



January 8, 2019

Re: Round 48 Call for Applications for Forestry Futures Silviculture Projects

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the forty-eighth (48th) call for applications for funding from the Forestry Futures Trust (FFT). We encourage you to submit applications for eligible work. The deadline for Round 48 applications is Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

The Forestry Futures Trust Committee (FFTC) would like to remind applicants of the following underutilized activities that are eligible for project funding:

1. Pre-project assessments: Pre-project assessments are eligible as a Forestry Futures funded expense for *approved* projects. This funding is available for no greater than 10% of the project cost (pre-HST).
2. Supervision: Supervision is eligible as part of the Forestry Futures funded expenses to allow for greater flexibility in project budgeting.

As in previous rounds, applicant contribution is required as a demonstration of commitment to the project. Applicant contribution may include in-kind and/or cash allocations. Generally, contributions on approved projects range from 10 to 25% on natural disturbance projects and 20 to 50% for stand improvement projects.

Reasonable levels of applicant contribution that may differ from the above values will be considered on large-scale projects. As in past years, eligible claims cannot exceed approved amounts.

It has come to the attention of the FFTC that the term 'stand improvement' is not well defined and can encompass a variety of activities and costs, depending on the forest manager. As a result of rates ranging from \$75/ha to \$500/ha being provided in recent Category 1: Intensive Stand Improvement applications, the Committee would like to gain an understanding of factors that contribute to such dissimilar stand improvement costs so that rate differences among SFLs can be clarified.

For Round 48 Category 1 submissions, the FFTC would like to see elements identified that add to an individual SFL's stand improvement rate. Components that contribute to the cost per hectare may include activities such as tree marking, auditing of tree marking, pre-project planning and supervision costs. Some SFLs separate these costs while others merge them together. Factors such as higher costs due to contractor shortages or contractor enticement may contribute to steeper rates in some SFLs compared to others. Managers who delineate stand improvement areas ahead of time and estimate costs for those specific areas may have higher rates than those that estimate for entire areas of blocks with a standard operator rate and which, through averaging, reduces per hectare costs, thereby, skewing comparisons among SFLs. The

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Committee requests that a breakdown of components that contribute to stand improvement rates be supplied with this round.

The Committee also requests that, for applications that include site preparation activities, specific types of mechanical equipment or chemical treatments be identified. It is difficult to assess submissions that do not name the types of machinery or chemicals proposed for use on a project.

The *Project Application Guide* document (available on our website and attached to this letter) outlines information the Committee requires and uses to evaluate projects and prioritize funding allocations. Please use the most current Project Application and Budget Forms (dated January 2019) for Round 48 which can be found under 'Download Forms' on our website (www.forestryfutures.ca). Applicants are required to submit a shapefile, along with before and after pictures, with the *final* project work report.

When claims for eligible silviculture work are submitted, the Trustee will be issuing cheques for payment in separate envelopes. One cheque will be for 90%, cashable immediately, and the second cheque is for the remaining 10% post-dated for 45 days.

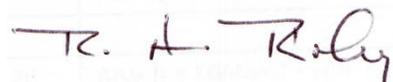
Priority is given to funding eligible projects on productive (Site Classes 1 or 2) and operable sites with proximity to primary roads. Among the categories of eligibility (refer to *Project Application Guide*), the Committee encourages applications under Category 2: Stand Rehabilitation after Natural Disturbances, Sec. VI: Stand Recovery, to revitalize degraded stands. Such projects may be eligible for a harvest top-up as part of the Forestry Futures Trust funding request when sufficient evidence is presented to support a need for this supplement. Where reduced stumpage rate is already in place, please note that offset in your applications.

Please submit applications electronically including signatures and seals to Attn: FFTC Chair at admin@forestryfutures.com.

All information contained in your Project Application and supporting documentation is considered public information subject to the application of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act R.S.P. 1990. c. F. 31, and is collected under the authority of the Act.

A submission containing incomplete information or in which key elements are missing will be returned to the applicant. Some opportunities for revisions may be provided on a case-by-case basis. Each applicant will be advised, in writing, of the Committee's decision by March 8, 2019. If you have any questions concerning the application process or wish to update your business contact information, please contact Shelley Vescio, Programs Coordinator, at (807) 343-8851 or myself through the office at 343-5803.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.A. Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

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