

CROSS-COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date:	April 24, 2025
Time:	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (lunch provided)
Location:	In person: RDCO Woodhaven Boardroom, 1450 KLO Rd, Kelowna Virtual: Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 273 939 641 765 Passcode: mP29cg95

MEETING AGENDA

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Recommended Motion

"THAT the April 24, 2025, meeting agenda be adopted as presented."

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (Page 2)

Recommended Motion

"THAT the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes be adopted as presented."

4. **GUEST PRESENTATION**

4.1 Labour Supply Research Project, KPU Research Team (Attachment 1)

5. **ROUND TABLE UPDATES FROM MEMBERS**

6. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

6.1 CCLSP Committees and Communications (Page 4)

6.2 Stabilization Fund: Financial Update (Page 6)

6.3 Current Cross-Commodity Projects (Page 7)

Recommended Motion

"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves the project expense report for the Local Government and Agriculture Tours submitted by the Okanagan Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program and recommends the final payment of \$8,109.31, which is the actual project cost of \$14,516.64 minus an interim payment equal to \$6,407.33 previously received from IAF."

6.4 Cross-Commodity Project Development and Funding Applications (Page 14)

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held in person on June 24, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

CROSS-COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Cross-Commodity Advisory Council** held virtually via MS Teams on April 10, 2025.

**CCLSP
Advisory Council Meeting
April 24, 2025
Agenda No. 3.0**

PRESENT

Dapinder Gill
Gail Nelson
Kate Durisek
Michelle Cook
Nikki Callaway
Philip Gyug
Ryan Ostertag
Sukhpaul Bal
Tyrion Miskell
Walter Makepeace

BC Grapegrowers' Association
BC Fruit Growers' Association
BC Wine Grape Council
Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program
BC Wine Grape Council
BC Ministry of Agriculture & Food
Consolidated Fruit Packers
BC Cherry Association
BC Grapegrowers' Association
Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program

REGRETS

Beth Cavers
Karen Yeung
Gord Morrison
Madeleine van Roechoudt
Jesse MacDonald

BC Cherry Association
BC Wine Grape Council
Consolidated Fruit Packers
Grower at Large
Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

STAFF

Kellie Garcia
Shelby Austen

CCLSP Project Director
CCLSP Administration & Communications Manager

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Kate Durisek

"THAT the April 10, 2025, meeting agenda be approved as presented."

Seconded by: Michelle Cook

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Walter Makepeace

"THAT the March 18, 2025, meeting minutes be adopted as presented."

Seconded by: Dapinder Gill

CARRIED

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

4.1 GLOBAL CLUB ACCESS: FINAL REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT

Kellie walked the Council through the final report and deliverables and explained that the project focused on developing a process, compiling information, and creating checklists to help growers access global club varieties.

Moved by: Kate Durisek

Seconded by: Walter Makepeace

"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves the Global Club Access Project Final Report submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program and recommends proceeding with a final payment of \$5,714.29, which is the actual project cost of \$45,714.29 minus a payment of \$40,000 previously received from IAF."

CARRIED

4.2 BC FRUIT WORKS: FINAL REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT

Kellie walked the Council through the final report and financials.

Moved by: Michelle Cook

Seconded by: Tyrion Miskell

"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves BC Fruit Works Project Final Report submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program and recommends proceeding with a final payment of \$3,301.85, which is the actual project cost of \$143,301.85 minus payments equal to \$140,000 previously received from IAF."

CARRIED

4.3 CCLSP: PROGRESS REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR INTERIM PAYMENT

Kellie walked the Council through the progress report, financials, and 2024 annual review document.

Moved by: Michelle Cook

Seconded by: Walter Makepeace

"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves Cross-Commodity Leadership Support Project Progress Report submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program and recommends proceeding with the interim payment of \$225,000."

CARRIED

4.4 HERBICIDE TECHNOLOGY, BEST PRACTICES, AND EXTENSION TFISP FUNDING APPLICATION

Kellie walked the Council through the due diligence checklist, project application and budget, noting that the project will span two growing seasons, with trials conducted this season and a prototype sprayer developed for the next.

Moved by: Tyrion Miskell

Seconded by: Nikki Callaway

"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves the Herbicide Technology, Best Practices, and Extension TFISP application submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program with a maximum funding contribution of \$36,750, and a project timeline of May 15, 2025, to December 31, 2026."

CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Cross-Commodity Advisory Council meeting will be held in-person on April 24, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cross-Commodity Advisory Council

From: Shelby Austen, CCLSP Admin. & Comms. Manager

Subject: Update on CCLSP Committees and Communications

April 17, 2024

Advisory Council and Committee Remuneration:

To reduce administrative efforts, remuneration for advisory council and committee meetings will be processed twice annually—in June and December. Members with questions or who require alternative arrangements are asked to contact Shelby directly.

Committees:

Innovation & Technology

The committee met on April 15 with 14 members in attendance. The meeting focused on roundtable and project updates, as well as discussion of new project ideas. One proposal involved exploring the use of LiteFarm, an open-source, user-friendly farm management software. Committee member Felix Egerer also proposed a project on laser technology for bird deterrence. The group agreed this would be a valuable cross-commodity initiative, and staff will work with Felix and the BCGA to develop a project application.

Domestic Labour

The committee met on April 14 with six members in attendance. The meeting focused on final recommendations for BC Fruit Works and an update on the Labour Supply Research Project. To avoid duplication of efforts, the committee agreed to pause activities until there is greater clarity on other industry labour initiatives.

Extension

The committee met on April 8 with 11 members in attendance. The meeting included roundtable updates and discussion of proposed projects. Members were briefed on the Herbicide Technology and Extension project and potential ABaZyne Abiotic Stress Demonstration trials. The committee emphasized the importance of aligning the ABaZyne project with AAFC and Ministry-led cold hardiness initiatives.

Communications:

The 2024 Annual Review has been completed and is [attached for reference](#). It outlines key accomplishments over the past year, including project updates, education and engagement efforts, and financial summaries. The document will be reviewed during the meeting.

Additional communications work includes drafting summary reports for the 2025 Extension Conference and the April 2 South Okanagan agriculture tour in Penticton. Both are expected to be ready for distribution soon. Work is also underway on an extension strategy for the upcoming year, informed by the roadmaps developed at the conference.

Other CCLSP collaborations and activities in the first quarter of 2025 focused on strengthening relationships and raising awareness across the sector. Highlights include:

- Participated in BC ACARN's Lab to Land and Seeding Success workshops
- Connected with the Wine Grape Industry Task Force project coordinator
- Moderated and attended sessions at the Southern Interior Horticulture Show
- Presented at the BC Cherry Association Annual General Meeting
- Presented at the BC Fruit Growers' Association Annual General Meeting
- Initiated discussions with BC's Centre for Agritech Innovation at Simon Fraser University on potential partnership opportunities
- Attended Sterile Insect Release (SIR) Board meetings
- Facilitated three grower town halls with the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food
- Separately met with Minister Popham to brief her on the CCLSP

MEMORANDUM

To: Cross-Commodity Advisory Council

April 17, 2025

From: Kellie Garcia, Project Director

Subject: Financial Update on Stabilization Fund

The following table provides the current commitments and balance of the stabilization fund.

Stabilization Fund Balance as at April 15, 2025				
Balance provided by IAF on Aug 1, 2024		\$ 2,562,156		
Project Commitments				
Project Number	Project Title	Allocated	Paid	Outstanding
IAF-202403-09994	Cross-Commodity Leadership Support Project	\$ 855,658.00	\$ 374,730.00	(480,928.00)
IAF-202403-09993	Global Club Access for BC Growers	\$ 45,714.29	\$ 40,000.00	(5,714.29)
IAF-202403-09988	Domestic Labour - BC Fruit Works 2024	\$ 143,301.85	\$ 140,000.00	(3,301.85)
IAF-202403-09984	2024 Extension Practitioners Conference	\$ 32,268.75	\$ 32,268.75	-
IAF-202507-12969 (BCFGA)	BC Access to Plant Material	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 14,642.00	(18,358.00)
IAF-202509-13793	BC DAS Operations	\$ 300,545.00	\$ 200,000.00	(100,545.00)
IAF-202509-13792	2025 Extension Practitioners Conference	\$ 31,554.58	\$ -	(31,554.58)
IAF-202509-13791	Agriculture Tours	\$ 14,516.64	\$ 6,407.33	(8,109.31)
IAF-202509-13794	BC DAS Expansion to Wine Grapes	\$ 115,500.00	\$ 46,200.00	(69,300.00)
IAF-202509-13795	Research Briefs & Videos	\$ 143,850.00	\$ -	(143,850.00)
	Herbicide Technology & Extension	\$ 36,750.00	\$ -	(36,750.00)
Other Commitments				
Steering Committee Farmer Remuneration		\$ 56,587.00	\$ 56,587.00	-
IAF Admin Fees (estimated)		\$ 125,000.00	-	(125,000.00)
Total commitments		\$ 1,934,246.11	\$ 910,835.08	\$ (1,023,411.03)
Unallocated funds		\$ 627,909.89		

