



Clean Water Program Project Guidelines **COVER CROPS**

PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE: \$50/acre/year up to a maximum of 20 acres

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Establishment of cover crops on fields adjacent to a watercourse.
- Establishment of non-harvested, non-grazed cover crops.
- Only cover crops used exclusively for cover.
- **A minimum vegetated buffer strip with a width of at least 3 meters (10 feet) must be maintained between the edge of field and the top of any bank. Wider widths are encouraged.**
- The cover crop must be verified by program staff before winter, or before tillage to ensure that the cover crop is providing at least **30%** ground cover. Failure to contact staff and verify crop will result in non-payment of the grant.

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. The Clean Water Committee will review the projects and will give priority to those with the most water quality benefit. Landowners may apply for only one project, per project type, per year. Limited funds are available.

Approved applicants will have approximately 12 months from the approval date to complete their projects. Approved projects will be pre-paid by the landowner. Funding will be provided when the project is completed, inspected to the satisfaction of SNC, and when copies of **all** invoices with acceptable proof of payment, permits, and any other required paperwork are provided. Invoices must provide detailed breakdown of labour hours, quantities of materials purchased and associated costs.

Refer to Clean Water Program Applicant's Guide for more information on the Application Process.

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