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Alberta Value Added Wood Products Program (AVAWPP)

## Innovation Support Program

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### New Capital Funding Opportunity for

### Alberta's Value-Added Wood Products Manufacturers and their Wood Suppliers

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**EDMONTON, Alberta** – The Alberta Value Added Wood Products Program is pleased to announce the launch of the Innovation Support Program (ISP), a new capital investment funding opportunity for Alberta's value-added wood product manufacturers and their wood suppliers. The ISP builds on the success of the Business Development Program (BDP) and extends AVAWPP's support into capital investment, helping Alberta companies scale up, accelerate market access, and build new manufacturing capacity.

"The Innovation Support Program is the next step in AVAWPP's evolution," announced Rory Koska, Executive Director, Alberta WoodWorks. "Through our previous programs we supported business development, market entry, and workforce capability. By supporting equipment and capacity investments, we're helping Alberta's value-added wood manufacturers move from planning to production, and from production to growth."

Through the ISP, eligible manufacturers can access funding for capital projects that fall into one or more of three incrementality categories: **Scale-Up** (acquiring larger, faster, or more capable equipment than the applicant could otherwise justify), **Acceleration** (pulling a planned investment forward in time to capture earlier productivity or market gains), and **Capability Jump** (de-risking an investment the applicant would not make on its own because the technology, market, or process is new to the company).

Full program information is available at [avawpp.com](http://avawpp.com), including program objectives, eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria, key dates, and submission forms. Applicants self-assess eligibility, review the program criteria, complete the proposal submission and budget forms, and submit completed materials by email. An information webinar will be held on June 17, 2026; email [avawpp@gmail.com](mailto:avawpp@gmail.com) to register.

The ISP is open to Alberta-based for-profit value-added wood manufacturers with fewer than 250 employees globally, and to Alberta producers supplying the value-added sector. Funding ranges from \$30,000 to \$250,000 per project, with applicants required to contribute at least 50% cash. Projects that incorporate underutilized species such as Aspen into their manufacturing processes may be eligible for additional funding.

The program is funded by the Government of Alberta and delivered by Wood Works Alberta and the Alberta Forest Products Association with oversight from a multi-stakeholder steering committee. An independent evaluation committee will review proposals against the published evaluation criteria.

"I invite Alberta's value-added wood manufacturers and their wood suppliers to visit the website, confirm eligibility, prepare a proposal, and submit by the closing date, July 31, 2026," said Rory Koska. "We expect proposals that demonstrate genuine incrementality — and that could not be delivered without ISP support."

For information and to download submission materials, please visit: [avawpp.com](http://avawpp.com)

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