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1. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Quarry Rehabilitation Private and Municipal Land Program provides funding to support the rehabilitation of depleted aggregate quarries and pits located on private and municipal lands in Manitoba.

The objective of the Program is to improve public safety and environmental stability by supporting activities such as regrading, slope reduction, stabilization of materials, and establishment of vegetation cover.

Funding is provided on a per landowner basis, up to a maximum of \$200,000 per landowner per project year (intake), including applicable taxes.

An **online Application form** is available at:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/grants/index.html> Quarry Rehabilitation Program

When submitting the application, applicants may email a copy to themselves for record-keeping purposes. Please note that the application form cannot be printed once it has been submitted.

2. KEY DATES

Key dates for the Program are provided in the table below.

Table 1 – Key Program Dates

Phase	Milestones	Date
Application	Intake deadline*	May 1st, 2026 (11:59PM)
	Target notification date**	First half of June 2026
After Approval	Project completion deadline	October 2nd, 2026
	Final documentation deadline	October 23rd, 2026

* Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on the published intake deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**The target notification date indicates when applicants may expect to receive a funding decision.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible landowner applicants include: 1) individuals, 2) corporations/companies, and 3) municipalities.

The applicant must be the **registered landowner** of a Manitoba property containing an aggregate quarry or pit.

To be eligible for consideration for funding under the Program, the project must be located on Manitoba property, and all the following conditions must be met:

- The applicant (landowner) must demonstrate that they are the registered owner of a property with an aggregate quarry or pit, as confirmed by a current **Status of Title** (issued within last 30 days).
- Funding for the proposed rehabilitation project must not have been provided for the subject property since 2020, unless progress rehabilitation can be demonstrated (see Section 16 – Situation 3: Progressive Rehabilitation).
- The proposed project consists solely of eligible activities, and funding must be requested only to achieve the Quarry Rehabilitation Standards.
- A complete application must be submitted by the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

For previous applicants, you are eligible to re-apply with a new, complete application submitted before the application intake deadline, as only applications received in this window are considered.

If you can't find information about rehabilitation work done since the program restarted in 2020, you are still eligible to apply because the department will verify it when your application is submitted.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee funding approval. All eligible applications are subject to assessment, prioritization, and available funding.

Can I re-open my pit or quarry after rehabilitation?

The Program provides funding for depleted pits/quarries, inactive, and/or progressive rehabilitation therefore the intention is that these project areas will not have aggregate production.

4. ELIGIBLE / INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

The following table summarizes eligible and ineligible activities and costs under the Program.

Table 2 – List of Eligible and Ineligible Activities and Costs

Category	Eligibility Activities and Costs	Ineligible Activities and Costs
Earthworks	Sloping and grading of embankments	N/A
Materials	Movement and placement of on-site materials (e.g., oversized boulders, topsoil)	Topsoil purchase
Vegetation	Seed purchase (excluding tax); Seed application (see below for requirements)	Weed control
Project Costs	Mobilization	Consultant fees; Supervisory or management fees
Other	N/A	Expenses incurred pre- or post-construction of LiDAR audit site inspections; Interest charges or late payments penalty charges

N/A – not available

Seed Application Requirements

- seed must be native to the surrounding area
- seed type must be compatible with surrounding land use
- area must be clear of standing water
- air temperature must be at or above 60° F (15° C) during seeding
- method of seeding (Broadcast or Drill)
- seeding rate must follow manufacturer-recommended kg/hectare (or equivalent coverage)
- date of seed application and weather conditions

The program does not provide interest payments, including delayed payments penalty charges.

Where there is uncertainty regarding eligibility, applicants are encouraged to contact the Program prior to incurring costs.

If you as the landowner wish to initiate further site development, to establish a housing subdivision, wetlands, or a golf course, you must do so at own expense. Please note that the landowner is also responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with any federal, provincial or municipal requirements.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process consists of the following steps:

Table 3 – Application Process Overview

Step	Description
1	Review of eligibility requirements
2	Complete and submit the online application form
3	Upon successful submission, the applicants will receive a confirmation number (i.e. QRP-year- 9999)
4	Submit supporting documents (if required)
5	Application review and risk assessment
6	Funding decision and funding agreement

Only applications submitted through the online system by the deadline will be considered.

In the online application form, the landowner must provide a primary email address for all correspondence related to the application and program.

The confirmation number must be retained by applicants, as this number will be required for all future communication with the Program.

5.1 Representative Authorization

A landowner may appoint a representative to act on their behalf for the purpose of communication and document submission.

