

Requests to Federal Agencies and Departments for the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area from the Regional Assessment Working Group – Package 1

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Response

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#1- Projects and Initiatives relevant for the Ring of Fire Area

Nil

#2- Priority topics identified by the Working Group – Information and Gaps

N/A

#16- Priority topic of Food Security and Nutrition

a) Share what you know about food security conditions in the assessment area.

N/A

b) Describe federal programs related to food security and nutrition that are available in the assessment area. Explain whether and how these programs are targeted to address food insecurity and barriers to traditional food access in First Nation communities, which can be associated with negative effects to social, mental, and physical well-being.

- AAFC's Local Food Infrastructure Fund (LFIF) supports [small](#) and [large](#) scale projects that strengthen community food security and increase the availability and accessibility of local, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food through food production-focused activities for equity-deserving groups, including Indigenous communities. However, the intake period is now closed and the program is set to end on March 31, 2027.
- Depending on federal government priorities and budgets, similar funding programs may become available in the future. We encourage communities to seek out funding similar to LFIF, as its objectives would benefit the area.

c) Explain how development has been observed to positively or adversely impact health in Indigenous communities, such as through changes in access to land, changes in cost of living, etc.

N/A