



## AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS THE ROCKY VIEW COUNTY AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM?

Rocky View County strives to promote agricultural practices that are sustainable and beneficial to the environment. To assist local producers with meeting these goals the Agricultural Services department has created an incentive program for its residents.

Producers who have completed or intend to complete one of the projects listed below in the current year can apply to receive funds from the County. The amount of money that is available will help applicants pay for a portion of their project. This program runs from January 1 to December 31 each year (or until the funding runs out, whichever comes first).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Rocky View County residents who are bona fide farmers. Maximum \$2,000 per farm per year will be available; you may apply for multiple projects. Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis while funding is still available.

### WHAT PROJECTS QUALIFY?

- Off-setting the cost of building a pasture sprayer **or** purchase and use of a nozzle to spray headlands (up to \$500).
- Off-setting the rental charge for using the County's pasture sprayer (up to \$500).
- Off-setting the cost of identifying and decommissioning old water wells (up to \$2,000).  
**Must be performed by an approved company or contractor**
- Off-setting the cost of range and riparian health assessments conducted by Cows and Fish (up to \$1,000).



### **WHO ARE THE ROCKY VIEW APPROVED CERTIFIED HERBICIDE APPLICATORS?**

Contact the Rocky View County Agricultural Services staff to discuss the contractor options and who you would like to hire.

### **WHAT ARE THE ROCKY VIEW APPROVED HERBICIDES FOR THE CONTROL OF WILD CARAWAY AND TALL BUTTERCUP? WHY?**

Approved herbicides are Restore and Reclaim. These are two proven herbicides that provide long lasting residual control of invasive weeds such as Wild Caraway and Tall Buttercup.

### **HOW WILL MY PROJECT BE VERIFIED?**

Photos submitted to Rocky View County Agricultural Services staff will be accepted or an Agricultural Services staff member can come out to your property and verify that the specified project has been completed. Receipts will also need to be submitted and will be used to verify the amount of money spent for the specified project. This is indicated on the expense form.



### **WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING TO THIS PROGRAM?**

1. Fill out an application form, mail or fax to Rocky View County Attn: Agricultural Services.
2. You can apply for multiple projects to a max of \$2,000 per farm per calendar year.
3. You will be notified if you can proceed with your project. If you have already completed your project (since the program is retroactive to January 1 of each year) you will be notified whether or not your project has qualified for funding.
4. Proceed with the approved project(s).
5. Complete the expense form and include receipts (originals or photocopies), mail or fax to Rocky View County Attn: Agricultural Services.
6. Send photos in or contact Agricultural Services staff to come out to verify your intended project is complete.
7. Project completion is deemed successful.
8. Cheque is sent to the applicant.

### **IF I COMPLETED A PROJECT IN A PREVIOUS YEAR CAN I STILL APPLY TO THE CURRENT YEAR'S PROGRAM?**

Since the program can change from year to year, applications for projects that are not completed in the same calendar year will not be accepted.

### **WHEN DO I RECEIVE THE FUNDING?**

After your project is complete and has been verified by Rocky View County Agricultural Services staff, a cheque will be mailed to the address indicated on your application form.

### **DOES THE PROGRAM HAVE A DEADLINE?**

This program will end on December 31 each year or when all funding has been allocated, whichever comes first. The project(s) you applied for, along with all required paperwork and verification must be completed prior to this date.

### **WHERE DO I SEND MY COMPLETED APPLICATION AND EXPENSE FORMS?**

Completed application and expense forms can be submitted by:

**Mail**

Rocky View County – Agri-Environmental Incentive Program  
Attn: Agricultural Services  
262075 Rocky View Point  
Rocky View County, AB T4A 0X2

**Fax**

403-277-5977

**Email**

AgServices@rockyview.ca

For more information, please contact:  
Rocky View County Agricultural Services at **403-230-1401**