I am working with Ministry staff to prepare an “At a Glance” table of how the TFISP funds have been spent to date by recommendation and hope to have that information available soon.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cross-Commodity Advisory Council

April 17, 2025

From: Kellie Garcia, Project Director

Subject: Update on Current Cross-Commodity Projects

CCLSP staff and partners are working on or wrapping up nine cross-commodity projects funded through the stabilization program and one project funded through the workforce analysis and planning program (both programs are administered by IAF).

Our current projects are:

- Cross-Commodity Leadership Support
- Extension Conference 2025
- Local Government & Agriculture Tours
- BC Fruit Works (continuing under CCLSP funding)
- Labour Supply Research
- BC DAS Operations
- BC DAS Expansion to Wine Grapes
- BC Access to Plant Material (BCFGA)
- Research Briefs & Videos
- Herbicide Best Practices, Technology, and Extension (NEW)

Budget and progress updates for all projects are included below.

Report on Budgets

CCLSP General Operating Expenses

	2025 EXPENSES			
	2025 Projected Budget	Q1 (Jan to Mar)	To Date	Budget Remaining
Communications	\$ 4,000	\$ 143	\$ 143	\$ 3,857
Meetings & Travel	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,983	\$ 2,983	\$ 7,017
Employee Expenses	\$ 213,650	\$ 48,845	\$ 48,845	\$ 164,805
Supplies, Software & Subscriptions	\$ 4,000	\$ 195	\$ 195	\$ 3,805
Rent	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Contract Services	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Contract Admin (SIR 8.5 %)	\$ 20,795	\$ 4,434	\$ 4,434	\$ 16,361
TOTAL	\$ 265,445	\$ 56,601	\$ 56,601	\$ 208,844

Current Administered Projects

	2025 EXPENSES				
	Budget	2024	Q1 (Jan to Mar)	To Date	Budget Remaining
Agriculture Tours	\$ 14,595	\$ 6,407	\$ 8,109	\$ 14,517	\$ 78
BC DAS Operations	\$ 300,545	\$ 18	\$ 66,825	\$ 66,843	\$ 233,702
BC DAS to Wine Grapes	\$ 115,500	\$ -	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 111,183
BC Fruit Works	\$ 162,540	\$ 104,107	\$ 39,195	\$ 143,302	\$ 19,238
2025 Extension Conference	\$ 35,385	\$ 1,000	\$ 30,555	\$ 31,555	\$ 3,830
Labour Supply Research	\$ 115,000	\$ 65,838	\$ -	\$ 65,838	\$ 49,162
Global Club Variety Access	\$ 48,000	\$ 17,143	\$ 28,571	\$ 45,714	\$ 2,286
Research Briefs	\$ 143,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,850
TOTAL	\$ 935,415	\$ 194,512	\$ 177,573	\$ 372,085	\$ 563,330

Note: The BC Access to Plant Material Project is administered by the BCFGa and not included in the table above.

Total Cross-Commodity Funding (includes current and completed projects)

	Total Revenue Expected	Received to date	Remaining
CCLSP	\$ 855,658	\$ 374,730	\$ 480,928
Agriculture Tours	\$ 14,595	\$ 6,407	\$ 8,188
BC DAS	\$ 300,545	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,545
BC DAS to Wine Grapes	\$ 115,500	\$ 46,200	\$ 69,300
BC Fruit Works	\$ 162,540	\$ 140,000	\$ 22,540
Extension Conference	\$ 35,385	\$ 31,555	\$ -
Labour Supply Research	\$ 115,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 57,000
Global Club Variety Access	\$ 48,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 8,000
Research Briefs	\$ 143,850	\$ -	\$ 143,850
TOTAL	\$ 1,791,073	\$ 896,892	\$ 890,351

Report on Progress

Cross-Commodity Leadership Support Project

Priorities for the CCLSP are guided by our Strategic Plan, available [here](#). The Strategic Plan was prepared by CCLSP staff and members of the Partners Table. It contains five broad goals and 19 performance indicators.

