open** and proposals are still being accepted for 2023-24. There is no deadline to apply. * Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis by a climate change regional technical committee based in each region. | **First Nations Adapt Program**   * This program funds First Nation communities, Tribal Councils and Indigenous organizations directly to support community and regional projects south of the 60th parallel. * Should a community want to discuss a potential project idea, the contact email is: aadnc.adaptation.aandc@canada.ca and they will put the community in contact with the program representative for Ontario region. * Please visit the program website for the program’s [funding guidelines](https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1520877017867/1594751383101) and to learn more about the [program](https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1481305681144/1594738692193), the types of projects supported in previous years, etc.. Although the funding guidelines are a few years old, they are still a relevant resource. |
| **Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)** | | | |
| **Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program** | * This program funds First Nations and Inuit communities' efforts to identify, assess and respond to the health impacts of climate change. * The stream that is relevant for First Nations communities in Ontario is Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program for First Nations South of 60°N. | * The intake process of 2024-2025 is currently open. * The deadline to apply is October 20th, 2023. | * To find out more about this program the contact email is: cchap-pccas@sac-isc.gc.ca * Program staff will provide you with an application guide and proposal template to help you with your submission once the process is opened. * They are also available to review and provide feedback on draft applications. * Website:   [Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1536238477403/1536780059794#s1) |
| **Infrastructure Canada** | | | |
| **Rural Transit Solutions Fund** | * This fund targets the development of innovative, locally driven transit solutions in rural, remote, Indigenous and Northern communities. * It is intended to help Canadians living in rural and remote areas get around their communities more easily for their day-to-day activities and connect with other communities nearby. * A minimum of 10% of the total $250 million funding envelope for this fund will be allocated to Indigenous projects being led by and for Indigenous populations and communities. * Indigenous recipients can receive funding to cover up to 100% of the eligible project costs subject to the funding limits established by the Fund | * The RTSF has two streams: the **Capital Projects** stream and the **Planning and Design Projects** stream. * The intake for the Capital Projects stream is **currently** **open.** * While there is currently no set submission deadline Infrastructure Canada encourages applicants to submit their application as soon as possible to increase likelihood of securing available funding. * Infrastructure Canada expects that there will be another intake of the Planning and Design stream in the coming months. * The updated Applicant Guide and a new Step-by-Step guide for completing applications is available online. * Registration is now open for applicant webinars. | * Communities and organizations may reach out with any questions on the RTSF to this email:   RTSF-FSTCR@infc.gc.ca or  Phone, toll free : 1-833-699-2280   * Website:   [Infrastructure Canada - Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Overview](https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/rural-trans-rural/index-eng.html) |