

9. Cover Crops	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Date
	\$50/ acre up to 50 acres	\$2,500	August 15, 2020
Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-time grant to promote the establishment and over-wintering of cover crops (living or dead), which help provide soil protection and reduce soil erosion, sedimentation and nutrient loading to watercourses. 			
Category Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-time grant per-property. Landowners with multiple properties can apply once per property. Properties where cover crops are currently used are not eligible. The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority must review and approve all projects before commencing. Only cover crops used exclusively for cover such as rye, oats, clover, or multi-mixes are eligible. Cover crops tilled no sooner than the spring of the year following planting, and cover crops must be destroyed by June 1st. A spring residue of at least 50% cover is required to receive the incentive. All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement 			
Eligible Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash cropping fields up to 50 acres 			
Eligible Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seed 			
Ineligible Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material Planting costs Equipment rental/operation Landowner labour costs Administrative costs 			
Potential Key Performance Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hectares of cover crops planted 			