

FOOD VENTURES PROGRAM

The Food Ventures Program provides financial support for the acceleration of innovative and safe Nova Scotia local products to market. This is the application form for cost-shared services provided by Perennia for quality and food safety and product development assistance.

Questions marked with * are required

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Business Name*

Business Head Office Civic Address* (to be eligible for funding, you must have a Nova Scotia-based head office):

Street*

Town*

Province*

Postal Code*

Mailing Address (if different from civic address):

Street

Town

Province

Postal Code

Project Contact Person*

Name

Job Title

Email address*

Phone number*

Is the project contact person 19 years of age or older and capable of entering into a legally binding agreement?*

Yes No

Please check all of the following that apply to you or your business:*

Indigenous Person/Peoples - First Nation(s)

Indigenous Person/Peoples – Métis

Women

African Nova Scotian

Decline to identify

Indigenous Person/Peoples – Inuit

Indigenous Person/Peoples – Unknown

Youth

Not applicable

SECTION 2: BUSINESS INFORMATION

This is a cost-shared program where you will be required to pay some of the fees for work as well as applicable taxes. Are you prepared to complete and have an approved credit check application for services provided under the program?*

Yes No

Please select the category that best describes your business for the purposes of this funding program: (select one)*

Nova Scotia Farm Nova Scotia Food and Beverage Business

If you are applying as a farm, please list your farm registration number: _____ expiry date _____

If you are applying as a Food and Beverage Business, is your business registered on the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks? Yes No

If yes: Please list your registration number:* _____ expiry date _____

What is your business's annual gross income? (select one)*

- Under \$15,000
- \$15,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 or more

If your income is less than \$15,000, please describe how you plan to finance the development of your business:

If you are applying as a Farm: Can your annual income be verified by your statement of farming activities on your tax return (T2042, T1273, or Schedule 125 – Farm Revenue: detailing sales by commodity revenue code)?*

Yes No

If you are applying as a Food and Beverage Business: Can your annual income be verified by your statement of business activities on your tax return (T2125B or Schedule 125 – Non-farming Revenue: detailing sales by GIFI revenue code)?*

Yes No

If you have a website or social media link, please provide the address here:

SECTION 3: PROJECT INFORMATION

This information will help Perennia determine which services will be most helpful to you. This information does not affect your eligibility for the Food Ventures Program.

Please describe the project for which you are seeking Food Ventures funding. What is your goal?*

What is your product for which you are seeking funding from this program?*

Is this a new product?* Yes No

Where is your product being produced?*

Home	Rented Space	Copacker	Shared/Community Facility
Dedicated Facility	Other		

Where are you currently selling your product?*

Farm gate	Farm markets	Small retail	Large/chain retail
Not yet for sale	Other		

Where do you plan on selling your product in the next 2 years?*

Farm gate	Farm markets	Small retail	Large/chain retail
Don't Know	Other		

Where do you plan on selling your product in the next 5 years?*

Farm gate	Farm markets	Small retail	
Large/chain retail	Don't Know	Other	

Do you currently use Nova Scotia agricultural ingredients in your products, or are you currently looking for local ingredients?*

Approximately how much do you spend annually to purchase Nova Scotia agricultural ingredients? (select one)*

- Less than \$1,500
- \$1,500 to \$3,499
- \$3,500 to \$4,999
- \$5,000 to \$14,999
- \$15,000 or more
- Not applicable

Details (optional):

Does your business have cash flow to provide your share of project costs?* Yes No

Approximately how much can you invest in your project?*

Details (optional):

Do you require labeling?* Yes No

If yes, does your product label look similar to the one found at this link? *

<https://inspection.canada.ca/food-labels/labelling/consumers/food-labelling-requirements/eng/1302802599765/1302802702946> Yes No

Do you have an environmental monitoring program?* Yes No

Are you CFIA licensed and/or have a third-party audit certification?* Yes No

If yes, please list your certifications:*

What is the expected economic impact if your project can be completed?*

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge and agree with the following:

- I have disclosed accurate, true and complete information to the program administration to date and I will continue to provide accurate, true and complete information which is not misleading (An applicant who provides false or misleading information under Sustainable CAP foregoes all rights to program payments and any other benefits for which they would be otherwise eligible);
- I have read the Program Guidelines and, if the application is approved in whole or in part, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the Program Guidelines;
- I consent to the audit and verification of the information at any time prior to project commencement, during work, or upon completion of the project. Such audit and verification may be performed by Perennia, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by Perennia for audit and verification purposes;
- I consent to the use and disclosure of the information by officials of Perennia, the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, officials of programs offered by the Government of Canada or Province of Nova Scotia, and cooperating funding partners, where the information is relevant for the purposes of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining future program funding;
- I understand that the submission of an application creates no obligation on the part of Perennia to provide funding for the proposed project;
- I agree to repay any amount determined through audit or inspection that is deemed to have been provided in excess of the program funding to which I am entitled;
- I consent to the release of my name and the amount of any funding received under the Program as public information, to be disseminated by the Province of Nova Scotia and Government of Canada;
- I acknowledge that any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes to which I have consented above, will be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP);
- I consent to representatives of Perennia or the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture contacting me to discuss the results of the Program;
- I consent to Perennia or the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture publishing the results of the Program with respect to the farm which may include my name, my farm location, the amount received and details about the projects associated with this Program; and
- I confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Please send completed applications to foodventures@perennia.ca or by Fax: 902-678-7266 or mailed to 6-28 Aberdeen St. Kentville NS B4N 2N1 Attention: Ian Brunton

You may be contacted by a Perennia specialist if they need further clarification before your application is sent to the review committee. If your application is approved, you will receive an email with a letter of approval and will be contacted by a specialist to discuss your project so a quote can be created. At a minimum you will be required to pay a 20% down-payment prior to the work being scheduled.