CCLSP staff prepared three progress reports and an annual review in 2024 to keep things on track and promote transparency on how the stabilization funding is being spent. The progress reports and annual review are available [here](#).

Moving forward, staff will continue to provide frequent updates on projects and budgets to the advisory council but will only prepare two “public-facing” progress reports each year – an interim report to June and an annual review to December.

Extension Conference 2025

The 2025 Building Bridges Extension Conference was a strong success, bringing together 58 participants from 30 organizations over two days. The event began with a conflict resolution workshop led by Jump Outta Bed Inc., followed by a collaborative session using the previously developed roadmaps framework to help align extension priorities.

On day two, Hannah Wittman and Jessica Chiartas (UBC) led a keynote and interactive session focused on farmer-to-farmer learning networks. The day concluded with a broader industry discussion that welcomed additional producers, researchers, consultants, and others. Participants worked in small groups using guiding questions to help identify top extension priorities for the coming year.

CCLSP staff are currently developing a summary report and updated extension framework, which will be shared soon. Early results point to five key focus areas:

- Pest management
- Business planning
- Human resources and labour
- Water, soil, and nutrient management
- Crop protection and quality

Local Government & Agriculture Tours

CCLSP recently hosted two successful Agriculture in Action bus tours as part of its ongoing efforts to bridge the gap between policy and practice. A summary report that highlights what we heard and recommends actions is available [here](#).

The Lake Country tour, held on November 6, brought together local government planning staff and agricultural producers to highlight real-world challenges in navigating land use policies and regulations. The tour provided an opportunity for firsthand learning and dialogue on topics such as zoning, diversification, and infrastructure development.

The most recent tour took place in Penticton on April 2 and focused on engaging elected officials. It welcomed 48 participants representing 35 organizations. A [Companion Guide](#) was prepared by CCLSP staff to supplement the conversations. The tour featured two stops: Brarstar Orchards, hosted by Deep Brar, and Township 7 Vineyards and Winery, hosted by Mary McDermott. Key topics included urban-rural interface challenges, labour shortages, pest and waste management options, water availability, and more. The day concluded with guided small-group reflections to identify actionable next steps for collaboration.

These tours have proven to be valuable platforms for cross-sector dialogue, fostering mutual understanding, and supporting more responsive policy development between local governments and the agriculture sector. Building on this momentum, CCLSP staff intend to continue this work and plan to host additional tours in the future.

Program Activity Invoice Summary

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Use this spreadsheet to submit your eligible expenses.
 2. Your approved activities are in the Client Portal at the top of the Report under "Project Budget".
 3. Complete the chart by entering Item(s) Purchased, Invoice Number, Invoice Date, and Amount Claimed Without GST.
- A reminder GST is not eligible for reimbursement.

CLIENT DATA ENTRY:

Line Item	Activity Category	Item(s) Purchased/Service	Invoice Number	Invoice Date MM-DD-YY	Amount Claimed without GST (CAD\$)	IAF Use Only Amount Approved
1	Stream1 - Project Planning	Motorcoach Bus	18652	02-Apr-25	\$ 1,880.25	\$ -
2	Stream1 - Project Planning	Venue & Catering	102-65-65-14347	02-Apr-25	\$ 4,530.11	\$ -
3	Stream1 - Project Planning	Host stipend (Visa)	NA	04-01-25	\$ 312.90	\$ -
4	Stream1 - Project Planning	Host stipend (BCAITCF Donation)	3MD134387K7244333	03-31-25	\$ 300.00	\$ -
5	Stream1 - Project Planning	Narrator stipend (Zias Stonehouse)	505381	04-01-25	\$ 150.00	\$ -
6	Stream1 - Project Planning	Speaker gifts (mugs)	VP_KKZH9HQ7	03-06-25	\$ 303.87	\$ -
7	Stream1 - Project Planning	Gift bags (Dollarama)	NA	03-31-25	\$ 6.42	\$ -
8	Stream1 - Project Planning	Portable microphone and speaker	4195	04-02-25	\$ 171.20	\$ -
9	Stream1 - Project Planning	Tour/tasting fee (Township 7)	NA	04-02-25	\$ 68.40	\$ -
10	Stream1 - Project Planning	SIR Administration (5%)	NA	NA	\$ 386.16	\$ -
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Total Approved Eligible Expenses					\$ 8,109.31	\$ -

BC Fruit Works

BC Fruit Works will continue to operate under the CCLSP and does not need additional funding at this time.

