

Organic Extension Project: Recommendations

Purpose & Objectives

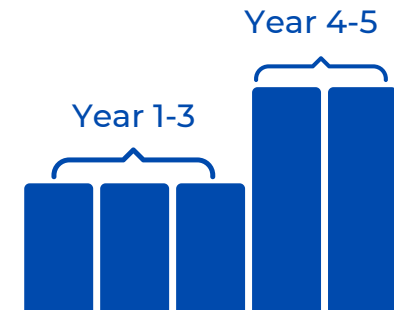


Operations



Funding

\$3.6M



Purpose:

Widespread adoption of organic and regenerative practices.

Long-term vision:

Thriving and resilient BC organic and regenerative agriculture and food system sector.

Inclusive of all farmers and food businesses interested in organic and regenerative practices.

Structure:

- [Directors](#) provide oversight
- [Management Team](#) provide strategic leadership and planning
- Dedicated [extension agents](#) stationed regionally in partnership with [existing extension organizations](#)
- [Administration](#) provides operational support

Implementation: Phased approach over 5 years, operating at half capacity for year 1-3, and expanding to full capacity in year 4 and 5.

Start-up cost:

The cash contribution needed to pilot this initiative over 5 years is \$3.6M.

Over 5 years, focus on development of a sustainable funding model.

Funding options for further investigation:

- Sector-led endowment campaign
- Sector funding mechanism
- Cost recovery
- Contributions from provincial and regional governments.

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