

Cosmetic Use Pesticides Research and Innovation (CUPRI) Program

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has partnered with the Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC) to fund research and innovation on alternatives to the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes to reduce potential risk to human health and the environment. The Program is called CUPRI—Cosmetic Use Pesticides Research and Innovation Program—and is a result of the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, 2008. The AAC will accept applications from legal Canadian entities (including for-profit, academic institutions, university researchers and not-for-profit organizations). A Call for Proposals will be introduced in early–mid May, 2009, and a second Call for Proposals will occur in December, 2009 (provided funds remain to be allocated). For up-to-date information, check the AAC website at www.adaptcouncil.org. Funding will be provided by the AAC in the form of grants to eligible participants on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenditures. Grants will be limited to an amount of up to \$75,000 per year per organization or 75% of total project costs. Eligible participant's projects must be completed by March 31, 2011

The purpose of the program is to encourage research and innovation projects that:

- Encourage development of biopesticides and lower risk pesticides for managing lawn and garden pests;
- Assess the feasibility of commercialization of biopesticides and lower risk pesticides for maintaining lawns and gardens;
- Promote innovation of alternatives to the use of pesticides for lawn and garden care; and
- Support the growth of “green” industries and “greener” approaches to maintaining landscapes.



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