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**Cover Crop Boost Program
Application & Expense Form**

Applicant Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Farm Non-Farm Environmental Farm Plan Yes No


COVER CROP DETAILS

Note: maximum of 100 acres or 40 Ha. per year.

Field Location	Site 1	Site 2
Lot		
Concession		
Township (Ward)		
Municipality		
911 Number (if applicable)		
Cover Crop Information		
Number of acres to be planted		
Current tillage system used		
Crop rotation		
Where does the cover crop fit into the rotation?		
Will the field be grazed?		
Previous cover crops on these fields and when		
When will the cover crop be established (Month/Year)		
Planting method		
Species mix and rate		
When will the cover crop be tilled/killed or planted into? (Month/Year)		
OFFICE USE		
File Numbers		
X:		
Y:		
Subwatershed		
Percentage Residue:		
Grant Rate: (# of acres X \$30)		

SITE PLAN

Provide a sketch of the proposed project site. Identify the field location and access points. Include the distance to and location of watercourses. Please include any other information, such as highly visible landmarks, to assist staff to locate the proper field.


 North

Approximate Costs:

Per-acre Material (seeds, fuel, etc.) and Labour (wage, equipment rental, etc.) Costs:	
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Other Cost-Share Funding Sources:

Grant Program	Rate	Amount
Total Amount:		

* If the applicant does not own the property identified, please provide contact information for the landowners as we will be accessing their property for fall inspections and spring residue measurements.

Landowner Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I/ We understand that I/ we must disclose in this application for project funding, all proposed sources of funding, including sources and amounts from federal, provincial or municipal governments, conservation groups, and private organizations, including in-kind contributions, for the duration of this project.
- The information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge.
- The above practices and/ or materials were used for their intended purposes as described in this form.

Signed by: _____ Date: _____

Office Use

I have visited the site to verify that the cover crop has provided at least 50% ground cover over winter.

Signed by: _____ **Date:** _____

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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Cover Crop Boost Program 2021 Project Requirements

Performance Incentive: \$30/acre for a cover crop

Maximum Payment: \$3,000 (maximum 100 acres per applicant)

Purpose:

1. This program will encourage growers to try cover crops and techniques and help demonstrate their use.
2. To promote the establishment and over-wintering of cover crops (living or dead), which help provide soil protection and reduce soil erosion to watercourses.
3. To protect groundwater by promoting biological nitrogen capture.

Details:

1. Restricted to landowners planting cover crops in the Bayfield, Bayfield North, or South Gullies watersheds.
2. Cover crop can be one or more species (may be combined with Huron Clean Water funding, as long as HCW requirements and approval are met).
3. Applicants must register their eligible fields with ABCA staff, providing location and management plan for the cover crop.
4. Crops may be tilled no sooner than the spring of the year following planting (may be chemically killed the previous fall).
5. Applicants must notify staff well before spring tillage so the final crop residue measurement can be made.
6. A final residue measurement of at least 50% is required prior to planting the next crop in the following spring.
7. Cover crop residue will be measured prior to April 1, establishing a firm spring deadline for measurements of success, and achieving the goal of ensuring over-winter cover.
8. Cover crops are not to be used for forage or grazing. The project is not eligible for funding if the field is grazed or harvested.
9. Applications for less than 25 acres (approximately 10 ha) will be subject to the discretion of the Review Committee.

Performance Incentive:

1. Applicants will be paid the incentive after ABCA staff has confirmed the field(s) were managed according to the guidelines.
2. Applicants do not have to produce proof of payment for cover crop seed.
3. Applicants who grow their own seed are eligible to participate in the program.