The **landowner applicant** must:

- provide valid personal email contact information
- remain the official applicant under the Program
- sign the funding agreement and all legally binding documents
- provide written authorization for the representative (letter format)
- be responsible for all project-related decisions and activities
- be responsible for all financial matters, including invoices, payments, and taxes
- submit or approve all payment requests and required financial documentation
- ensure all submitted information is accurate and complete

The **representative** may:

- act as the primary contact for communication with the Program
- the landowner will be copied on all communication
- submit supporting documents on behalf of the landowner
- assist with application preparation and coordination
- provide project-related information as authorized by the landowner
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The **representative** may **not**:

- sign the funding agreement or any legally binding documents on behalf of the landowner
- receive program funding directly
- make or approve payment requests on behalf of the landowner
- assume legal or financial responsibility for the project

All payment-related inquiries and transactions must be made by the landowner.

Supporting documentation requirements are outlined in Section 6.

6. REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS - APPLICATION

The following documents must be submitted as part of the application. Incomplete application submissions will not be accepted.

Table 4 – Required Supporting Documents for Application

Document	Key Requirements
Status of Title (Required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be issued within 30 days • must identify registered landowner(s) • must be acquired through Teranet Manitoba to be eligible
Site Photos (Required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be in JPEG, JPG, or PDF formats • dated and georeferenced (GPS coordinates) ⁽¹⁾ • labeled with location and viewing direction⁽²⁾ • Each proposed embankment, stockpile, and water constraint must be clearly visible and identifiable in the photo package. • Captions must indicate what features are included in the image.⁽³⁾ • An adequate number of photos must be provided to show the full scope and scale of all embankments and stockpiles.⁽⁴⁾
Site Map (Required)	<p>Must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site boundary and project area (proposed rehabilitation area under this Program) • north arrow, scale, and legend • date of preparation • labeled proposed and existing embankments, stockpiles, and other features (e.g., tree removal area, water constraint) • highlight previously rehabilitated areas (if applicable)
Satellite Imagery (Required)	<p>Must show project context, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date of imagery taken • dimensions or approximate area

(1) To do this, a phone app such as “GPS map camera”, “SpotLens GPS Camera for Work” or similar should be utilized.

(2) Example: NW corner of site, facing SE across approximately 400 m of the proposed rehabilitation area)

(3) Example: “image includes embankment 4 and stockpiles 5, 6, and 7 as noted in the photo.”

(4) e.g., embankments categorized as a 2H:1V in the application should be photographed from the side. Large stockpiles should include equipment or vehicles in the photos to show scale for reference where practical.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT AND RANKING

All eligible applications will be evaluated using a risk-based assessment.

Factors considered include:

Public safety

- distance from communities and/or recreational areas or trail
- average height of embankments
- average slopes of embankments
- presence of loose material impacting embankment stability
- water presence within the pit

Environment impact on adjoining lands

- dust emissions
- presence of noxious weeds
- site has a negative visual impact (e.g., eyesore, stockpile, garbage)

Depletion of aggregate

- Active
- Not active

Risk Assessment Points are relative to the above factors, with consideration that public safety is assessed at 60%, environmental impact 30%, and depletion of aggregate 10%.

Each site will be assigned risk assessment points and a risk assessment score, which will be used to calculate as follows:

$$\text{Risk Assessment Score} = \frac{\text{Funding Request (up to \$200,000)}}{\text{Risk Assessment Points}}$$

Risk Assessment Score may be used to prioritize projects where:

- total requests exceed available funding; and/or
- a landowner submits multiple eligible projects exceeding the maximum of \$200,000.

Note: The Program completes this assessment. Applicants are not required to calculate this score.

8. AFTER APPROVAL

8.1 Funding Agreement

If approved, the applicant will enter into a funding agreement.

- The Manitoba Government is only responsible for funding in accordance with a signed funding agreement with the landowner.
- The landowner must sign the funding agreement in order to receive funding.

Approval under this Program does not relieve the applicant of any legal or regulatory obligations.

The landowner is responsible for contractor selection and project execution.

Any costs incurred before the agreement is signed, which includes pre-construction LiDAR audit site visits (see Section 8.2) are the sole responsibility of the landowner.

8.2 LiDAR Audits (Pre- and Post-construction)

A LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) audit is a laser-based survey that captures precise 3D data of the project site, providing an accurate record of existing landforms, boundaries, and overall site conditions.

All approved projects are subject to pre-construction and post-construction LiDAR audits to verify site conditions and completed rehabilitation work.

