Overview

Agriculture, Water, and Land Challenge — Call for Expressions of Interest

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Donor: Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA)

Location: Canada

Deadline: 16 December 2026

Open

Purpose and scope

The Agriculture, Water, and Land Challenge is competitive project funding from Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA), administered by ERA through Expression of Interest (EOI) and Full Project Proposal (FPP) stages. It supports projects improving agriculture, agri-food, forestry, land, water, reclamation, remediation, and waste-management systems in Canada.

The Challenge supports technologies that move from pilot to practice in Alberta, including field pilots, demonstrations, and first-of-kind commercial projects that deliver measurable environmental and economic benefits.

Funding

The call has CAD 60,000,000 in total funding available, subject to ERA's discretion and availability of funds. The maximum ERA contribution requested per proposal is CAD 8,000,000; ERA may consider up to CAD 10,000,000 for exceptionally strong projects with high leverage and strong outcomes potential. Most projects are expected to receive at least CAD 500,000, with limited lower awards considered case-by-case.

Projects require private funding from the applicant and/or project partners equal to 100% of ERA funding. Most projects are expected to run for 3 years from initiation, with up to 1 additional year of operational time where applicable; construction and commissioning must finish within 3 years.

Who can apply

All categories of lead applicant may apply, including private companies, academic and research institutions, public authorities, Indigenous communities and organizations, not-for-profits, listed sector participants, and individuals. Lead applicants may be based in Alberta or elsewhere. A proposal can be submitted only if the project has Alberta deployment and benefits.

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Priorities

Projects must include field testing, piloting, demonstration, or first-of-kind implementation of a novel technology, system, process, or practice in a relevant operating environment, with time to generate performance data and lessons learned.

Sources

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Salient One analysis. Official call documents and amendments govern the funding conditions.