

MEAT PROCESSING IN BC

The Meat Transition Assistance Program (MTAP) is part of a province-wide strategy to enhance livestock slaughter capacity in British Columbia. The goals are to:

1. Ensure there are sufficient provincially licensed slaughter facilities in appropriate locations across BC.
2. Increase livestock slaughter capacity in British Columbia, and build a basis for expansion of capacity in the future.

MTAP is currently in its third phase, which opened 1 April 2009. Applications will not be received after 12 November 2010. All projects must be scheduled for completion by 31 December 2012.

MTAP 3 will be directed to assist in the development of new provincially licensed slaughter capacity as follows, with priority to under-served areas:

1. Assist plants that were unlicensed before 23 July 2004 to upgrade to provincial standards.
2. Assist in development of new or expanded provincially licensed slaughter capacity
3. Provide supplemental funding for plants in critical areas which are essential to maintaining adequate access to slaughter services.

This reimbursement program provides funding to help cover costs of construction, equipment, and business services. Funding for construction and equipment is available on a 50/50 cost shared basis up to a maximum of \$150,000 per plant.

In addition, funding may also be available for business plans and feasibility studies, up to \$5,000 per plant, if considered necessary by the MTAP Steering Committee.

Applications will be funded within priorities identified in the MTAP 3 Strategic Plan. In general, funding will be allocated on a strategic basis to build out slaughter capacity for all species in under-served areas of the province. A copy of the MTAP 3 Strategic Plan is available by calling the office at 604.504.4409 or by visiting the following site: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/programs/meat-transition-assistance-program>.

ELIGIBILITY

An eligible applicant must be a slaughter plant that is or will be licensed as a Class A (slaughter and process) or Class B (slaughter only) establishment under the BC Meat Inspection Regulation. This program is intended to cover slaughter plants for all species.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

Eligible expenditures are those directly attributable to the applicant's project in the MTAP 3 program period (1 April 2009 through 31 December 2012), in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada. Expenditures required for A or B licensing by the Centre for Disease Control will be eligible for reimbursement, specifically:

- Plant plans and blueprints
- Refrigeration
- Drainage and sewer systems
- Receiving and shipping facilities
- Equipment
- Facilities for inspectors, including washrooms
- Storage/cleaning facilities
- Slaughter facilities
- In-kind labour (max 20% of total costs)
- Consulting costs, including development of programs for maintenance, sanitation, pest control, training, labelling, traceability, and process control
- Expenses for business services (where considered necessary by MTAP program management)

Eligible expenditures will be subject to audit by the program administration. All eligible expenditures must be net of GST/HST.

PLEASE NOTE

- MTAP provides 50 cents for each dollar of eligible costs. Applicants must spend a dollar to get the 50 cents.
- In cases where the applicant has received funding in advance of licence/approval from the BC Centre for Disease Control and does not complete the project to BCCDC satisfaction, the MTAP funding is repayable.

DOCUMENTATION

On project completion, applicants must provide a copy of their A or B licence from the BC Centre for Disease Control. MTAP will then require copies of invoices, receipts etc. as proof of payment for eligible expenditures (net of GST/HST). Receipts must be for work completed between 1 April 2009 and 31 December 2012.

Last call for applications!

Applications must be received by mail, fax or email in the MTAP office no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, 12 November 2010

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Attention: MTAP Coordinator

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply? Operators of slaughter plants (outside of the 2004 Fraser and South Vancouver Island meat inspection areas) who seek (or already have) A or B provincial licences under the BC Meat Inspection Regulation.

When is the last day to apply for the program? All applications must be received in the MTAP office by close of day 12 November 2010.

Are federally registered plants eligible?
No.

Are provincially licensed plants eligible?
Yes, provided they expand slaughter capacity for under-served areas or species.

Are feasibility studies or business plans required? Feasibility studies are encouraged, but not required unless considered critical by the MTAP Steering Committee.

What are Class A, B, C, D and E licences?
Class A is for meat slaughter and processing and Class B for slaughter only. Class C licences were temporary transitional licences that are now being phased out. Class D and E licences are for farm-based slaughter in remote areas. MTAP is only available for Class A or B licence classes.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must apply by the closing date of 12 November 2010 using the Application Form. Applications can be obtained by contacting the BCFPA office at 604.504.4409 or via email at mtap@bcfpa.ca. The Application can also be downloaded from: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/programs/meat-transition-assistance-program>.

Application Process Steps

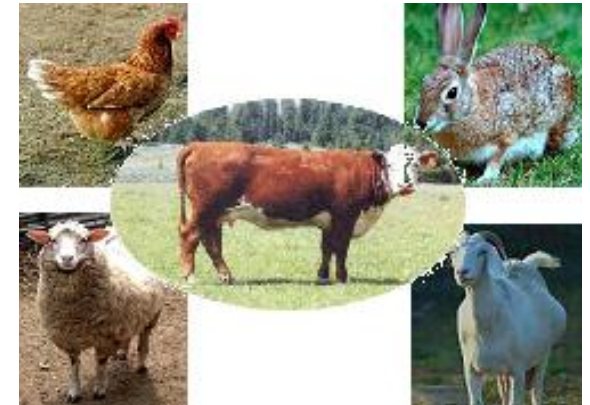
1. For your application to be approved, you must:
 - Be located outside the 2004 meat inspection areas of the Fraser Valley and South Vancouver Island
 - Provide slaughter services, including custom kill for producers in your area
 - Expand slaughter capacity for under-served areas or species
 - Have or be seeking an A or B licence
 - Be willing for your information to be shared with program administration, including with the BCCDC
 - Schedule your project for completion and have it ready for BCCDC approval no later than 31 December 2012
 - Provide a timeline and estimate of eligible costs with your application
2. Applications are reviewed by MTAP.
3. Upon approval of an application by the MTAP Steering Committee, the Program Coordinator will advise the applicant of the eligibility of the proposed activities and will formally commit an appropriate amount of funding to the project.
4. The applicant proceeds with the project and, on completion and approval/licensing by BCCDC, submits a final claim to MTAP.
5. On satisfactory review of a claim, MTAP funds are released.

For more information, refer to the MTAP 3 Strategic Plan, call the office at 604.504.4409 or visit <http://www.bcfpa.ca/programs/meat-transition-assistance-program>



Meat Transition Assistance Program: Phase 3

General Information and Last Call for Applications



Funding to support the Meat Transition Assistance Program is provided by the Government of British Columbia