Three videos were produced this year and are available for download [here](#). The videos showcase reasons to consider working in the industry, the resources and supports available through BC Fruit Works, and the variety of roles within the industry. We need to decide how to best use these videos but encourage the industry associations to share via websites and social media channels to start. CCLSP staff will follow up to provide further instructions and support as needed.

We are also looking for ways to use the BC Fruit Works platform to support two initiatives recently launched by other organizations to address labour challenges and support workforce retention.

The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) initiative, titled **Advancing BC's Agricultural Workforce: HR Tools Development and Employer Training for Sustainable Growth**, includes five key initiatives:

- Adapting the AgriHR Toolkit to align with BC's employment legislation, workplace safety standards, and industry-specific case studies while ensuring accessibility for employers through training and awareness initiatives.
- Providing tailored HR training and resources to enhance workforce management capabilities across the sector.
- Establishing an online hub for AgriHR advisors, facilitating industry collaboration through webinars, and creating a framework for ongoing knowledge-sharing.
- Conducting industry consultations, focus groups, and outreach efforts to ensure alignment with sector needs and priorities.
- Developing a long-term strategy to extend the impact of HR tools and training beyond the project's completion.

CCLSP staff are meeting with CAHRC next week to discuss how we can support training sessions for the tree fruit and wine grape industry this fall.

The CAHRC project complements the **BC Agriculture Human Resources Advisory Service** being developed by AgSafe BC. The program will serve as an "HR on Speed Dial" where a team of Regional HR Consultants will be available to agricultural producers for consultations and on-demand assistance via telephone, email, and digital meetings. I met with the AgSafe project coordinator on April 16 and discussed several ways that we can support each other in our roles.

Lastly, I have learned recently that the BC Cherry Association and the BC Fruit Growers' Association have launched new labour committees. I've asked to be kept in the loop on their discussions so I can identify how the CCLSP may assist and make sure we don't duplicate their efforts.

Labour Supply Research

The KPU research team will be giving a presentation on this project at our April 24 meeting.

BC DAS Operations

The BC DAS steering committee met on February 3 and April 7. The committee includes reps from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, BCWGC, BCFGA, and Peak HydroMet Solutions. The BC DAS horticultural consultant has been overhauling the fireblight recommendations section and working on handouts, meeting with growers and technical specialists, and is organizing tailgate meetings and sprayer calibration demonstrations for May and June. She also presented at the Production Guide meeting on April 9.

BC DAS Expansion to Wine Grapes

The needs assessment and go/no go checklist (Phase 1) was completed in March and the recommendation was to proceed with the expansion to wine grapes (Phase 2). We already have funding in place and Galen Barnhardt has agreed to stay on as our consultant so we will be launching soon.

As a reminder, this is what we are proposing for Phase 2:

Project plan	Prepare a project plan that defines scope, goals, tasks, schedule, budget, and deliverables needed to complete the expansion.
Review and approve project plan	Present project plan to grape growers, researchers, technical experts, and others. Begin engaging with the wine grape industry task force data management working group (and possibly the climate resilience working group).
Integrate wine grape models into BC DAS	Obtain available models identified in the needs assessment, validate to local conditions as needed, and integrate into BC DAS. Draft and sign data sharing agreements. Work with growers, IPM consultants, and research scientists to add management recommendations.
Beta test, revise, and launch	Beta-test with select users (local experts, IPM consultants, growers). Survey and collect feedback from beta-test group. Make needed adjustments. Make features operational and available online for all users.
Grower engagement and adoption	Prepare grower engagement strategy. Hold information sessions. Provide support to new users.
Final report	Prepare final report for IAF and share learnings and next steps with industry.

