

Project Guidelines

Objective

To improve surface water quality by providing ground cover on farm lands to reduce loss of excess nutrients and soil. To assist with the management of soil fertility, soil quality, water, pests, disease, biodiversity and wildlife in an agro-ecosystem.

Eligible Projects

- Establishment of non-economic cover crops on land where they have not previously been applied or applying a new type of cover crop that has not been used previously
- Inter-planting of cover crops in-season on land or inter-planting with a new type of cover crop
- LSRCA will consider innovative projects if they meet the objective of the category.

Project Details

Where cover cropping has been practiced in previous years, please provide a copy of the previous year's seed list and receipt(s).

A detailed, three year cover cropping plan and rotation plan is to be included with the application (if available). Please identify the location and size of all fields where a cover crop is to be applied. LSRCA staff must conduct a site visit to verify cover crop species, areas planted and growth.

Landowners can re-apply for funding assistance for a **maximum of three years**, but are still subject to formal annual review and approval processes.

Project must be a **minimum cost of \$250.00** before tax.

For more information, and considerations when choosing cover crops, you can visit the Midwest Cover Crops Council website at www.mccc.msu.edu, or the Innovations in Cover Crops website <http://decision-tool.incovercrops.ca/> to use their cover cropping decision tools.

Eligible Costs

- Cost of appropriate non-economic cover crop seed

Ineligible Costs

- Taxes
- Machinery or equipment owned and used by the applicant, family dependents or the applicant's business
- Labour of applicant, family dependents or the applicant's business
- If you have an outstanding violation with the LSRCA, you will not be eligible for funding
- **Work that proceeds prior to funding approval does not qualify for funding assistance**

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Cost-share rate 100% | **Maximum payment** \$2,000
(cost of seed only)