

The Trudeau Government Spent Millions in Grants for Developing Insect-Based Food

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Looks like the Trudeau Government really wants Canadians to eat ... crickets?

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation has released [a report](#) revealing that the Trudeau government has allocated close to \$10 million in grants and contributions to various companies to support the development of cricket-based products from 2018 to 2023.

Crickets are gaining attention for their high protein content and eco-friendly qualities, making them a potential source of protein for human consumption. One beneficiary cites that recent research indicates that a growing number of Americans are open to incorporating crickets into their diets due to the perceived health and environmental benefits.

But is that enough to justify the millions in grants during a cost of living crisis?

The largest grant, amounting to \$8.5 million, [was awarded to Aspire Food Group Ltd.](#) through the federal Agri-Innovate Program. Aspire Food Group's funding is designated to aid in the [establishment of a commercial demonstration facility](#) in London, Ontario, dedicated to producing crickets for multiple markets, including pet, human, biomedicine, and agrochemical sectors.

According to Aspire, a significant portion of their cricket protein goes into pet food, but they are also exploring opportunities for human consumption.

Other companies that received government funding include NAAK, which plans to expand its product range to include cricket powder-infused items like steaks, sausages, and falafels. It received [\\$48,517 in October 2018](#), and [\\$123,178.00 in September 2020](#).

Prairie Cricket Farms of Manitoba received [\\$75,000 for the period from September 2022 to](#)

[March 2023](#) “to optimize processing and management procedures which will allow the firm to achieve enhanced product quality, productivity and profitability.”

Additionally, firms in Bromont, Quebec, Scarborough, and Calgary were awarded contracts aimed at advancing insect protein production.

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