BC Access to Plant Material (BCFGA)

Project updates were shared with industry stakeholders during the Southern Interior Horticultural Show and Tree Fruit Production Guide meeting. Growers interested in participating in this year's pilot have been advised to connect with a qualified tree fruit nursery that is fully compliant with the requirements under the Systems Approach. Currently, there are three qualified nurseries, with one—Gold Crown Nursery in Quincy, WA—meeting all necessary criteria for export to BC. Growers are also encouraged to contact Project Coordinator Molly Thurston for guidance on the permitting process, which continues to present challenges.

The first shipment of unmitigated pome fruit trees arrived on Wednesday, April 9. The load was inspected prior to departure in Washington and again by CFIA at the Osoyoos border crossing. It passed all inspection protocols and was successfully released to growers. Notably, no tariff was applied to the imported trees.

Supplies for Oriental Fruit Moth (OFM) monitoring have been acquired, and pheromone-baited delta traps will be deployed this spring. Additionally, a prototype electronic camera trap— in collaboration with N.M. Bartlett and FMC—will be added to the OFM trapline. This technology has shown promising results in test orchards in Ontario and may be of interest to the CCLSP Innovation & Technology Committee.

OFM traps will be monitored throughout the season in 2–3 orchard locations, specifically in Kelowna and Creston, following tree planting. Any positive detections will be flagged to the Provincial Entomologist.

Research Briefs and Videos

The CCLSP will be working with ACARN and BC Food Web to prepare 12 briefs and 4 videos summarizing regional peer-reviewed research tailored to the needs of tree fruit and wine grape growers. We are currently setting up the contract with ACARN and our kick-off meeting is scheduled for May 1.

Herbicide Best Practices, Technology, and Extension

This project was recently recommended for funding by the Advisory Council on April 10 but has not yet been officially approved by IAF. The project will investigate and share technological advances and best practices to improve herbicide application and product understanding and use. It will take place over two years. Year 1 will focus on demonstration trials and extension efforts to assess and optimize herbicide efficacy and use. Year 2 will focus on improving herbicide application technologies and continuing the herbicide demonstration trials from Year 1.

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Advisory Council Meeting
April 24, 2025
Agenda No. 6.4

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Cross-Commodity Advisory Council

April 17, 2025

From: Kellie Garcia, Project Director

Subject: Project Development and Funding Applications

We still have about \$628K in the stabilization fund that needs to be allocated as soon as possible. The project ideas listed below have been brought forward by CCLSP partners, committee members, and staff over the past few months. I've added estimated allocations for a few projects but most of the ideas are too early on to know costs. I'd like direction on which projects should be prioritized for further development by CCLSP staff and approximately how much you would like to allocate to each.

				Unallocated TFSI balance	\$ 627,946
Proposed project	TFISP Rec	Lead Partner	Notes	Estimated Allocation	
Local government education & outreach	19	CCLSP	Organize 3 bus tours (fall 2025, spring 2026, fall 2026). Organize tailgate meetings with local govt electeds & farmers. Prepare outreach materials (agriculture 101). Give presentations to councils and regional boards.	\$ 50,000	
Industry data strategy	2	BCFGA	Identify industry's key questions and priorities, create an inventory of what agricultural data are currently available, decide how the data can be used to answer our questions, assemble the data in a central repository, and create outputs that are useful to industry.		
GPS mapping of vineyards and cherry orchards	9	SIR	Contract SIR staff to GPS cherry orchards and vineyards and create GIS maps.		
ABAzyne abiotic stress demonstration trials	9	BCCA	Use trials to determine the effects of ABAzyne on winter cold hardiness and summer heat mitigation for cherries and transfer the knowledge to other growers and other commodities.	\$ 130,000	
SIR operational funding	10	SIR	Supplement grower portion of program funding.		
Extension road map workshop for 2026	4	CCLSP	Bring industry support staff together to review 2025 progress and identify extension priorities for 2026.	\$ 15,000	
Embedding KTT in all research projects	4 & 9	BCWGC	Develop a process and guidelines that industry associations and others can use to consistently embed KTT into all research projects. Use the wine grape industry task force clusters to trial the process.		
Laser bird deterrent trials and extension	9	BCGA	Conduct trials in vineyards and orchards to test laser bird scaring technologies. Share knowledge gained with industry.		
LiteFarm app for tree fruits and winegrapes	2 & 9	CCLSP	Work with UBC to bring the LiteFarm farm management app to tree fruit and wine grape operations.		
Variety access	5	BCFGA?	Project ideas?		