Landowners must coordinate with the Program or Service provider (designate) to schedule the required site visit.

The following requirements apply:

- A pre-construction LiDAR audit must be completed before any project work begins
- A post-construction LiDAR audit will be conducted following project completion
- Work completed prior to the pre-construction LiDAR audit is not eligible for funding
- Work completed after the post-construction LiDAR audit may not be eligible for funding
- LiDAR audits are coordinated by the Program and conducted by a qualified third-party provider (designate)
- LiDAR data collected for the purposes of the Program will not be released to applicants

Table 5 – LiDAR Audit Requirements

Stage	Requirement
Pre-construction	Must be completed before work begins
During construction	Work must align with approved scope
Post-construction	Required to verify completed work

All project work must align with the approved scope of work and the timing of LiDAR audits. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in reduced or ineligible funding.

LiDAR data will not be provided; it is a tool which is being used for the Program. The data requires a technical interpretation and standardized analysis to ensure program consistency.

In addition, the Program or its service provider (designate) may contact you to clarify and/or seek additional information in relation to your application and/or project.

9. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The **landowner** is responsible for:

- hiring contractors
- managing all project-related contracts and activities
- ensuring all applicable taxes are paid
- ensuring the project is completed in accordance with the approved scope

The **Manitoba Government**:

- is not a party to any contract between the landowner and contractor
- does not assume responsibility for project execution, costs, or contractor performance
- provides funding in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement

All costs incurred remain the responsibility of the landowner unless deemed eligible under the Program.

Who is responsible for rehabilitation?

The responsibility for rehabilitation of depleted pits and quarries has always resided with the landowner. Under The Mines and Minerals Act, a rehabilitation levy was collected, and the minister was given discretion to enter into agreements with persons to rehabilitate lands on which a quarry is located. However, this did not eliminate a landowner's responsibility of rehabilitation in the event that funding was not provided.

10. OWNER-PERFORMED WORK

If the landowner completes the work (without hiring contractor):

- equipment details must be provided
- hours worked must be recorded
- activity logs must be maintained
- photo documentation must be provided
- costs must be supported and reasonable

11. PROJECT COMPLETION AND PAYMENT

The following documents must be submitted upon project completion:

Table 6 – Required Documents for Project Completion

Document	Purpose
Completion form (required)	Certification of completed work
Invoices and Receipts (required)	Supporting documentation for all costs
Summary Expense Table (required)	Breakdown of approved vs actual costs
After-Completion Photos (required)	Must match pre-construction photo locations
Completion Map (required)	Shows completed and incomplete areas

Detailed documentation requirements for project completion are outlined in Section 12.

Payment is based on eligible and documented actual costs, up to the approved funding amount. Payment may be reduced where:

Table 7 – Payment Adjustment Conditions

Condition	Impact on Payment
Work differs from approved scope	Payment may be reduced
Costs are unsupported	Costs will not be reimbursed
Costs are ineligible	Costs will not be reimbursed
Costs are not reasonable	Payment may be adjusted

12. REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS – PROJECT COMPLETION

Upon project completion, the following documents (from Section 12.1 to Section 12.4) must be submitted by the deadline of **October 23, 2026**. All the following documentation is to be submitted at **one time**. Detailed requirements for each document are provided below.

12.1 Completion Form

a) Project Completion Form

This form requires the landowner applicant to certify that:

- the work authorized under the application was completed by **October 2, 2026**
- the work has been completed to the landowner's satisfaction; and
- all of the documents are attached and accurately represent the work.

b) Partial Completion Form (If applicable)

This form is available in the event that all of the work could not be completed. Funding may be pro-rated based upon work completed.

These forms are available at:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/permits_licenses_approvals/forms/index.html?asset=form

12.2 Invoices and receipts

Provide all invoices from contractors and/or suppliers, as well as any receipts or other documents (e.g. pay slips, equipment details) that support the costs incurred in completing the project.

Invoices must not be issued in the name of the Province or Manitoba Environment and Climate Change.

Clients will be required to provide a summary sheet table showing the Funding Agreement amount and the Actual cost spent for each activity.

Hourly rates must be based on the Manitoba Heavy Construction Associations' Equipment Rate Guide. Include the applicable rate for the type of equipment and attachments utilized.

