

2022 Brockton Farm Gate Grant

Purpose:

To cover a portion of the project costs for a public-facing “farm gate” retail facility for eligible farms in rural areas of Brockton.

The program is intended to encourage the installation of produce stands and signage on the part of property owners and tenants, or the improvement of existing produce stands that sell directly to the public.

Brockton is committed to assisting the agricultural sector in exploring value-added opportunities to boost farm income, and also to the provision of locally grown food and products for residents and visitors.

This is not a property maintenance program, and designs and materials used must be of high quality to enhance the character of the agri-business sector.

Eligible Costs

- Restoration or redesign of commercial/retail agri-business facilities facing the public right-of-way
- Professional design fees
- Farm gate produce/retail stand upgrades/replacement
- Farm gate unit and associated agri-business signage
- Cleaning, painting, sandblasting and/or refinishing retail stands

Program Funding

- Up to 50% of eligible costs, or \$1,500, whichever is less, upon successful completion of an approved farm gate improvement project within Brockton’s CIP area.

Eligibility Criteria

- The program is open agricultural businesses that sell a portion of their product to the public, or wish to add a “farm-gate” component to their operation. Applicants must be the owner or tenant of the subject property, or any person to whom the owner or tenant has assigned the rights to the property;
- Proposed work must comply with all applicable By-Laws, codes and guidelines;
- Applicants must not be in arrears of property taxes, local improvement charges or any other municipal accounts receivable on the subject property
- Outstanding work orders (building, fire, zoning, etc.) must be satisfied prior to grant approval;
- Applicants must source goods and services locally, where possible.
- Any work commenced prior to the project receiving approval from the Municipality may be disqualified from receiving funding;

- Municipal contributions will be issued only after the project is completed and inspected by Municipal staff, and original receipts for payment to third parties for the work completed are received from the applicant.