



2026 TILE DRAINAGE CONSORTIUMS

Within the current NOHFC Tile Drainage Funding Program, NOHFC will be funding 50% of eligible tile drainage costs to a maximum of \$500/acre.

NOFIA will be building a consortium for anticipated 2026 work. **NOFIA will begin accepting completed applications starting March 1, 2026. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.**

If your project is included in a consortium, **the work must be completed before the project closes** (typically within a year of NOHFC project approval). If you fail to complete your project, you jeopardize NOFIA's ability to deliver this funding and NOFIA reserves the right to exclude you from any future consortium.

The consortium will be structured after the application deadline and you will be notified when your project has been submitted. All 2026 work will be undertaken at your own risk. Producers are expected to have their own bridge funding required to cover costs until the consortium is complete and all claims have been processed through NOHFC (end of the project). Costs incurred before they are eligible (date provided once included in a consortium) will not be considered.

NOFIA reserves the right to limit individual acreages within each consortium. If applying for multiple locations, please prioritize locations in your application.

An administration fee of \$12.00 per acre is payable when you apply regardless of the outcome of the submission or the completion of work.

Your application **MUST** include:

1. Application form
2. Map of area to be tiled (must include applicant name, location, and other detailed landmarks such as road names)
3. Proof of land ownership or copy of long-term lease (if renting)
4. Copy of your Farm Business Registration
5. Contractor Contract + 3 quotes or tender form
6. Bank letter to verify funds (**including this language:** *"This letter verifies that NAME has \$\$ dollars to install tile on ## acres in 2026 and that at least 10% of these funds will be sourced from cash-on-hand or savings).*
7. Administration fee - \$12.00/acre to be made payable to NOFIA

NOHFC requires that projects be tendered, so three quotes (or documentation to explain why three quotes could not be obtained) must be provided either with your application or with your claim.

If you intend on also applying for a tile loan through OMAFA, please indicate this when you apply to ensure funding amounts do not conflict.

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2026 Tile Drainage Application (complete in full)

Name: _____ **If you are incorporated, please use the legal registered business name for all application documents - you may also be required to submit your certificate of incorporation**

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email/Fax: _____

Farm Business Registration Number (OFA, NFU, CFFU): _____

Description of Project:

Township: _____ Lot: _____ Conc: _____

I own rent this land.

of acres applied for: _____ spacing _____ estimated cost (based on project tender): _____

If applying for multiple properties, please list them in order of priority. NOFIA cannot guarantee that all properties will be included in a consortium.

Please confirm that:

- I will make a cash contribution of at least 10% of the contractor costs (materials and labour) specific to my acreage
- The work will be completed by a third party (non-farm owned) licensed contractor
- Ownership of the land will remain the same for 5 years after funding
- A Stage 1 application (upon its submission to NOHFC) results in incurred costs being ELIGIBLE for funding but costs will be at my own risk until my project is included in a consortium and approved by NOHFC.
- Acres applied for MUST be completed prior to the project closing – projects applied for and not completed will not be included in subsequent consortiums.
- To be considered, this application must be submitted in full.

By signing this application, I agree to work with the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance to complete the acreage specified in this application for inclusion in an NOHFC Tile Drainage Consortium. An administration fee of \$12.00 per acre will be required to be submitted with the application, regardless of the outcome of the submission or the completion of the work.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Producer & Contractor Commitment

_____, henceforth known as "Contractor," and _____, henceforth known as "Producer," are entering into this contract this ___ day of _____, for the purposes of establishing the provisions of a tile drainage installation located at _____.

The Producer agrees to the estimate provided by the Contractor, noting that:

- Unforeseen circumstances may increase costs beyond the estimate – the producer will be notified of any cost increases. Funding will only cover 50% of costs, up to \$500.00 per acre (\$1,000 per acre total eligible cost) – the producer will be responsible for all costs greater than this amount.
- The estimate includes the cost of installation and may also include the cost of materials – the Producer will pay all relevant invoices associated with the project.

Pursuant to the estimate, and the notes listed above, the Contractor agrees that work will be completed over an estimated _____ acres. Upon completion of the work, the Contractor will provide the following documents to the producer in a timely manner:

- detailed invoices
- tile drainage map
- project checklist

All work must be done by a third party to be eligible for funding. The Producer agrees to pay the Contractor in full upon receipt of the invoices. A funding claim cannot be completed without 'paid in full' invoices supported by external proof of payment (cleared cheque).

The Producer and Contractor agree to work with all applicable laws and regulations within the Province of Ontario. Contractor agrees that the installation will be completed by licenced tile contractors, working within the requirements of that licence. The Producer and the Contractor are aware that the producer is one of a consortium, and a portion (10%) of funds will be withheld until all producers within the consortium have completed their projects. The Producer will be notified prior to commencement of the work, which is estimated to be completed by _____. Though unforeseen circumstances might delay this date, the Contractor commits to complete the work in a timely manner and will take all necessary steps to ensure completion. If the Contractor is unreasonably delayed prior to commencement, the Producer can hire another Contractor to complete the work, without penalty.

Invalidity or unenforceability of one or more provisions of this agreement shall not affect any other provision of this agreement.

This contract is subject to the laws and regulations of the province of Ontario.

Contractor

Signature

Producer

Signature