Seed Application Documentation (if applicable)

The invoice (cost of seed – exclude tax) must include the following details:

- seed must be native to the surrounding area
- seed type must be compatible with surrounding land use
- area must be clear of standing water
- air temperature must be at or above 60° F (15° C) during seeding
- method of seeding (Broadcast or Drill)
- seeding rate must follow manufacturer-recommended kg/hectare (or equivalent coverage)
- date of seed application and weather conditions

Additional Equipment details will be required and will need to be submitted with invoicing:

- hourly rates of each make and model
- GIS (pin of equipment) if applicable and
- Photo of engine start of project and stop of project if applicable

12.3 After-Completion Photos

Must include the following:

- must be in JPEG, JPG, or PDF formats
- Photos must be taken from the same locations and angles as the before photos (part of the application documentation) to clearly document the rehabilitated area under this Program.
- Camera angles should remain consistent to accurately portray landscape changes.
- must be dated and georeferenced (GPS coordinates)
(To do this, a phone app such as “GPS map camera”, “SpotLens GPS Camera for Work” or similar should be utilized.)
- must be labeled with location and viewing direction
(Example: “NW corner of site, facing SE across approximately 400 m of the rehabilitated area.”)
- Each rehabilitated embankment, stockpile, and water constraint must be clearly visible and identifiable in the photo package.
- Captions must indicate what features are included in the image.
(Example: “image includes embankment 4 and stockpiles 5, 6, and 7 as noted in the photo.”)
- An adequate number of photos must be provided to show the full scope and scale of all embankments and stockpiles. (e.g., an embankment that is categorized as a 2:1 in the application should be photographed from the side. Large stockpiles should include equipment or vehicles in the photos to show scale for reference where practical.)

12.4 Completion Maps

To provide a completion plan to identify the completed project areas.

Must include:

- The approximate location of each rehabilitated embankment, stockpile, tree removal and water constraint should be clearly labelled as well as any element of the proposed work that has not been completed (can match application site plan if all work completed).
- For projects that are not fully completed, the map must clearly show the amount of work completed and what areas were not completed.

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- site boundary and completed area (of the proposed rehabilitation area under this Program)
- north arrow, scale, and legend
- date of preparation
- labeled proposed and existing embankments, stockpiles, and other features (e.g., tree removal area, water constraint)
- highlight previously rehabilitated areas (if applicable)

13. PARTIAL COMPLETION

The Partial Completion Form serves as certification of the work completed. The expectation is that the project will be completed in accordance with the approved work plan.

Partial Completion - If a project cannot be completed as originally approved or is reduced in scope to remain within the approved funding amount, the project will be considered partially completed.

If the project cannot be completed by the deadline, the landowner must either: Submit a **Partial Completion Form** for the work completed or submit a Withdrawal Form and re-apply in a future program intake.

In cases of partial completion:

- funding will be based on the portion of work completed and verified
- the landowner must clearly identify completed and incomplete components of the project
- **Partial Completion Form** must be submitted outlining the work completed
- **Partial Completion Form** must be signed by the landowner

The required forms are available at:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/permits_licenses_approvals/forms/index.html?asset=form

No extensions to the project completion deadline will be granted.

Partial completion may result in adjustments to the final funding amount. Funding amount will be prorated based on the amount of eligible work completed and verified by the Program.

14. OTHER APPROVALS

Applicants are responsible for obtaining any required permits, approvals, or authorizations.

Approval under this Program does not constitute approval under any other legislation.

15. DEFINITIONS

Aggregate – an aggregate is defined in The Mines and Mineral Act as a quarry mineral that is used solely for construction purposes or as a constituent of concrete other than in the manufacture of cement. It includes sand, gravel, clay, and crushed stone/rock.

Rehabilitation – in The Mines and Mineral Act, Rehabilitation means, in respect of an aggregate quarry/pit, the actions to be taken for the purpose of:

- protecting the environment against adverse effects resulting from operations at the site or quarry;
- minimizing the detrimental impact on adjoining lands of operations at the site or quarry;
- minimizing hazards to public safety resulting from operations at the site or quarry; and
- leaving the site or quarry in a state that is compatible with adjoining land uses and that conforms, where applicable, to a zoning by-law or development plan under The Planning Act and to the specifications, limits, terms and conditions of a license issued under The Environment Act in respect of the project.

Landowner Applicant – the individual, corporation/company, or municipality listed on the Status of Title.

Representative – an individual authorized by the landowner applicant to act on their behalf for communication and document submission.

Water Constraints – areas where standing water, drainage limitations, or water accumulation affect rehabilitation activities.

16. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (Q&A)

This section provides clarification on common scenarios not fully addressed in the Guiding Document.

Situation 1: Spouse Eligibility / Corporation Eligibility / Multiple Parcels/ Multiple Landowners

Q1: My spouse and I jointly own one property and we separately own other properties. Are we both eligible for \$200,000?

