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Emissions Reduction Alberta is Now Accepting Applications for the Food, Farming, and Forestry Challenge

Emissions Reduction Alberta has announced a \$40 million Food, Farming, and Forestry Challenge

Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA) is now accepting applications for its new \$40 million **Food, Farming, and Forestry Challenge**. This funding opportunity will accelerate innovation in support of long-term competitiveness and stimulate growth in agriculture, agri-food, fibre, and forestry sectors. The program will provide near-term capital to innovators, while also identifying opportunities and solutions for longer term economic recovery, investment attraction, job creation, and emissions reduction. Innovation will lead to lower production and processing costs for food and fibre, and leverage nature-based solutions to sequester carbon from the atmosphere.

ERA will fund up to \$5 million dollars per project. Funding is being sourced from the carbon price paid by Large Final Emitters (LFEs) in Alberta through the **Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction** (TIER) fund. ERA encourages proposals from municipalities, agriculture producers, innovators, technology developers, Indigenous communities, industry and industrial associations, small and medium-sized enterprises, research and development organizations, post-secondary institutions, not-for-profit organizations, government research labs, and individuals. Partnerships and collaborations between multiple organizations are encouraged.

ERA will host an interactive webinar on **June 29 at 1:00 pm**, providing participants with an overview of the funding opportunity, including:

- Scope and eligibility of the call
- Submission process
- Timelines for decisions

Register online for the ERA's Food, Farming, and Forestry webinar.

The application deadline for the **Food, Farming, and Forestry challenge** is **August 27, 2020**.

To learn more, you can view the **Call for Expressions of Interest** for the Food, Farming, and Forestry Challenge and the **ERA announcement video**.

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