

Funding Available for Food Safety Program Development



Growing Forward's Food Safety Program, for Processors and Distributors has improved funding and made the program more flexible to meet your needs. Funds are available to eligible processors who are upgrading current programs to meet customer demands, or to those who are just starting to develop a food safety program.

Who is Eligible?

Eligible applicants include all non-federally registered food processing facilities that operate legally in Manitoba (excluding seafood and pet food).

Available Funding Programs

Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) that are recognized by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI)

- a) Basic GMPs – implementation of partial GMPs (sanitation and personnel practices only)
 - maximum funding – \$5,000
- b) Comprehensive GMPs – implementation of a full GMP program
 - maximum funding – \$15,000

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) (ex: Manitoba HACCP Advantage, Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) benchmarked standards, Food Safety Enhancement Program, ISO 22000)

- maximum funding – \$25,000

Food Safety Program Upgrade

Upgrade current food safety program (one time only)

- maximum funding – \$10,000

Eligible upgrades include:

- GMPs to HACCP
- HACCP to ISO 22000
- HACCP to GFSI benchmarked standard

NOTE: Funding is based on a funding ratio of 90:10. The program provides 90 per cent of the costs (up to the maximum) and the applicant provides 10 per cent of the costs in cash.

These upgrade funds are available to anyone who has taken advantage of previous food safety funding. Funds are available on a first-come-first-served basis, until funds are depleted.

Why Apply?

Food safety has become a major factor in food marketing. Food safety programs are now becoming a necessary cost of doing business in the food industry because customer demand is growing so rapidly. Along with the obvious health benefits to consumers, these programs have other important benefits:

- maintain or increase market access
- reduce costs by reducing product losses and rework
- increase business liability protection
- increase consumer confidence
- improve product quality and consistency



For More Information

To learn more about how you can benefit from this program, or for applications:

- visit your local MAFRI GO Office. To find your nearest GO Office, call Manitoba Government Inquiry, toll free, at 1-866-626-4862.
- go to manitoba.ca/agriculture/foodsafety.