A: No, you are considered to be a related person, which includes your spouse or common-law partner and any corporation controlled by either of you, whether solely or jointly.

Q2: I own one parcel in my own name, but am also a shareholder in a corporation that owns a separate parcel. Are both of these eligible for \$200,000 in funding?

A: If you own more than 50 percent of the voting shares of a corporation you are deemed to have direct corporate control. In this instance, you would only be eligible for up to \$200,000 on both of these parcels.

Q3: There are more than one landowner on the same property. Do we each need to apply?

A: No, applications for properties that have multiple registered owners should be submitted by one landowner applicant that must match at least one name on a current Status of Title. The landowner applicant must have legal authorization to sign the application and other program documents on behalf of the other owners. The program administrator may require proof of authorization.

Situation 2: Funding Cap Logic

Q1: I have submitted three applications for separate projects totaling \$600,000. How will the Program determine which eligible project to fund?

A: Each project will first be separately assessed for eligibility. Once this has been completed, all eligible applications will be ranked based on the risk assessment score outlined above. Funding will be provided for the eligible project(s), based upon the ranking up to a maximum of \$200,000.

Q2: What if my quote exceeds \$200,000?

A: Funding is capped at \$200,000 per landowner per intake. Eligible projects that are partially funded by the landowner may result in a higher ranking for program funding.

Q3: Can funding be increased if cost of the project increases?

A: No, funding cannot be increased; any amount exceeding the approved amount is the sole responsibility of the landowner.

Situation 3: Progressive Rehabilitation Eligibility

Q1: Are progressive rehabilitation projects eligible under the Program?

A: Yes, if progressive rehabilitation can be demonstrated that the proposed project is a new activity or for an area or section of the quarry or pit site where no rehabilitation funding and/or work has occurred since 2020.

The required map (satellite map or google earth image) must clearly demonstrate the section where previous rehabilitation has occurred and funding provided, and the different sections where the proposed project is planned.

Situation 4: Landownership Change

Q1: What happens if the land is sold during the period of approved Funding Agreement being signed and payment?

A: The landowner applicant that is on the Funding Agreement will be paid out the value on the eligible and reasonable cost submitted on the invoices which are part of the grant funding program.

Situation 5: Under-Budget / Over-Budget Projects

Q1: The project came in under budget. Can I keep the surplus?

A: No, funding will be provided based upon project completion and actual invoices up to the amount approved. If the cost is lower than estimated, only the actual cost of the invoices will be paid to the landowner.

Q2: If I have cost overruns once rehabilitation has commenced and I scale back the project to remain within the \$200,000. Will I still get the full amount approved?

A: No. If a project is reduced in scope to stay within the approved funding level, it is considered partially completed.

Landowners must complete a Partial Completion Form, available at:
https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/permits_licenses_approvals/forms/index.html?asset=form

Funding will be pro-rated based upon amount of work completed.

Situation 6: General Funding Questions

Q1: The \$200,000 is less than the levies I have paid into the program. Am I entitled to more?

A: The maximum per landowner is per project year (intake) is \$200,000

Q2: How many hectares can I have rehabilitated under the program? Is there a maximum/minimum size limit?

A: The maximum value has been set at \$200,000 to per landowner. There are no limits to size, and the application will be assessed to determine if the costs are reasonable for the size of the project.

Q3: Where the levies collected from the aggregate removal are not enough to rehabilitate the land?

A: While costs will be assessed to ensure funding for rehabilitation is adequate, the branch will also assess what is reasonable relative to the levies contributed to the fund.

Therefore; a review of levies collected may occur.

Q4: Why is the maximum value set at \$200,000 per legal landowner?

A: The value was selected to ensure that one or two projects valued at several million dollars did not utilize all available funds.

The value was chosen so that one or two projects costing several million dollars would not use up all the available funds. Furthermore, the max value was determined on the average cost per cubic meter of rehabilitation to be \$2.67 (2020).

Situation 7: Program Coordination

Q1: Can I apply to other government programs to match or increase funding available for the project?

A: The Program's terms and conditions does not disqualify landowners from applying to other government programs for consideration. Please review the eligibility requirements of other applicable government programs to determine if accessing other government programs to match or increase funding available is allowed under those programs.

Situation 8: Environmental and Regulatory Requirements

Q1: Are there environmental remediation requirements. Do I have to complete an Environmental Assessment?

A: It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure that the project is completed within federal, provincial and municipal requirements.
