



# Cover Crop Application and Expense Claim Form

Name			
Mailing Address			
Phone		Email:	
Property Type: Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> EFP: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

## COVER CROP DETAILS

Field Location	Site 1	Site 2
Project Address		
Lot		
Concession		
Township (Ward)		
Municipality		
<b>Cover Crop Information</b>		
Number of acres enrolled		
Species used and planting rates (lb/acre)		
When was the cover crop established (Month/Year)		
Planting method		
<b>In-kind contributions</b> ( <i>We collect information on in-kind contributions solely for the purpose of reporting aggregated in-kind contributions by participants to our funding partners.</i> )		
Materials supplied	\$	\$
Labour supplied	\$	\$
Total Project Cost	\$	\$
<b>Total Grant = Acres x \$15</b>	\$	
Office Use	File Numbers	
X:		
Y:		
Percent Residue		

**PLEASE COMPLETE PAGE 2 OF THIS FORM**

**I hereby declare:**

- The information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge.
- The above materials were used for their intended purposes as described in the HCWP application form.
- I have received or will receive the following funds from other cost-share program towards this project:

Other Cost-Share Funding Source	Grant Rate	Amount
Total proposed funding from other sources:		

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. Personal information on this form is collected under the *Conservation Authorities Act* Section 21, and will be used to determine eligibility for the grant program and reporting purposes.

***The above practices have been carried out on the registered land as described on the HCWP application form.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*For fillable forms: By typing your name, you have read and acknowledged the statement above\***

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Huron Clean Water Project Project Requirements

## Cover Crop Incentive

**Performance Incentive: \$15/acre for a multi species mix (minimum 3 species)**

**Maximum Payment: \$1,500 (maximum 150 acres per applicant)**

**Category Grant Limit: \$40,000**

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### **Purpose:**

1. This program will encourage growers to try new cover crop mixes and techniques and help demonstrate their use around the county.
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 fixation.

### **Details:**

1. Landowners may apply every year.
2. Each application to the Huron Clean Water Project must be for a different cover crop mixture.
3. There must be three or more species in the cover crop.
4. Priority will be given to innovative practices and producers willing to demonstrate practices to others.
5. Applicants must register their eligible fields with HCWP staff, providing location and management plan for the cover crop.
6. Crops may be tilled no sooner than the spring of the year following planting (may be chemically killed the previous fall).
7. Applicants must notify staff well before spring tillage so the final crop residue measurement can be made.
8. A final residue measurement of at least 50% is required prior to planting the next crop in the following spring.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Oats and barley will be considered as one variety.
12. A multi-species mix is not required for late-season cover crops planted after corn and soy harvest. These fields will still need to meet the 50% residue requirement.
13. Applications for less than 25 acres (approximately 10 ha) will be subject to the discretion of the Review Committee.
14. Applicants with more than 150 acres planted into cover crops can receive payment for the best 150 acres that meet the 50% cover crop residue measurement.

### **Performance Incentive:**

1. Applicants will be paid the incentive after HCWP program 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 as would be required for other grant categories offered by the county.
3. Applicants who grow their own seed are eligible to participate in the program.