



MRWCC Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) Fund Guidelines

Funding available to residents and agricultural producers!

Funding is available to residents and agricultural producers located along the sand-bed reach and along select tributaries across the entire watershed. Producers in other areas of the watershed will be considered based on project merit. The targeted projects will improve riparian health of the Milk River and build resiliency to both flood and drought impacts within the watershed and improve water quality. The MRWCC has formed a WRRP Project Review Committee which is responsible for selecting applicants based on merit and funding eligibility. Please note that funding is available on a first come first serve basis.

Please apply as soon as possible, as we are currently looking for shovel ready projects that meet the objectives of the program.

*See map of the sand-bed reach below.

Anticipated Outcome:

- To provide assistance to producers along the Milk River and identify priority tributaries to build on their successes; identify and prioritize areas and resources required to maintain and improve healthy intact local watersheds
- To provide watershed coordination and funding opportunities for stewardship initiatives
- To communicate success stories from the WRRP to the membership, community at large, and the province and also by using projects as demonstration sites
- To be a leader and provide a model for watershed planning and advisory councils to undertake assistance for rural stakeholders

Project Prioritization:

- Through consultation with municipal extension personnel, and in accordance with the goals and objectives set the WRRP steering committee
- Target projects in higher priority reaches of the Watershed
- Project ranking will be based on local priorities of the MRWCC Integrated Watershed Management Plan and recommendations from the State of the Watershed Report

Project Implementation:

- Gap Analysis of stewardship activities and initiatives within the Milk River Watershed has been conducted to avoid duplication with other organizations with similar goals and interests
- Implement projects that meet the goals and outcomes of the project approved by WRRP steering committee

Available Funding from Alberta Environment and Parks - \$250,000

The MRWCC has secured funding (\$250,000) for Milk River residents and producers through the Watershed Restoration and Resiliency Program (WRRP), A program initiated by the Government of Alberta (Alberta Environment and Parks) to promote the long-term ability of watersheds to mitigate the effects of future flood and drought events.

Project Types and Funding Allocation:

- Wetland enhancements:
 - 10 Watering systems / Alternative water developments:
 - One per individual operation at \$10,000/each (max)
 - Riparian Corridor / Exclusion fencing:
 - 9 sites at \$5,000/site (max)
 - Riparian plantings
 - 5 sites at \$2,000/site (max)
- Wintering site management projects:
 - Portable windbreaks /calf shelters/winter watering system
 - 5 sites at \$4,000/site (max)

Please note that this is a cost share funding opportunity:

- MRWCC will be responsible for material procurement
- The landowner will be responsible for construction and all in-kind costs
 - All projects to be completed by March 2021

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