

Re: 2026-27 Channel Clearing & Drainage Project Maintenance Rebate Program

As part of the Water Security Agency's (WSA) ongoing effort to support local governments facing water management issues, I would like to remind eligible applicants of the deadline to apply for the 2026-27 Channel Clearing & Drainage Project Maintenance Rebate Program.

The Channel Clearing & Drainage Project Maintenance Rebate Program offers support for rural municipalities, small urban municipalities (population 5,000 or less), conservation and development area authorities, watershed association boards and irrigation districts. A total of **\$600,000** is available through the program and will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Eligible applicants may receive a rebate of up to **50 per cent of eligible project costs**, to a maximum of **\$50,000**. Eligible work includes removing silt, beaver dams and debris such as trees, brush and deadfall from natural channels or approved drainage projects. These activities help reduce the risk of blockages that can contribute to flooding on roads and agricultural land. Please note that small urban municipalities are eligible for channel clearing projects in natural channels only.

For program details, eligibility requirements, funding information, and frequently asked questions, please visit the [2026-27 Channel Clearing & Drainage Project Maintenance Program Guide](#) on the WSA website. [Applications \(Appendix B\)](#) and all required supporting documentation must be submitted by **January 31, 2027**. Early applications are encouraged, as funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. All channel clearing activities must also comply with the requirements outlined in [Appendix A: Aquatic Habitat Protection Guidelines for Channel Clearing & Drainage Project Maintenance](#).

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact us at ChannelClearing@wsask.ca or reach out to Breanna Gardner, Program Co-ordinator, at 306.631.8398.

Sincerely,



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