



Fact Sheet

The Agri-Food Innovation Fund (AFIF) has established the Human Resources Development Project so that Saskatchewan's Agri-Food Industry may access expert advice in:

Finance

Marketing

Human Resource Management

Related Management Skills.

Two Phases:

Assessment Phase – up to a maximum of \$5,000 of non-repayable funding is available to assist eligible clients in obtaining an expert assessment of their business. Clients may use the services of the fund manager and/or the services of other experts* in the field.

Skill Development Phase – up to a maximum of \$15,000 in non-repayable funding plus any funds remaining from the Assessment Phase (\$5,000 less the amount charged for the assessment) is available for developing the skills of eligible clients. The \$15,000 in additional funding must be matched dollar for dollar by the client.

* "other experts" includes any approved AFIF-HRD consultant. Any consultants wishing to be approved should contact the project manager to find out how to be approved.

To ensure clients receive an objective assessment of their business, the expert doing the skill development phase will be different than the expert doing the assessment phase.

Eligibility Criteria:

Must be a Saskatchewan based business engaged in food processing, agricultural non-food processing or the horticultural industry.

Must be a small or medium sized enterprise which is defined as having less than 50 employees and less than \$50 million in annual sales.

Must have been in business for at least one year.

A final component of this program will be group training that will be designed in consultation with the industry, its associations, and other stakeholders.

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